

Meeting Date: January 25, 2018
To: Board of Directors
From: Cece VanDerMeer
Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 26, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: President Dan Breen, Russ Baggerly, Johnny Johnston, Emily Ayala and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater, Peter Candy; Attorney, John Mundy; consultant.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** President Breen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by President Breen
3. **Director Announcements: None**
4. **BASIN STATUS REPORTS:**

Current Status of Basin Input, Output and Storage:

Jordan Kear from Kear Groundwater reported that the Basin is 61.6 % full. The depth to water in the key well was 185' on 10/18/17.

Casitas Lake Level:

Director Baggerly from Casitas Municipal Water District reported: The lake is at 36.3% full, 492' 39" elevation and a total of 86,326 acre feet.

Community Facilities District:

San Antonio #4:	Mutual #6:
Static level 210'	Static Level 246'
Dynamic - 356'	Dynamic - 418'
Average Flow - 175 gpm	Average Flow - 260 gpm

President Breen requested that the reporting name for the Community Facilities District be corrected to be CMWD Ojai Service Area for future reporting.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**
Rob Martin; Director, Ojai Water Conservation District, stated that he had been in touch with Elizabeth Martinez, County of Ventura regarding the San Antonio Spreading Grounds. Martin stated that he was informed that

permits were still pending before the Spreading Grounds Project could move forward.

6. Public Hearing:

President Breen read the Public Notice of Hearing:

“On October 26, 2017 the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing in the City of Ojai Council Chambers, located at 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023, during the regular meeting of the OBGMA Board of Directors beginning at 5:00p.m.

This public hearing is to receive public comment on a proposed establishment of an annual fixed wellhead fee of \$260, to be billed in \$65 increments over four quarterly periods, to pumpers located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the OBGMA.

The wellhead fee is necessary to cover the cost of general operating expenses for the OBGMA and to fund the increasing cost to implement the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act approved by the State of California in 2014. The amount of the fee was calculated based on a report and estimated 5-Year Cost Analysis prepared for the OBGMA in July 2017 which analyzes the actual cost of the OBGMA providing continued services over the next five years. A copy of the report and estimated 5-Year Cost Analysis are available for public review on the OBGMA’s website at OBGMA.Com.

Well owners may provide written or verbal protest on this proposed action. Written protest may be mailed and must be received at the Agency’s mailing address prior to the public hearing. Written and verbal protest may also be presented during the public hearing. Any protest may also be presented during the public hearing. Any protest received after the hearing will not be accepted.” President Breen opened the public hearing.

Alexander Bendorf, well owner, stated that she has a deminimus well and said that domestic well owners in that category should be able to have a voice on the charges by the OBGMA.

William Weirick stated that it seemed that the OBGMA had no other choice than to charge a well head fee due to expenditures being beyond extraction rates.

Rob Martin, well owner and ranch owner, stated that he was in favor of the wellhead fee.

President Breen read the two protest letters that were enclosed in the agenda package.

Director Baggerly stated that the protests against the wellhead fee was not 51% of the total number of wells in the basin. Director Baggerly stated that the Resolution for the Wellhead fee was not presented in the agenda. President Breen directed staff to prepare the Resolution for the Wellhead fee. John Mundy, consultant, stated that he will prepare it and have it for the December 14, 2017 agenda.

The draft Public Notice of Hearing that was included in the October 26, 2017 Agenda was erroneous and was not the Official Notice of the Public Hearing that was posted to the Agencies website and mailed to all the well owners and operators on August 7, 2017.

7. Presentations on Grant Opportunities:

Regina Hirsh with the Sierra Watershed Progressive gave a presentation on available grant programs.

8. Consent Items:

a. Approve minutes from September 28, 2017: On motion by Director Baggerly and seconded by Director Johnston, the minutes were approved.

9. Action Items:

a. Treasurer's report September 2017. Budget Spreadsheet and Extraction Charges by Period: The Treasurer's report was received and filed.

b. Schedule End of Year Board Meetings: The Board discussed scheduling the next Board meeting for December 14, 2017 at 4pm. President Breen stated, if necessary, a special meeting could be called.

10. Committee Reports:

a. 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget Ad Hoc Committee Appointment: The 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget Ad Hoc Committee, President Breen, Director Finch and John Mundy presented the proposed 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget. The Board approved the proposed budget and it was received and filed.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be a special meeting on December 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.
