

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

The Regular Meeting of March 27, 2025, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 4:00 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 4:06 p.m.) and Peter Thielke. 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 4:00pm. VanDerMeer called the roll.

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

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

Mutuals: Thielke reported that Senior Canyon was good

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 the State Controller Report was being processed. Aranda stated that the Annual Report was up loaded to the Department of Water Resources per the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Aranda and Dudek are working on a data management system. Aranda is working towards making a conjunctive use project with Casitas Municipal Water District.

5. **BASIN STATUS REPORT:**

Jordan Kear had a presentation "An Early Spring". Kear reported the Key Well was 100.24' below ground level and there was 64,800 acre-feet in the basin.

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Roll Call vote:

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

Noes: None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee:

Aranda reported that the Department of Water Resources is having a Legislative Day in Sacramento in May and would like to attend.

Whitman motioned to approve Aranda to attend. Finch seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

b. Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update:

Aranda stated there will be a Special Meeting and Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. There are two well owners that are noncompliant.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be April 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____