

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors

From: Cece VanDerMeer

Date: September 29, 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, Ken Petersen, Russ Baggerly, Roger Essick, Diana Leach (GSWC Alternate), Mary Bergen (CMWD Alternate) and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Elizabeth Martinez; Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater and Dr. Gregory Schnaar, D.B. Stephens & Assoc., Larry and Pat Hartmann..

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No public comments were received.
2. **Minutes:** On motion by Baggerly and 2nd by Essick the allocation of reserve funds in the amount of \$40,000 for the San Antonio Creek Recharge Project was determined and scheduled for formal approval at the next board meeting.
3. **Treasurer's Report and Disbursement Register for July and August 2011.**
4. **Progress Reports:**
 - a. **DWR Groundwater Agency Assistance Grant Update:** Dr. Gregory Schnaar with D.B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A) reported that the 90% draft version is complete. Jordan Kear and Toby Moore with GSWC met to review the calibration portion of the Groundwater Modeling Project. Schnaar will present a report at the next regular board meeting. Conrow requested that the October 27, 2011 board meeting have an announcement in the local paper and take place at Ojai City Hall as to support a larger group.
 - b. **Ventura River Watershed Planning Project V-1:** Elizabeth Martinez presented a progress report from Zia Hosseinipour on the V-1 project. Cardno-Entrix is the consulting firm hired to prepare a "Watershed Management Plan Report" for the project, and they gave a presentation to the Ventura River Watershed Council (VRWC) on August 23, 2011, outlining their scope of work. The Watershed Management Plan Report will document existing conditions, identify remaining data gaps, list BMP's, and recommend actions to

improve water quality in the Ventura River watershed. A draft report is due to the District by December 5, 2011, and Cardno-Extrix will present the draft report to the VRWC on December 12, 2011. The final report will be completed by mid-January 2012.

c. San Antonio Creek Recharge Project V-2 Elizabeth Martinez reported that DBS&A has completed the 100% design plans, but final design plans are on hold pending resolution of permitting issues with resource agencies. Martinez provided to the board members copies of the 100% design plans, recent District correspondence with California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and a summary of NMFS' protest resolution requests and CDFG's remaining protest issues. The board recognized the progress made to date with the regulatory agencies, but also had several questions regarding the new 1-foot bypass flow depth required by NMFS, the cost of future monitoring and compliance, and the ramifications of requesting a time extension on the grant to complete permitting and construction. The board also expressed concern over the reduced expected annual diversion amount (i.e., 126 ac-ft/yr, instead of 269 ac-ft/yr or greater) associated with the bypass flow requirement of 1-foot depth and 21cfs at the Grand Avenue bridge point of compliance. OBGMA president Jerry Conrow stated that he would like to review the 2008 Stakeholder Agreement to recall the "exit provisions" before the next OBGMA meeting.

d. Basin Water Level Report: Ken Petersen reported that the Gorham Well was pumping at 410 gpm with a pump level of 360'.

e. Kear Groundwater monthly Report: Jordan Kear presented a report on the condition of the monitoring well for the San Antonio Creek Recharge Project V-2. Kear discussed Pat and Larry Hartmann's well and the possibility of it becoming a monitoring well. Conrow requested Essick and Baggerly to review Ordinance #8 regarding monitoring wells.

5. **Approve Contract Modification to D.B. Stephens & Assoc. By \$6,000.00:** On motion by Baggerly and 2nd by Essick the Board approved the contract modification to DBS&A.
6. **Allocation of Reserve Funds:** On motion by Baggerly and 2nd by Essick the allocation of reserve funds in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the San Antonio Creek Recharge Project was approved.

7. **Update on the Letter Responding to Well Owners that are noncompliant for Meter Installations:** The Board reviewed the letter that Conrow directed VanDerMeer to mail.
8. **Well Permit Application from City of Ojai:** The Board reviewed the Well Permit from the City of Ojai.
9. **Review OBGMA No-Fee Permit:** VanDerMeer requested that the Board make some changes to the OBGMA Permit by having the well owner as the signatory, inserting the words; Received and Filed, and putting a permit number on the permit. The Board approved.
10. **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 -- Baggerly reported that Lake Casitas is 83.7% full.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

11. **CLOSED SESSION: LITIGATION**
{Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) – Alexandra Bendorf, et al Federal Court Case No. CV11-3877-DSF(SP)}
The Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to Staff.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:15 pm.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm October 27, 2011

Jerry Conrow, President