

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

Held October 11, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WDWA GSA or Agency) was held on October 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in person at the Belridge Water Storage District office located at 21908 7th Standard Road, McKittrick, CA 93251.

CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Goff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Rob Goff, Rod Stiefvater, Rob Yraceburu (arrived at 10:05 a.m.), Jeremy Blackwell, Leon Elwell, and Bernard Pugét.

Also present were: Mark Gilkey, Justin Rowe, Morgan Campbell, Alex Dominguez, and Mushtaq Mohideen.

Also attended by video conference and/or teleconference: Jamie Marquez, Mary King, Abbigale Seal, Brianda Rodriguez, and Elisabeth Cervantes.

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 Jeremy Blackwell, 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
Rod Stiefvater
Rob Yraceburu

Jeremy Blackwell
Bernard Pugét
Leon Elwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

FINANCIAL REPORT)
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Review and Approve WDW GSA 2024 Budget: Morgan Campbell presented the 2024 draft budget and a proposed white lands fee of \$1.19/acre. Following discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2024 budget and white lands fee of \$1.19/acre on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Ratify 2023 January through August Warrant List: Morgan Campbell presented the 2023 register of warrants for ratification, stating that there were sufficient unencumbered monies to pay such warrants. Following discussion, on motion of Leon Elwell, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the 2023 warrant list was ratified on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

2023 January through August Balance Sheet and Income Statement: Mushtaq Mohideen presented the 2023 Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Following discussion, on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Jeremy Blackwell, and unanimously carried, the 2023 Balance Sheet and Income Statement was approved and ordered filed on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WDWA GSA OPERATIONS UPDATE)
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State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Kern County Subbasin (KCS) Probationary Process Update

Morgan Campbell reported that while the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) tentatively announced the Kern County Subbasin's (KCS) probationary hearing will occur in April 2024, there are assumed schedule delays due to the SWRCB not yet releasing Tulare Lake Subbasin's probationary hearing notice. KCS GSAs continue to coordinate their efforts to address the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) inadequate determination letter. To date, efforts have been focused on developing a unified sustainable management criteria (SMC) methodology for the chronic lowering of groundwater levels. No Board action was taken.

Addition of Representative Monitoring Well (RMW)

Morgan Campbell reported that written landowner permission was received to incorporate an additional well into WDWA GSA's representative monitoring network. No Board action was taken.

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 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, Mark Gilkey, Justin Rowe, Morgan Campbell, Jamie Marquez, Alex Dominguez, Mushtaq Mohideen, Mary King, Abbigale Seal, Brianda Rodriguez, and Elisabeth Cervantes 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.

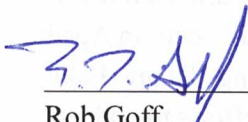
ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.



Rod Stiefvater
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:



Rob Goff
Chairman