

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors
From: Cece VanDerMeer
Date: February 3, 2012
Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 26, 2012

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, Betsy Clapp, Diana Leach (GSWC Alternate), Jim Coultas (OWCD Alternate) and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater, Dr. Gregory Schnaar; D.B. Stephens & Assoc.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No public comments were received.
2. **Minutes:** On motion by Clapp and 2nd by Petersen the December 15, 2011 minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** On motion by Baggerly and 2nd by Essick the Treasurer's reports were received and filed with the deletion of the duplicate rent entered in the November 2011 Budget Actuals 2011/2012 in the amount of \$358.00.
4. **Progress Reports:**
 - a. **DWR Groundwater Agency Assistance Grant Update:** Dr. Gregory Schnaar with D.B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A) reported that the Basin Model Development was complete and was completed under budget. Conrow presented the Final Project Report and all necessary documentation to the DWR. Conrow requested that the DWR release all retention monies in the amount of \$20,901.45 and payment for invoice #9 for the final billing.
 - b. **Ventura River Watershed Planning Project V-1:** Elizabeth Martinez was unable to attend the meeting. She prepared an email stating: that Cardno-Entrix is continuing work on the "Watershed Management Plan Report" for the V-1 project. The Watershed Management Plan Report documents existing conditions, identifies remaining data gaps, lists BMPs, and recommends actions to improve water quality in the Ventura River watershed. The OBGMA reviewed the draft report and submitted their comments to Cardno-Entrix on January 12, 2012.

c. San Antonio Creek Recharge Project V-2 Elizabeth Martinez was unable to attend the meeting. She prepared an email stating: The State Water Resources Control Board has approved the Watershed Protection District's grant amendment request to extend the completion date for the V-2 project until March 1, 2013. The new deadlines for project deliverables are as follows: Final Design plans & specifications and Permits due May 28, 2012, Easements from affected landowners due June 25, 2013. The District has resolved all of the water right permit protests. SWRCB Division of Water Rights staff notified the District that a draft permit has been prepared and will be sent within the next 2 -4 weeks to the District and interested parties (CDFG, NMFS, City of Ventura) for review and comment of the terms and conditions. On January 24, 2012, the District successfully negotiated with NMFS and CDFG regarding an acceptable low flow crossing design for the project access road. The agencies agreed that a simple "at-grade rock ford" crossing (consisting of a layer of cobble and coarse rock to stabilize the driving surface) would not create a fish passage barriers, if properly maintained. With this resolved, the District can now move forward with preparing Final Design plans. The District submitted a revised project description (including the accepted at-grade rock crossing) to CDFG and has requested receipt of a draft SAA within the next two weeks. Construction start is scheduled for August 2012 if all permits and easements are acquired. Clapp recommended that Conrow meet with the stakeholders to discuss the cost effectiveness of the project beginning with Jeff Pratt the director of Public Works at the County of Ventura.

d. Basin Water Level Report: Ken Petersen reported that the Gorham Well was pumping at 474 gpm with a pump level of 396' and a static level of 150'.

e. Kear Groundwater monthly Report: No written report from Jordan.

5. **DBS&A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:** Greg Schnaar presented a professional services agreement for Conrow's signature. Schnaar stated that additional simulations conducted under this scope of work will consider greater recharge volumes at SACSGRP, consistent with the originally envisioned 11 cfs requirement at the point of compliance. The 90% SACSGRP engineering design report, which was based on the 11 cfs requirement, estimated an annual average recharge of 269 acre-feet per year. The original 2006 SACSGRP Hydrologic Assessment, also based on an 11 cfs requirement at the point of compliance,

estimated an annual average recharge of 914 acre-feet per year. However, this earlier estimate did not take into account engineering constraints on acceptance of recharge into the proposed passive diversion structure. The new groundwater modeling simulations will be based on the more recent 90% engineering design report estimates of recharge, and assume an annual average recharge of 269 acre-feet per year.

6. **Monitoring Wells:** Essick and Baggerly presented a Draft Resolution on monitoring wells stating that more work is necessary before the final Resolution is available.
7. **Ventura county Watershed Protection District Ordinance No. 4184:** Conrow provided a copy of this well ordinance, last updated in 1998, to assure that OBGMA uses correct terminology consistent with the County's definitions.
8. **Groundwater Management Plan:** Kear mentioned that there the LAG Program feasibility study is one of the grants that he is exploring. This Program would possibly allow the Agency to install a stream gauge that would assist in tracking water levels. The proposal is due in Spring 2012 and OBGMA would know in June 2012.
9. **Director Reports and Comments (Board Members):**
Ojai Water Conservation District: Conrow reported on a meeting in Ventura regarding water rationing.
Mutuals -- None
City Of Ojai: Clapp reported that Sue Horgan's husband had passed away.
Golden State Water Company: Petersen suggested that the 2011 Annual Report include the Basin Modeling Project
Casitas Municipal Water District - Baggerly reported that Lake Casitas is 81% full.

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{Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) - Alexandra Bendorf, et al Federal Court Case No. CV11-3877-DSF(SP)}

Nothing to report - No action taken.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm January 19, 2012.

Jerry Conrow, President