

MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD

SUMMARY MINUTES

August 11, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Conducted via Teleconference
Per Executive Order N-29-20

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Mederos, Dave Martin, Steve Nelsen, David Bixler, G. Collins, Howard Stroman^{3:23 p.m.}

STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Fukuda, Valerie Kincaid, Kathy Artis, Rob Hunt, Trisha Whitfield, Randy Groom, Leslie Caviglia, Andrew Munn, Roxanne Yoder

OTHERS PRESENT: Blake Wilbur (MKGSA Advisory Comm. Chair), Tim Leo, Derrik Williams, Richard Garcia, Stacie Ann Silva, Gene Kilgore, Kel Mitchel, Blanca Escobedo, Geoff Vander Heuvel, Matt Klinchuch, Susan Simon, Tim Mendonca, Blake Wilbur, Ben Curti

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mederos opened the meeting at 3:03 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 Regular Meeting on June 9, 2020

It was moved by Director Nelsen, seconded by Director Bixler, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

- b. Financial Reports*

- 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. Following the report, it was moved by Director Nelson, seconded by Vice Chair Martin, and carried 5 to 0 (Director Stroman absent) to accept the report as presented.

- ii. MKGSA Audit – Cutton & Mastro
 - K. Artis provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration. Following the report, it was moved by Director Collins, seconded by Director Nelson, and carried 5 to 0 (Director Stroman absent) to accept the report as presented.
- c. Legal Counsel Report
 - V. Kincaid advised that she had no update.
- d. MKGSA Advisory Committee Membership Update
 - A. Fukuda provided an update to the Board advising that eight comment letters have been received and provided an overview of the proposed review process. Comments by Blake Wilbur regarding the seating of new members. No action required.
- e. MKGSA GSP Review Status
 - i. Public Comments on GSP
 - A. Fukuda introduced Tim Leo and Derrick Williams of Montgomery & Associates who provided a PowerPoint presentation on comments related the GSP and addressed questions and comments posed by the Board and V. Kincaid.
- f. MKGSA Consultant
 - i. Provost & Pritchard Master Consulting Services Agreement for Technical Support*
 - A. Fukuda provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration. Following discussion, it was moved by Director Bixler, seconded by Director Stroman and unanimously carried to approve the agreement as amended, with changing the County from Fresno to Tulare in the Dispute Resolution section of the agreement.
- g. Kaweah Subbasin Coordination
 - i. Kaweah Subbasin Managers Report
 - A. Fukuda provide a report for the Board’s review and consideration.
 - 1. Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District Consultant Services Cost-Sharing Agreement*
 - A. Fukuda provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration. Following the report, it was moved by Vice Chair Martin, seconded by Director Nelson and unanimously carried to approve the agreement as presented.
 - ii. Prop 68 Grant
 - A. Fukuda provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration.

- iii. RCIS Program
 - A. Fukuda provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration.
- iv. Water Marketing Strategy Grant
 - A. Fukuda provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration.
- v. Stanford SkyTEM
 - A. Fukuda provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration. He noted that Jim Cannia who presented previously to the Board passed away due to a tragic auto accident.

4. STAFF UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND RECEIVE DIRECTION, IF NECESSARY, REGARDING COVID-19

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

6. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Mederos advised that closed session was not necessary.

- a. Gov’t Code §54956.9 – Anticipated Litigation: One Case

7. ADJOURNMENT Next Regular Meeting – September 8, 2020
Chair Mederos adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Chair

Attest:

Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Secretary