

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTSIDE DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Held August 14, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WDWA GSA or Agency) was held on August 14, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. in person at the Belridge Water Storage District office located at 21908 7th Standard Road, McKittrick, CA 93251.

1. CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Goff called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m.

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

Also present were: Mark Gilkey, Justin Rowe, Morgan Campbell, Jamie Marquez, Trevor Maggart, Mushtaq Mohideen, and Alex Dominguez, Legal Counsel.

The following were present via teleconference: Tom Watson, Abbigale Seal, Mary King, Kim Constant, Patrick Paggi, and Brianda Rodriguez.

In addition, the following members of the public were present: Brad Kroeker and Travis Millwee.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA)
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There were no requests to revise the agenda.

3. CONSENT AGENDA)
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The Chairman asked if there were any questions concerning the Consent Agenda, which items were detailed with staff reports in the Board packet. On motion of Rob Stiefvater, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved each 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

4. FINANCIAL REPORT)
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a. Receive and file Fiscal Year 2023 audit: Patrick Paggi from Daniells, Phillips, Vaughan, & Bock (DPVB) presented the draft WDWA GSA fiscal year 2023 audit. Patrick Paggi reported that DPVB will provide an unqualified opinion that WDWA GSA’s financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects. After discussion, on motion of Jeremy Blackwell, seconded by Bernard Pugét and unanimously carried, the Board approved on the following roll call vote to receive and file the WDWA GSA fiscal year 2023 audit after an additional one-month review period:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

b. Review and approve 2024 Quarter Two Treasurer’s Report:

i. **Approve Statement of Net Position:** Mushtaq Mohideen presented the fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 statement of net position. After discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Leon Elwell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the statement of net position:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- ii. **Approve Profit and Loss Statement:** Mushtaq Mohideen presented the fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 profit and loss statement. After discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the profit and loss statement:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- iii. **Ratify Warrants:** Morgan Campbell presented the June 2024 warrant list. It was noted that the complete list of fiscal year 2023 quarter 2 warrants will be provided at the next WDWA GSA board meeting. After discussion, on motion of Jeremy Blackwell, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the June 2024 warrant list:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5. REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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- a. **Update on Kings County Farm Bureau vs. California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Case:** Legal Counsel provided an update regarding the Kings County

Farm Bureau's legal action against the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).
No board action was taken.

6. WDWA GSA OPERATIONS)
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- a. **Well registration management action implementation update:** Morgan Campbell reported that, in July 2024, landowners within WDWA GSA were sent a Notice to Comply with WDWA GSA's mandatory well registration management action. Landowners have until September 23, 2024 to register their groundwater extraction wells with WDWA GSA. No board action was taken.
- b. **Review SWRCB Kern County Subbasin Probationary Hearing Draft Staff Report:** Morgan Campbell presented that on July 25, 2024, the SWRCB released the Kern County Subbasin Probationary Hearing Draft Staff Report (Staff Report). The purpose of the Staff Report is to characterize the deficiencies in the Kern County Subbasin's GSPs, outline the approach to state intervention, and explain the state intervention process. No board action was taken.
- c. **Update on the Kern County Subbasin state intervention process:** Morgan Campbell reported that the next step in the SWRCB state intervention process is for the SWRCB to hold public outreach meetings regarding the findings in the Staff Report. SWRCB will hold one virtual workshop on August 26, 2024, and one in-person workshop on August 29, 2024. No board action was taken.
- d. **Approve cost share contribution for the Kern County Subbasin Outreach and Engagement Plan:** Morgan Campbell presented to the Board a proposal from GEI Consultants and EKI Environmental & Water, Inc. for Kern County Subbasin-wide outreach and engagement services related to the revised 2024 draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Morgan Campbell reported that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires all GSAs incorporate stakeholder feedback when developing their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The proposal includes services for the development of a Subbasin-wide website, hosting of two bilingual workshops on the revised GSP, and the development of a Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Plan. After discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the Board approved WDWA GSA contributing up to \$5,000 to complete the Kern County Subbasin Outreach and Engagement Plan:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rob Yraceburu

Rod Stiefvater
Bernard Pugét
Leon Elwell
Jeremy Blackwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NON AGENDIZED ITEMS)
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No public participation occurred.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION)
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The Chairman directed that the Board move into closed session at 3:20 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, Jamie Marquez, Trevor Maggart, Mushtaq Mohideen, Abbigale Seal, Mary King, Brianda Rodriguez, and Kim Constant retired from the meeting. No reportable action was taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.



Rod Stiefvater
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:



Rob Goff
Chairman

