

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

Held July 13, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WDWA GSA or Agency) was held on July 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in person at the Belridge Water Storage District office located at 21908 7<sup>th</sup> Standard Road, McKittrick, CA 93251.

CALL TO ORDER )  
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Chairman Goff called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL )  
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The following directors were present: Rob Goff, Bernard Pugét, Rod Stiefvater, Leon Elwell, Jeremy Blackwell (arrived at 2:16 PM), and Rob Yraceburu (arrived at 3:31 PM).

Also present were: Justin Rowe, Mark Gilkey, Morgan Campbell, Tom Watson, Abbigale Seal, Travis Millwee, Joshua Nugent, Alexander Brooks, Alex Dominguez, and Joseph D. Hughes.

Also attended by video conference and/or teleconference: Jamie Marquez.

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

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 Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved each item listed on the Consent Agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYES:           Rob Goff  
                    Bernard Pugét  
                    Rod Stiefvater  
                    Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rob Yraceburu  
Jeremy Blackwell

BOARD OFFICERS )  
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**Acknowledge Appointment of Lost Hills Water District Board Position**

The Board acknowledged the appointment of Jeremy Blackwell representing Lost Hills Water District to the Board.

**Election of Officers: Election of Vice Chair Position and Others As Applicable**

After discussion, on motion of Rod Steifvater, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board elected Jeremy Blackwell as Vice Chair on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff  
Bernard Pugét  
Rod Stiefvater  
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rob Yraceburu  
Jeremy Blackwell

Jeremy Blackwell arrived at this point in the meeting.

WDWA GSA OPERATIONS UPDATE )  
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**Water Budget and Demand Management Update**

Morgan Campbell updated the Board on the Kern County Subbasin and WDWA GSA water budgets. Kern County Subbasin has an estimated overdraft of 550,205 acre-feet and WDWA GSA has an estimated 33,167 acre-feet water budget surplus. In meetings between State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff and the Kern County Subbasin Technical Working Group, SWRCB staff gave direction that overdraft must be corrected by demand management actions rather than supply augmentation projects. Due to WDWA GSA's water budget surplus, a formal demand management program for WDWA GSA is not required. While a demand management program is not required for WDWA GSA, staff recommended WDWA GSA to begin maintaining a comprehensive dataset for total acreage fallowed to document associated demand reduction in the future. No Board action was taken.

**Monitoring Well Network Update**

Morgan Campbell updated the Board on staff efforts to locate additional representative monitoring wells for WDWA GSA's monitoring network. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) provided permission to WDWA GSA to incorporate two wells monitored by the USGS into WDWA GSA's monitoring network. Staff recommended continuing to explore whether the USGS wells are located in an area requiring additional monitoring coverage. No Board action was taken.

**State Water Resources Control Board Kern County Subbasin Probationary Process Update**

Morgan Campbell reported that the SWRCB tentatively announced Kern County Subbasin's probationary hearing will occur in April 2024. No Board action was taken.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NON AGENDIZED ITEMS )**  
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Justin Rowe reported that WDWA GSA is waiting to receive its taxpayer identification number and once WDWA GSA receives its taxpayer identification number, WDWA GSA will have its own bank account and financial statements for review at future Board meetings.

Rob Yraceburu arrived at this point in the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION )**  
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The Chairman directed that the Board move into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation. 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, Joseph D. Hughes, Alex Dominguez, Justin Rowe, Mark Gilkey, Morgan Campbell, Tom Watson, Abbigale Seal, and Alexander Brooks, thereupon retired from the meeting.

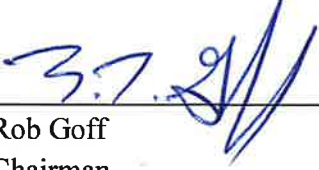
Following the closed session, the meeting was again open to the public. Legal counsel advised that no reportable action was taken in the closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT )**  
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 3:56 PM p.m.

  
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Rod Stiefvater  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

  
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Rob Goff  
Chairman