

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

Held January 13, 2021

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority was held on January 13, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. by video and phone conference.

CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Pugét called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Don Elholm, Bernard Pugét, Rob Yraceburu, Rod Stiefvater, Leon Elwell, and Rob Goff.

Also present were Kristen Camarena, Christin Faber, Cody Tolbert, Sharon Roden, Kris Lawrence, Oscar Mello, Kim Constant, Mary King, Mark Gilkey, and Joe Hughes.

Election of Officers: Chairman Bernard Pugét stated his intention to step down as Chairman and that it would be appropriate for the Board to appoint Rob Goff to Chairman. Mr. Goff is currently the Authority's representative on KGA Board of Directors. After discussion, on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Don Elholm, and unanimously carried, Rob Goff was appointed Chairman, effective immediately, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Bernard Pugét
Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Don Elholm
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT)
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No Public Comment.

MINUTES)
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Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2021, July 1, 2020, August 5, 2020, September 2, 2020, October 7, 2020, November 4, 2020, December 2, 2020, and January 6, 2021: On motion of Don Elholm, seconded by Rob Yraceburu, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meetings of June 3, 2021, July 1, 2020, August 5, 2020, September 2, 2020, October 7, 2020, November 4, 2020, December 2, 2020, and January 6, 2021, were approved with correction on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Bernard Pugét
Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Don Elholm
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

LEGAL COUNSEL)
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No report.

ITEMS OF COMMON INTEREST)
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Kris Lawrence updated the Board on the following SGMA related activities: 1) Staff is preparing for the annual report due April 1, 2021; 2) GSA and Management Area managers are meeting to

discuss the selection of a consultant to build a data management system: GEI and P&P are being considered; 3) DWR is still reviewing the Kern GSP; 4) Staff will be contacting landowners for 2020 pumped quantities for the annual report; and 5) staff continues to look for well to add to the SGMA network for water level and water quality.

NEW BUSINESS)
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Proposal Re Retaining Geosyntec for SGMA Groundwater Quality Sampling: Kris Lawrence presented a proposal for retaining Geosyntec Consultants for 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Support. The proposal included support for the Groundwater Monitoring Event. The total estimated cost to retain Geosyntec Consultants is not to exceed \$13,000.00. Staff recommended the Board retain Geosyntec Consultants to provide the scope of services described. Following discussion, on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Don Elholm, and unanimously carried, the Board approved retaining Geosyntec Consultants for 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Support on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Bernard Pugét
Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Don Elholm
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Ratification to 2020 Aquilogic Budget: Kris Lawrence presented an update to the 2020 Aquilogic budget. The update to the 2020 Aquilogic budget is due to an increase in cost related to repairs along the Aqueduct caused by subsidence that were not included in the 2020 Aquilogic budget. The total increase in cost was \$75,000.00 due to additional work required to respond to DWR's claims regarding the subsidence issues.

2021 Aquilogic Budget: Kris Lawrence presented the Aquilogic 2021 budget for groundwater and technical consulting support. The Aquilogic 2021 budget covers the Chapter GSP, general SGMA and other support, and the SGMA annual report. The total estimated cost is not to exceed \$49,818.00, \$88,480.00, and \$14,000.00, respectively. Staff recommended the Board approve the 2021 Aquilogic Budget to provide the scope of services described. Following discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Leon Elwell, and carried, the Board approved the 2021 Aquilogic Budget on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Bernard Pugét
Rob Yraceburu
Don Elholm
Leon Elwell

RECUSED: Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Adoption of 2020 Acreage Fee for White Lands: Kris Lawrence reported that in August of 2019 white land coverage was included as an appendix to the WDWA GSP chapter. The white land coverage area includes approximately 34,916 acres which is 13.32% of the total acres included in the WDWA’s chapter of the KGA’s GSP. Staff calculated the total cost to WDWA to be \$328,382.00. The white land portion of the cost is calculated to be \$43,740.00 based on total acres. The white land charge is estimated to be \$1.25/acre. The Board requested staff provide a more detailed presentation of the cost to the white land area to landowners. This matter was tabled until more information is available. No actions taken.

Discuss Fees and Path Forward for In-District Non-Water Users: This matter will be included in the presentation discussed previously and was tabled until more information is available. No actions taken.

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 Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Don Elholm, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Rod Stiefvater
Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Bernard Pugét
Chairman

