

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors

From: Cece VanDerMeer

Date: February 6, 2017

Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 26, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Weil Class Room 6, 428 Bryant Circle, Ojai, CA 93023.

**Attendees were:** Board Members: Jerry Conrow, Roger Essick, Russ Baggerly, Johnny Johnston, Mark Zimmer and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: John Mundy; Consultant, Peter Candy; Attorney

### **BASIN STATUS REPORTS:**

Current Status of Basin Input, Output and Storage:

Russ Baggerly presented Kear Groundwater's Basin Status Report:  
Water levels: 245.97 feet today (1/25/17), up 19 feet up at key well as of 1/25/17 from August 2016 low of 265 feet. The recent storm of 1/22/17 will not have a full impact on the Basin for approximately 4 weeks. The Basin's key well is already above annual high of 2016.

Golden State Water Company:

Mark Zimmer from Golden State Water Company reported:  
Mutual #6: Pumping at a flow rate of 278 gallons per minute (GPM) with a static level of 185' below ground level (BGL), and a pumping level of 449' BGL.

San Antonio #4: Pumping at a flow rate of 184' BGL, static level of 188' BGL, and a pumping level of 329' BGL.

Casitas Lake Level:

Russ Baggerly from Casitas Municipal Water District reported:  
The lake is at 36.7%.

#### **1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

William Ulrich commented that the Agency needs to use amplification and recordings at their board meetings. Ulrich stated that relying on one key well is no prudent for true Basin results.

Renee Roth with the Ojai Valley Green Coalition suggested that the Agency report regularly to the City of Ojai.

2. **December 8, 2016 Minutes:** Essick asked that corrections to the December 8, 2016 minutes to Item #5 be changed from “to make up” to “came from”. Johnston requested that corrections; Conrow stated the OBGMA “increased” the extraction fees. On motion by Essick seconded by Baggerly the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting were approved.
3. **December 16, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes:** On motion by Essick and seconded by Baggerly, with Zimmer and Johnston abstaining, the special meeting of December 16, 2016 were approved.
4. **Treasurer’s Report:** The November and December Treasurer’s reports were received and filed.
5. **Certificate of Deposit Renewal:** The Board discussed the need to have the Certificate of Deposit cancelled and have the funds transferred to the existing savings account. On motion by Baggerly and seconded by Essick and by a unanimous roll call vote the Board approved nonrenewal of the Certificate of Deposit.
6. **Establishment of a Budget Committee to Review and Make Recommendations on Budget Revisions:** Conrow requested a Budget Committee to be formed to review the 2016/2017 Budget. Conrow, Johnston, Mundy and VanDerMeer were suggested and confirmed as a committee and a meeting time will be established in the future.
7. **Approve Replacement Level Logger in Well 05L03:** On a unanimous vote the Board approved to spend \$933.55 on a replacement level logger in well 05L03.
8. **Approval of Notice of Exemption for the Alternative Demonstration:** On a unanimous vote the Board approved the Notice of Exemption. Baggerly directed VanDerMeer to take the Notice to the Ventura County Recorder’s Office to have it recorded and posted.
9. **Alternative Demonstration Update:** Baggerly stated that there have been some submittals to the Department of Water Resources.
10. **Proposed Update to the 2007 Groundwater Management Plan:** Bruce Kuebler with the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency stated that he supports the update to the Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP). Baggerly stated that the update to the GWMP will include establishing triggers and thresholds and possible actions the Board could take in response to thresholds in the Ojai Basin. Johnston made a motion to approve the update to the GWMP and Essick seconded. On a roll call vote

by the Board the motion was approved unanimously. An ad hoc committee was formed consisting of Johnston, Baggerly, Kear and Mundy.

11. **Annual Report Preparation:** Conrow directed VanDerMeer and Mundy to begin preparation of the Annual Report for the 2015/2016 water year.
12. **Future Inter-Basin Cooperation Agreement:** Baggerly stated that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan requires that an agreement needs to be in place when there are connecting basins. Baggerly made a motion to prepare an inter-basin cooperation agreement when there has been an established connection with another basin and Essick seconded. On a roll call vote the Board approved the motion unanimously.

**ADJOURN** -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be February 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

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