MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD

SUMMARY MINUTES

April 13, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

Conducted via Teleconference
Per Executive Order N-29-20

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis A. Mederos, Dave Martin, Steve Nelsen, David Bixler, Howard Stroman, Greg Collins

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Blake Wilbur (MKGSA Advisory Comm. Chair), Derrik Williams, Tim Leo, Matt Klinchuch, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Johnny Gailey (DVWA), Amanda Peisch-Derby (DWR), Blanca Escobedo, Richard Garcia, Tim Mendonca, Richael Young

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
    Chair Mederos called the meeting to order at 3:01 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 March 9, 2021 and the Special Meeting on March 25, 2021.*** It was moved by Director Bixler, seconded by Director Nelsen, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021, regular meeting. It was further moved by Vice Chair Martin, seconded by Director Bixler, and carried 4 to 0 (Chair Mederos and Director Collins abstaining) to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2021, special meeting.

    b. **Financial Reports.***
        i. **Financial Statements – Year-to-Date.** K. Artis presented the financial statements for the Board's review. It was moved by Director Nelsen, seconded by Director Bixler, and unanimously carried to accept the financial statements as presented.

    c. **Legal Counsel Report.**
        i. **State Water Resources Control Board Comment Letter.*** V. Kincaid

provided an update to the Board. Informational item only; no action taken.

   d. **MKGSA Advisory Committee Update.**
      i. **Advisory Committee Member Search Update.** A. Fukuda provided an update to the Board. Informational item only; no action taken.

   e. **MKGSA GSP Review Status.** A. Fukuda provided an update on the status of the GSP review. Informational item only; no action taken.

   f. **MKGSA GSP Implementation Work Plan.**
      i. **MKGSA Policy Review Plan – Update.**
         1. **Water Rights Workshop.**
      ii. **MKGSA Monitoring Network – Update.**
      iii. **Tulare Irrigation District Spring Groundwater Report.***
      A. Fukuda provided an update to the Board on all items. G. Vanden Heuvel provided comment. It was the consensus of the Board that this was a sufficient starting point to move forward.

   g. **Kaweah Subbasin Coordination.**
      i. **Kaweah Subbasin Annual Plan.***
      ii. **Kaweah Subbasin MODFLOW Model.**
         1. **Consideration of Proposal for Groundwater Modeling Services.***
      iii. **Prop 1 Implementation Grant.**
      iv. **Prop 68 Planning Grant.**
      v. **Prop 68 Implementation Grant.**
      vi. **Water Marketing Strategy Grant.**
      vii. **Kaweah Water Foundation (CVSALTS).**
      viii. **Kaweah Interbasin Coordination.**
      A. Fukuda provided an update to the Board on all items. T. Leo provided comment in regard to item g.i. It was moved by Vice Chair Martin, seconded by Director Bixler, and unanimously carried to approve Montgomery and Associates to move forward with Task 3 and Task 4 of the Proposal for Groundwater Modeling Services (item g.ii.1.). No action taken on remaining items.

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

5. **BOARD/STAFF UPDATES, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST.** A. Fukuda provided an update on the Tulare Irrigation District search for a Water Resources Engineer and recent discussions on infrastructure funding.

6. **CLOSED SESSION.** There were no Closed Session items for this agenda.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Mederos closed the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting – May 11, 2021

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Chair

Attest:

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Secretary