

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors
From: Cece VanDerMeer
Date: February 4, 2011
Subject: Minutes of Board Meeting of January 27, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 5:00 PM at the Pope Plaza Conference Room.

Attendees were: Board Members: Jerry Conrow, President, Roger Essick, Ken Petersen, and Betsy Clapp, Russ Baggerly, Jim Coultas (OWCD Alternate); Diana Leach (GSWC Alternate); Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Mary Bergen (CMWD Alternate); Lance Contreras, Superintendent for GSWC, Elizabeth Martinez, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater, Dr. Gregory Schnaar, Daniel B. Stephens Assoc. Collin Jones and Hank Maynard well owners.

1. **Minutes:** On motion by Baggerly and 2nd by Petersen, the minutes of the October 28, 2010 meeting were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report and Disbursement Register for October, November and December 2010:** On motion by Essick and 2nd by Baggerly, the reports were received and filed.
3. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**
 - a. **DWR Groundwater Agency Assistance Grant Update:** Dr. Gregory Schnaar with D.B. Stephens & Associates presented a progress report on the groundwater model project. Dr. Schnaar reported that the State has paid 4 invoices. Dr. Schnaar requested historical extraction data ranging from periods 1995-2 through 2003-1. Conrow recommended that the Agency enter the historical data so as to complete our data base and then present it to D.B. Stephens for the model.
 - b. **Ventura River Watershed Planning Project V-1:** DBS&A submitted a Final Report on the Groundwater Budget and Approach for Groundwater Management Plan to the agency in December 2010. Monitoring began at the selected 5 wells on January 26, 2011. Gregory Schnaar reported that DBS&A was

not able to sample the depth-discrete monitoring well at the V-2 project site on January 26th due to muddy conditions within the casings. Gregory Schnaar noted that a total of three monitoring events are planned for 2011. Discrete screens within have shown how the aquifers respond.

- c. San Antonio Creek Recharge Project V-2 Design**
Progress: Elizabeth Martinez reported that the draft CEQA document for the V-2 project was released for public review on January 12, 2011. Comments on the Draft IS/MND must be submitted in writing to the District prior to the close of the public comment period on February 11, 2011. To date, the District has received one positive comment letter from Friends Ranch in support of the project. The Water Right Application for the project was submitted to the State Water Resource Control Board on September 15, 2010 and the Board released their Public Notice in December. The public protest period for the District's Water Right Application ends on February 16, 2011; no protests have been received to date. The 50% design plans are complete and the District plans to award a contract for final design to DBS&A.
- d. Basin Water Level Report:** Lance Contreras, superintendent with GSWC reported on the Gorham Well as of January 27, 2011, with a pump level of 270 feet and a static level of 102.
- 4. Aquifer Response to Precipitation:** Kear reported that the installation of 5 transducers were completed on October 20, 2010 just before the first rain of the year. Kear presented a graph of the Aquifers response to precipitation.
- 5. Audit 2009/2010 & 2010/2011 Quotes:** The Board approved of using the Accounting firm Soares, Sandall, Bernacchi & Petrovich, LLP to prepare the 10/11 audit.
- 6. Well Exemption Criteria:** The meter committee reported that their Recommendation was that no well should be exempt. The Board Agreed with their findings.
- 7. Well Owner Form & Letter Regarding Meter Installation**
Completion: Conrow requested that the proposed letter and form be mailed to well owners in April.

8. **Review the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Watershed Protection District Project at San Antonio Creek:** The Board received copies of the Draft IS/MND prior to today's meeting for their review. Jim Coultas (OWCD alternate) mentioned several concerns he has regarding the project design. Elizabeth Martinez noted that comments on the Draft IS/MND must be submitted in writing to the District prior to the close of the public comment period on February 11, 2011. Diana Leach (GSWC alternate) requested a minor revision to Section 6 of the Draft IS/MND and will submit the request via email to the District.
9. **DIRECTOR REPORTS AND COMMENTS (Board Members):**
 - Ojai Water Conservation District -- None
 - Mutuals -- None
 - City Of Ojai -- None
 - Golden State Water Company -- None
 - Casitas Municipal Water District -- None
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No public comments

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm January 27, 2011

Jerry Conrow, President