

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2024

The Regular Meeting of April 25, 2024, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:01 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: Richard Hajas, Bob Daddi, Andrew Whitman, Peter Thielke and Emily Ayala (Jim Finch's Alternate). General Manager Julia Aranda, Peter Candy, Attorney and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Jordan Kear, Consultant (via Zoom)

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:01 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: Hajas stated that Lake Casitas is spilling over the dam.

Community Facilities District Report: None

4. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:** Aranda reported that the newly designed first quarter statements have been sent out. Aranda stated that the DWR found some inadequacies in the Groundwater Sustainability Plans that have been filed by other agencies and the State Water Board is going to manage them.

5. **BASIN STATUS REPORT:**

Jordan Kear had a presentation "Much Above Normal for this Time of Year". Kear reported the Key Well was 44.5' depth to water and there was 78,400 acre-feet in the basin.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:**
None

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Financial Report for March 2024: Daddi motioned to approve the Financial Report. Thielke seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Ayala, Daddi, Thielke, Whitman and Hajas.

Noes: None

b. Minutes of the March 28, 2024, meeting: Whitman motioned to approve the March 28, 2024, meeting.

Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Whitman, Thielke, Whitman and Hajas

Noes: None

Abstain: Daddi and Ayala

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Process and Criteria for Administering Water Well Registration and Verification Requests Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-3-23.

- Adopt Resolution 2024-02 Establishing a Process and Criteria for Administering Water Well Registration and Verification Requests Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-3-23.

Thielke motioned to approve Resolution 2024-02. Daddi seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ayala, Daddi, Thielke, Whitman and Hajas.

Noes: None

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update: No meeting was held.

b. Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update: No meeting was held.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be May 30, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____