

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 27, 2025

The Regular Meeting of February 27, 2025, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:27 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, Andy Gilman (Alternate) and Peter Thielke. General Manager Julia Aranda (via zoom) and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Peter Candy, Attorney and Jordan Kear (via zoom), Consultant.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:27pm. 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 stated that she will be providing her comments under Items: 8b and 9b.

5. BASIN STATUS REPORT:

Jordan Kear had a presentation "Baby Drill Baby". Kear reported the Key Well was 103.7' below ground level and there was 64,000 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 and the financial reports for January were approved unanimously.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Hajas, Finch, Thielke, Daddi and Gilman.

Noes: None

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. OBGMA 2025 Holiday Schedule:

Finch motioned to approve the OBGMA 2025 Holiday Schedule. Daddi seconded. The OBGMA 2025 Holiday Schedule was approved unanimously.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Hajas, Finch, Thielke, Daddi and Gilman.

Noes: None

b. Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin Annual Report:

Dudeck provided a summary of the annual report for the water year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, that will be submitted to the Department of Water Resources.

Daddi motioned to approve the annual report. Finch seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Hajas, Finch, Thielke, Daddi and Gilman.

Noes: None

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update:

b. Meter Compliance Ad-Ho Committee Update:

The General Manager gave an update on meter compliance outreach to non-compliance well owners in Group A and stated that a Public Hearing will be held after the next regular board meeting on March 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be March 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m, followed by a Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____