

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 25, 2026

The Regular Meeting of June 25, 2026, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: Richard Hajas, Bob Daddi and Mike Weaver. General Manager Julia Aranda and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. VanDerMeer called the roll.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Hajas.

3. Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:

Mutuals: None

Ojai Water Conservation District: None

City of Ojai: None

Casitas Municipal Water District: None

Community Facilities District Report: None

4. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:

Aranda reported that her focus is working on bringing the well owners that are delinquent in their extraction statements and payments current. Aranda stated that the well owners that are not reporting will be sent registered letters and notices. Aranda reported that at the June 16th Ojai City Council meeting, the City Council had the first reading of their Ordinance No. 973 regarding action on water well permits.

5. BASIN STATUS REPORT:

Jordan Kear had a presentation "Let's Play Two". Kear reported the Key Well was 78.46' below ground level and there was 72,000 acre-feet in the basin.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:

A member of the public spoke on the Ventura County Civil Grand Jury's report on Arundo eradication.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Daddi motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Weaver seconded. The financial reports for April 2026 and May 2026 and the minutes for the April 30, 2026, were approved unanimously.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

8. ACTION ITEMS: None

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Five-Year Periodic Evaluation Water Quality Analysis

i. **Presentation by Dudek:** Devin Pritchard-Peterson reported on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Five-Year Periodic Evaluation Water Quality Analysis.

b. Report on Status of Ventura River Watershed Adjudication proceedings related to the Ojai Groundwater Basin: Hajas reported that there was going to be a mediation hearing on July 1, 2026.

c. Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update: None

d. Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update: None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on July 30, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____