

MINUTES OF A REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
WESTSIDE DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Held January 9, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority was held on January 9, 2019, at 7:00 a.m. at the Lost Hills Water District Administration Office, 1405 Commercial Way, Suite 125, Bakersfield, CA.

CALL TO ORDER )  
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Chairman Pugét called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL )  
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The following directors were present: Robert E. Baker, Don Elholm, Rob Goff, Bernard Pugét, and Rod Stiefvater.

Also present were Greg Hammett, Phil Nixon, Tim Gobler, Leon Elwell, and William D. Phillimore. Dale Melville and Danielle Duncan attended by telephone.

PUBLIC COMMENT )  
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No Public Comment.

**Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of November 13, 2018 and Regular Meetings of December 5, 2018 and January 2, 2019:** On motion of Don Elholm, seconded by Rob Goff, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the special meeting of November 13, 2018 and regular meetings of December 5, 2018 and January 2, 2019, were approved.

**Kern Groundwater Authority/Westside GSP:** Greg Hammett reported on the following activities pertaining to the KGA effort: 1) the County's withdrawal from KGA; 2) KGA and KCWA discussions regarding coverage for the White Areas; 3) coordination efforts with oil and gas producers to include white area lands in the GSPs; 4) the GSP schedule: first draft chapter of GSPs are due March/April of 2019, comments are due from KGA in April/ May of 2019, administrative draft of umbrella GSP is due from GEI in June 2019, the public draft will be

available in August 2019, the final umbrella GSP will be reviewed in December 2019, and KGA GSP are due in January 2020; and 5) the Westside Chapter GSP budget: \$250,000 was approved in June 2018 to complete the draft chapter GSP for submittal, an additional \$250,000 is estimated to respond to comments, revise the draft chapter GSP, and provide SGMA support and coordination through submittal of KGA-GSP.

**Undesirable Results Definitions:** Greg Hammett reported that the Managers group have been meeting to start working on definitions for Undesirable Results under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Undesirable Results include such things as, adverse impacts to water levels and water quality, and subsidence. A draft of said definitions was presented to the Board. The KGA adopted these definition in December 2018. Comments were received at the stakeholder meeting held January 7, 2019.

**Westside GSP Budget:** Greg Hammett provided an update on the budget to prepare the Westside Chapter Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

**Review WDWA Administration and Integration of Westside District Operations:** Greg Hammett reported that Staff would like to utilize WDWA meetings to discuss items of common interest between the three Districts and change the time and location of the WDWA board meeting to encourage more landowner participation. The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2019 at the Belridge Water Storage District office at 11:30 a.m.

**2019 Meeting Schedule:** Greg Hammett presented a draft 2019 meeting schedule for informational purposes only.

**Staff Duties and Responsibilities:** Phil Nixon reviewed the current duties and responsibilities of staff.

**District Banking Services:** Greg Hammett reported that Wells Fargo Bank was no longer willing to provide certain banking and financial services to Belridge Water Storage District. Due to this development, Staff requested a proposal from Valley Republic Bank to provide the following: 1) the warrant facility on the same terms and conditions as those provided by Wells Fargo; 2) a comparison of banking fees; and 3) business credit cards. William D. Phillimore and Director Leon Elwell reviewed the proposal from Valley Republic Bank and provided staff with comments thereto. Valley Republic Bank has since responded to those comments to the satisfaction of Mr. Phillimore and Director Elwell and recommended that the individual Boards approve Valley Republic Bank's proposal.

**Consider Fee Proposal for 2019:** Legal Counsel presented a proposal to revise the fee and rates for legal services for review. After discussion, Legal Counsel was instructed to draft an amendment to the current Legal Services Agreement for each district, reflecting the proposed changes for consideration by the individual Boards.

**District Employee Performance Review and Salary Adjustments:** The Managers reported that they had met with ad hoc Committees of all three Districts to discuss proposed salary and benefit adjustments for employees. After discussion, the Directors agreed with the recommendation of the various committees. Action to approve said adjustments will be considered at each of the District's adjourned regular meetings in January.

CLOSED SESSION )  
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No Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT )  
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Robert E. Baker, seconded by Don Elholm, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Rod Stiefvater  
Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Bernard Pugét  
Chairman