

MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD

SUMMARY MINUTES

March 10, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Mederos, Dave Martin, Steve Nelsen, David Bixler, Howard Stroman, Randy Groom^(Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Collins

STAFF PRESENT: Paul Hendrix, Aaron Fukuda, Valerie Kincaid^(closed session only via conference call), Kathy Artis, Rob Hunt, Trisha Whitfield, Leslie Caviglia, Roxanne Yoder

OTHERS PRESENT: Blake Wilbur (Chair, Advisory Committee)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mederos opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – The public may comment on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Board, including items on the agenda. Speakers will be allowed three minutes unless otherwise extended by the Board Chair. The Board cannot legally discuss or take official action on items presented under public comment.

Chair Mederos called for comments from any members of the public present at the meeting. None were forthcoming.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting on January 22, 2020
Chair Mederos referred the Board to the draft minutes for perusal and acceptance. It was moved by Director Nelsen, seconded by Director Bixler, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.
- b. Financial Report
 - i. Financial Statements – Year-to-Date
K. Artis provided the report for the Board’s review and consideration. She pointed out highlights in the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, and list of recent transactions. It was moved by Director Nelsen, seconded by Vice Chair Martin, and unanimously carried to accept the report as presented.
- c. Legal Counsel Report
 - i. Status of DWR Reviews – GSPs and Coordination Agreements
Report deferred to agenda item 3.d due to legal counsel’s absence.

- d. Kaweah Subbasin Coordination
 - i. First Annual Report

P. Hendrix stated that the report, being prepared by Provost & Pritchard under contract with East Kaweah GSA, is to cost \$105,000, said cost to be shared equally by the three Subbasin GSAs. Its content and transfer of data and information from GEI is being discussed by the GSA managers.
 - ii. Water Accounting Framework

P. Hendrix indicated that the GSA managers have recently met and agreed that the water accounting framework as outlined in each GSP and the Subbasin coordination agreement will serve as the basis to parse the overall groundwater budget amongst the three GSAs for the foreseeable future.
 - iii. P. Hendrix provided an update regarding the status of DWR reviews of the submitted GSPs and coordination agreements. He noted that the Kaweah Subbasin GSPs have been officially posted and that DWR's public comment period remains open through May 5th.
- e. Advisory Committee Appointment Policy – Committee Recommendation*

B. Wilbur provided a report for the Board's review and consideration. It was moved by Vice Chair Martin, seconded by Director Stroman, and unanimously carried to reappoint the Advisory Committee Members as recommended by the Committee:

Group I (three members; one-year term) M. Boyes, R. Garcia, J. Nichols
Group II (four members; two-year term) S. Mulholland, E. Furtado, J. Snyder, B. Wilbur
Group III (four members; three-year term) E. Henry, L. Johnson, M. Lane, future appointee

It was further moved by Alternate Director Groom, seconded by Director Bixler, and unanimously carried to approve two-year terms for the Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair and to direct staff to amend the policy accordingly.

4. BOARD/STAFF UPDATES, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST

5. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Mederos adjourned to closed session at 3:16 p.m.

- a. Gov't Code §54956.9(b)(1) – Discuss Appointment and Employment

Chair Mederos reconvened from closed session at 4:14 p.m. and advised that the process has commenced seeking applications for GSA General Manager. Following review of same, a selection process will be coordinated.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** Next Regular Meeting – April 14, 2020
Chair Mederos adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Chair

Attest:

Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Secretary