

Meeting Date: April 26, 2018
To: Board of Directors
From: Cece VanDerMeer
Subject: Minutes of the Rescheduled Board Meeting of March 29, 2018

The Regular Meeting March 29, 2018 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, Jim Finch and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** President Breen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Jim Finch

3. **Director Announcements:**

Mutuals:

Breen reported Siete Robles still has water in San Antonio Creek.

Ojai Water Conservation District: None

City of Ojai: None

Casitas Lake Level:

Baggerly from Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) reported:

The lake is 35.8% full and has 85,238 acre feet in storage. The lake has increased 2,600 acre feet and 2".

Community Facilities District Report: The report was received at the March 14, 2018 meeting, the rescheduled February 22, 2018 Board meeting. The report is in the March 29, 2018 meeting minutes.

4. **BASIN STATUS REPORTS:**

Current Status of Basin Input, Output and Storage:

Jordan Kear reported that the last rain on the valley floor was 11.28".

Ojai has received 60% of its normal rainfall. On March 23, 2018 the key well at Carne and Grand was at 164' depth to water.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None

6. **Presentation:** Richard Hajas presented “A Cooperative Regional Approach to Improving Ventura County’s Water Supply Reliability”. The report was prepared by; Richard Hajas, Larry Yee, Rosalie Zabilla and Peter Thielke.

7. **Consent Items:**

a. **Approve minutes from March 14, 2018:** On motion by Johnston and seconded by Baggerly, the minutes were approved with the correct date for the next regular scheduled meeting as March 29, 2018.
Ayes: Johnston, Finch, Baggerly and Breen.

8. **Action Items:**

a. **Annual Report Requirement Associated with Groundwater Sustainability Plan Alternative due April 1, 2018:** The Board directed John Mundy to file the Annual Report Requirement for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Alternative. Mundy stated that the Annual Report meets SGMA requirements. Baggerly stated that he would like to add additional language “The Ojai Basin continues to operate within its sustainable yield with no evidence of undesirable results”. Mundy requested the additional language “the Annual Report supports the conclusion in the Alternative Demonstration that was submitted to DWR”. Baggerly moved to approve the filing of the Annual Report for water year 2016/2017 with the additional language. Seconded by Finch. Roll call vote: Ayes: Johnston, Finch, Baggerly and Breen.

b. **Invitation to Participate in Economic Study of Drought Impacts:** Bruce Kuebler, Director from Ventura River Water District, presented an invitation to participate in an economic study of drought impacts. The Board discussed the financial impact on the participating parties. Finch motioned to accept the invitation on recommendation that first a consultant would be hired to evaluate the economics of the report. Seconded by Baggerly. No director was appointed to participate. Roll call vote: Ayes: Johnston, Finch, Baggerly and Breen.

c. **Bennet/Limon MOU for cooperating agencies:** The Board reviewed the non-binding MOU for cooperation among interested parties. Baggerly motioned to approve signing the non-binding MOU. Seconded by Finch. Roll call vote: Ayes: Johnston, Finch, Baggerly and Breen.

d. Letter of support of the Watersheds Coalitions of Ventura County:

The Board discussed the Letter of support of the Watersheds Coalitions of Ventura County (WCVC). Baggerly stated that the WCVC is a great support for the OBGMA, and that the controversy that the WCVC is experiencing is unnecessary and would like to express the OBGMA's support for WCVC. Breen stated that the OBGMA should not be communication with the WCVC as an agency. The Board did not take an action on this item.

e. Discussion of Increase of Agriculture Well Use for periods of 2016 & 2017:

The Board received the Extraction Charges by Period as a handout. Vandermeer explained that agriculture pumping for the period of 2017/1 (October/November/December) had significant increase for the period of 2018/1 (October/November/December), and suggested that the Board review the information. Johnston motioned for staff to review the increase and have the discussion brought back to the April 26, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Baggerly.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Johnston, Finch, Baggerly and Breen.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a. Groundwater Management Plan: The Board discussed the Notice of Public Hearing for comments on the Groundwater Management Plan. Mundy stated that the Public Hearing would be at the April 26, 2018 Meeting. Staff reported that the Notice of Public Hearing was posted in the Ojai Valley News in the Public notice section on 3/23/18 and will be posted again on 4/6/18. Peter Candy directed staff to forward the Notice of Public Hearing to the OBGMA's interested parties list for public review.

10. ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be May 31, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.