

Meeting Date: September 24, 2020
To: Board of Directors
From: Roberta Barbee
Subject: Minutes of the Zoom Teleconference Board Meeting of July 30, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ojai Groundwater Management Agency, held as a Zoom Teleconference Meeting due to the Covid-19 virus response, called to order at 3:01 pm.

Attendees were: Board Members: Jim Finch, Russ Baggerly, Peter Thielke, Johnny Johnston, and Chair Richard Hajas. General Manager John Mundy, and Roberta Barbee Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

Also in attendance: Jordan Kear, Consultant, Peter Candy, Attorney and Jason, Well Owner.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. Barbee called the roll.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** not performed.
3. **Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:**
Mutuals: Thielke reported the completion of the installation of the new 700,000 gallon water storage tank at Thacher School, the useable capacity is about 550,000 gallons. The finished construction of the storage tank occurred last week. Hooking up the pipe will be completed in another week or 10 days. After which time it will be all permitted and the tank will be activating and filling up.

Ojai Water Conservation District: None

City of Ojai: None

Casitas Municipal Water District – Lake Level: Baggerly reported Lake Casitas at 42.8% capacity this equals 110,766 Acre Feet.

Community Facilities District – CMWD Ojai Service Area: Hajas reported Canada almost finished putting in new pipes is a major improvement.

4. **Basin Status Reports:**
Kear reported that the Elrod Well depth to water is 123.83' that is 5' deeper than 5/25/20 and the Basin is at 75% of storage. No discharge flow reading out of San Antonio Creek yet, will upload data to website in a day or 2.
Ojai Mutual #7 ran a video survey today showing how straight the well is and the stream looks good.

5. Public Comments On Items Not Appearing on the Agenda:
Baggerly made an announcement that he will not be running for re-election this year. He will finish out his terms with the Sanitary District, Casitas, and OBGMA until the end in December.

6. Consent Items:

a. Approve Minutes of May 28, 2020 Zoom Teleconference Regular Meeting:

Baggerly motioned to approve the minutes of May, 2020 Regular Meeting. Johnston seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Finch, Baggerly, Johnston, Thielke, and Hajas

Noes: None

7. Action Items:

a. Treasurer's Report for May and June 2020, and Budget Report and Extraction Charges by Period:

Mundy reported we are spending a little more partly due to the Groundwater Basin Model fees that needed paying. The report on The Basin Model with Jordan should be completed by next meeting.

We are keeping an eye on the revenue and expenses. We will bill for extraction fees in early in July which will include the new GSP fee.

He is still considering exploring a bridge loan in case our revenues from the extraction charges are not received in time to cover our expenses.

Finch stated with the extractions charges being more than double without increasing water usage should hopefully cover our expenses without a loan.

Johnston wanted to know if we have an estimated cash flow to show when the expenses may increase to more. Mundy said he would have that report next month.

Thielke motioned to approve Treasurer's Report. Baggerly seconded.

The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Finch, Baggerly, Johnston, Thielke, and Hajas

Noes: None

b. Consultant Selection for Preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan:

Mundy stated we received 3 pretty good competitive proposals. Both Kear and Mundy reviewed the 3 consultants: Dudek, DBS&A, and GEI. California Law does not require public bidding for services; it does allow us to select a consultant based on their qualifications and you can consider the fee but it's not the only thing. We are looking for professional services opposed to public works construction. Kear and Mundy both agreed that Dudek provided the best response for the scope of the work and they believe they can do the work The Board expects and do it pretty well. They are also familiar with the Basin as well as DBS&A. GEI's work is mostly Central Valley and in Sacramento areas is why they were not considered.

Hajas would like procedures setup as to how we will contact people that would be interested and how we will accept their comments and how we will respond so we have a consistent method of dealing with each comment and interested party. Mundy responded that that will be part of the outreach plan.

The Department of Water Resources wants to see how much effort goes into our communication program.

Baggerly motioned to approve the staffs' proposal with Dudek for the preparation of a GSP, Johnston seconded.

The Consultant Selection was approved unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Finch, Baggerly, Johnston, Thielke, and Hajas

Noes: None

c. Resolution No. 2020-2:

Board approved RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2 authorizing signatory authority for banking activities.

Baggerly motioned to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2 authorizing signatory authority for banking activities. Finch seconded.

The Consultant Selection was approved unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Finch, Baggerly, Johnston, Thielke, and Hajas

Noes: None

9. Information Items:

a. Draft DBS&A Technical Memorandum - Groundwater Model update:
Kear and Mundy are still reviewing and will have more information next meeting.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be October 29, 2020 at 5:00pm, in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 South Ventura Street; Ojai, CA 93023.