

**MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUB-BASIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

3:00 p.m.

Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers
491 North "M" Street, Tulare, CA 93274

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carlton Jones, Craig Vejvoda, David Bixler, Dave Martin (alt.), Steve Nelsen, Greg Collins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Thomas

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Olmos, Aaron Fukuda, Paul Hendrix, Kim Loeb, Ken Richardson, Don Dorman, Trisha Whitfield, Roxanne Yoder, Phil Smith (alt.)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Bixler opened the meeting at 3:03 p.m. He advised that due to scheduling conflicts Mike Thomas has stepped down as a board member to be an alternate and Dave Martin will now serve in the capacity of Board Member.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chair Bixler called for public comment. No public comment was presented.

3. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

a. Approval of minutes of October 13, 2015 GSA meeting

It was moved by Vice Chair Nelsen, seconded by C. Vejvoda and unanimously carried to approve as presented.

b. Adopt GSA Resolution 2015-01 ratifying Treasurer appointment

Following discussion, it was moved by D. Martin, seconded by Vice Chair Nelsen and unanimously carried to adopt GSA Resolution 2015-01 as presented.

c. Status of the Consulting Hydrogeologist Request for Proposals

A. Fukuda briefed the Board on the status of the search for a hydrogeologist. He noted that follow-up questions and responses to the Request for Proposals have been undertaken and that the revised deadline for proposal submittal is December 14. Mr. Fukuda indicated that a firm may not be on board until maybe May next year. Prompted by C. Vejvoda, there ensued a discussion of common consultants for the Kaweah Sub-Basin, potential merger of plans, and the pending release by Kaweah Delta WCD of an updated water resources investigation of the Kaweah region.

d. Status of Kaweah Sub-Basin activities

i. County facilitation process

K. Loeb provided an update on the County facilitation process and broad representation from a number of entities. He described the direction towards formation of several GSAs within the sub-basin as a likely outcome of the facilitation process.

ii. Greater Kaweah GSA MOU

K. Loeb summarized the local discussions over the decision-making and content regarding a coordination agreement as among GSAs within the Kaweah Sub-Basin. He noted the next facilitation meeting at which this topic will be further explored to be set for November 30th.

e. Discussion of a Coordination Agreement and decision making structure

P. Hendrix presented an overview of the coordination agreement as required by SGMA. He presented a conceptual summary of how surface water supply variances across the sub-basin will play a role in determining water budgets, and that this will very likely be addressed in the coordination agreement.

f. Adopt GSA Resolution 2015-02 approving the Agency's financial policy to guide Treasurer activities*

K. Artis reviewed the salient provisions of a proposed financial policy for the GSA, making note of the roles of the Treasurer and Management Committee, accounting rules, annual budget provisions, the audit process, and bank account deposits and disbursements. Vice Chair Nelsen inquired as to the need to seek optimal interest rates should funds on hand exceed a certain threshold, and K. Artis indicated that such a provision would be added to the policy. Following discussion of the aforementioned elements of the policy, it was moved by C. Vejvoda, seconded by Vice Chair Nelsen and unanimously carried to adopt GSA Resolution 2015-01 as amended to include the additional provisions regarding interest earnings.

g. Other business

i. FPPC Form 700 Conflict of Interest distribution

R. Yoder brought to the Board's attention the need to now include this new joint powers authority in future IRS Form 700 documentation to be submitted by its officers. She provided copies of such forms to the board and relevant staff.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Bixler adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.