

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 30, 2026

The Regular Meeting of April 30, 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, Jim Finch, Bob Daddi, Andrew Whitman (arrived at 3:06) and Mike Weaver. General Manager Julia Aranda (via Zoom) and administrator assistant 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 3:00pm. VanDerMeer called the roll.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Hajas.

3. **Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:**

Mutuals: None

Ojai Water Conservation District: Finch reported that the District had appointed two new board members.

City of Ojai: None

Casitas Municipal Water District: None

Community Facilities District Report: None

4. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Aranda stated that the California State Controller's Report has been filed before the April 30, 2026, deadline.

5. **BASIN STATUS REPORT:**

Jordan Kear had a presentation "April Showers Bring a Flattened Curve". Kear reported the Key Well was 59.46' below ground level and there was 76,000 acre-feet in the basin.

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

None

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. Finch motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Daddi seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Whitman, Finch, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Item: Two-Year Financial Statements:

Receive and Approve the Financial Statements for Fiscal Years Ending September 30, 2025, and 2024, prepared by Harshwal & Company, LLP. Well owner Larry Mihales requested information regarding the audit. Whitman motioned to receive and file the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025, and 2024, Weaver seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Whitman, Finch, Weaver and Hajas

Noes: None

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Report on Status of Ventura River Watershed Adjudication proceedings related to the Ojai Groundwater Basin:

Hajas gave a report on the status of Ventura River Watershed Adjudication proceedings related to the Ojai Groundwater Basin.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be May 28, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____