

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

Held June 3, 2020

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority was held on June 3, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. by video and phone conference.

CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Pugét called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

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

Directors Don Elholm and Leon Elwell was not in attendance.

Also present were Phil Nixon, Kris Lawrence, Joe Hughes, Mary King, Gnell Sparks, Kim Constant, Oscar Mello, Travis Millwee, Janie Moehnke, Dale Melville, and Steve Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENT)
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No Public Comment.

MINUTES)
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Approval of Minutes of January 1, 2020, January 8, 2020, February 5, 2020 March 4, 2020 April 1, 2020 and May 6, 2020: On motion of Rob Goff, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meetings of January 1, 2020, January 8, 2020, February 5, 2020 March 4, 2020 April 1, 2020 and May 6, 2020, were approved on the following rollcall vote:

AYES: Bernard Pugét
Rob Goff
Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: Don Elholm
Leon Elwell

Timothy Gobler joined at this point of the meeting.

LEGAL COUNSEL)
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Revised WDWA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA): Legal Counsel presented a revised WDWA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). Due to the formation of the Westside Water Authority to provide administrative and operation services to the Westside Districts, the WDWA revised its JPA to focus on matters pertaining to KGA and SGMA. Following discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and the revised WDWA JPA was approved on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bernard Pugét
Rob Goff
Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: Don Elholm
Leon Elwell

ITEMS OF COMMON INTEREST)
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Kern Groundwater Authority: Kris Lawrence reported on the following matters pertaining to the KGA: 1) subsidence discussions continue with DWR: WWA Staff is currently collecting information from SWSD and Buena Vista Water Storage District for incorporation into future presentation slides; 2) the first bi-annual groundwater quality samples are scheduled for the last

week of July 2020 in conjunction with WWQC's GQTMP testing; 3) finalizing the well monitoring network information uploaded into the SGMA database; and 4) development of the Database Management System is due to begin.

NEW BUSINESS)
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Discuss approach to Tracking Groundwater Extraction in WDWA Boundary: Kris Lawrence reported that WDWA submitted their first report to the KGA. The reports for 2020 are due in April 2021. The GSP annual report requires the groundwater extraction amount within WDWA boundaries. WWA staff evaluated three options for measuring groundwater extraction, including: 1) LandIQ: ET-based and involves installing ground-truth stations, estimated cost is \$175,000 per year; 2) ITRC: ET-based and uses InSAR, estimated cost is \$50,000 per year; and 3) install well meters to be monitored by WWA staff. Staff recommended the monitoring of well meters monthly to ensure accurate data and requested direction from the Board. The Board requested more detailed information on how many wells and meters are in the Westside Districts before moving forward.

Discuss Approach to Charging In-District Non-Water Users for SGMA Participation: Kris Lawrence reported on the following information regarding the amount of acres within WDWA boundaries that are not contributing financially to SGMA efforts: 1) Statistics: a) WDWA has a total of 227,193 acres, b) 73,875 acres are non-contract acres, c) forty-nine percent of the non-contract acres belong to water users who contribute to SGMA, and d) twelve percent of the non-contract acres are small and account for over 200 landowners in the WDWA district; 2) creating a structure that focuses on groundwater users who do not contribute financially to SGMA; and 3) creating an assessment or fee approach for all landowners. The Board requested more information involving a flat rate for all acres and an increased rate for groundwater users before moving forward.

Review 2021 Budget: Kris Lawrence presented the WDWA 2021 budget. The budget will not be used to charge people directly, but will be included in the individual district's budgets, and provides estimates for white lands per-acre fees. The budget includes 1) Personnel: a) cost: \$107,324 and b) time allocation: twenty percent to Regulatory Coordinator, twenty five percent to the Resource Analyst, and five percent to other office staff; 2) Legal fees: \$5,000.00; 3) KGA fees: \$50,000.00; 4) Aquilogic fees: \$115,000.00; 5) WOOD fees: \$25,450.00; and 6) Budget total: \$302,774.00.

After receiving an estimated \$1.16/acre for White lands fees, WDWA would be responsible for an estimated total of \$262,444.00.

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 Rob Goff, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Rod Stiefvater
Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Bernard Pugét
Chairman

