

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTSIDE DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY GSA

Held December 9, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Authority) was held in-person on December 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at 21908 7th Standard Road, McKittrick, CA 93251.

CALL TO ORDER)

Chairman Rob Goff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL)

The following directors were present, constituting a quorum of the Board: Rob Goff, Jeremy Blackwell, Leon Elwell, Rob Yraceburu, Bernard Pugét, and Rod Stiefvater.

Also present were: Mark Gilkey, Justin Rowe, Morgan Campbell, and Trevor Maggart.

The following were present via teleconference: Mary King, Sameena Gill, Kim Constant, and Alex Dominguez (Legal Counsel).

In addition, the following members of the public were present: Sebastian Silveira.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA)

There were no requests to revise the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA)

The Chairman asked if there were any questions concerning the Consent Agenda, which items were detailed with staff reports in the Board packet. While looking to approve the November 5, 2024 meeting minutes, board members noted that Leon Elwell was recognized as “present” as a director in the meeting, even though he was in attendance virtually as a member of the public. Staff agreed to amend the minutes to accurately reflect Leon’s presence as a non-voting member of the public for the November 5, 2024 meeting. On motion of Leon Elwell, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes with the aforementioned corrections:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét

Leon Elwell
Jeremy Blackwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

On motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved each additional item listed on the Consent Agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Leon Elwell
Jeremy Blackwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING)
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The public hearing to consider the adoption of the 2024 WDWA GSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was moved to the joint special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency with Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, Dudley Ridge Water District, and Westside Water Authority on December 11, 2024.

WDWA GSA OPERATIONS)
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Morgan Campbell presented the key components of the 2024 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), including improvements made since 2022 and provided an update on the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) state intervention process.

In addition, Morgan Campbell presented an overview of the Second Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement for potential approval by the board. After discussion, on motion of Jeremy Blackwell, seconded by Rob Yraceburu, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Second Amended Kern County Subbasin Coordination Agreement:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rob Yraceburu

Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Leon Elwell
Jeremy Blackwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
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Sebastian Silveira provided public comment on behalf of Gladstone Land Corporation regarding WDWA GSA's Well Pumping Moratorium management action.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION)
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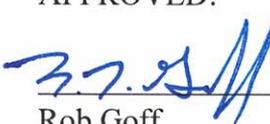
The Chairman directed that the Board move into closed session at 12:03 p.m. Legal counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the Directors, Mark Gilkey, Justin Rowe, Morgan Campbell, Trevor Maggart, Mary King, Kim Constant, Sameena Gill, and Alex Dominguez (Legal Counsel) retired from the meeting. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the Board, said meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.



Rod Stiefvater
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:


Rob Goff
Chairman of the Board of Directors

