

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors
From: Cece VanDerMeer
Date: June 1, 2012
Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 17, 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, Betsy Clapp, Russ Baggerly, Diana Leach (GSWC Alternate), and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater, Darren Milner; GSWC Superintendent and Elizabeth Martinez; Ventura County Watershed Protection District.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No public comments were received.
2. **Minutes:** On motion by Baggerly and 2nd by Petersen the May 17, 2012 minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's reports were received and filed.
4. **Progress Reports:**
 - a. **Ventura River Watershed Planning Project V-:** The OBGMA reviewed the draft Ventura River Watershed Protection Plan Report for the V-1 project and submitted their comments to Cardno-Entrix on January 12, 2012. The final report was completed in February 2012 and is available electronically on the Watershed Protection District's website www.vcwatershed.org. Conrow requested a hard copy of the final report: Martinez will send a copy via mail.
 - b. **San Antonio Creek Recharge Project V-2:**
Martinez/Conrow/Schnaar: Consultant Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. will be providing Final Design Plans and Specifications for the project to the Watershed Protection District by May 22, 2012. The bid package will be made available to contractors and well drillers (via direct mailing, District website, and e-bid board) and bid opening is scheduled for July 3, 2012. The District will promptly inform the OBGMA of the bid results. Construction award would be requested at the August 7, 21012 Ventura County Board of Supervisor's meeting.

A final water right permit for the project is expected to be issued by the State Water Resources Control Board to the District by the end of May 2012. The District signed a final Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) from the California Department of Fish and Game on May 10, 2012; waiting for a fully-executed final copy from CDFG which should arrive soon. For the Corps 404 permit, on May 2, 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers submitted a letter to the National Marine Fisheries Service (along with an updated project description and design plans) requesting concurrence that the project is not likely to adversely affect steelhead. The District needs to receive NMFS concurrence for the Corps to issue a 404 permit, hopefully by late June 2012. Landowner easement acquisition will re-commence after final design is complete. Construction start is scheduled for September 4, 2012, if all permits and easements are acquired and the construction bids are within the grant and stakeholder funds available.

c. Basin Water Level Report: Ken Petersen reported that the Gorham Well was pumping at 366 gpm with a pump level of 307' and a static level of 97'.

d. Kear Groundwater monthly Report: Jordan Kear discovered well records dating from 1945-1976. This discovery helps to expand the knowledge of the Basin by three decades.

5. **Monitoring Wells:** Baggerly's research on monitoring wells revealed that the well owners would be exposed to expenses that might be a burden for them. The Board discussed the liability and expense of having a monitoring well program. A roll call was taken; and the Board unanimously voted to cancel the monitoring well program.
6. **Groundwater Management Plan:** The Board discussed putting the Groundwater Management Plan on hold depending on the outcome of the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant.
7. **Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Resolution:** The Board directed Kear to pursue grant funding projects for the GMP. Kear outlined the program requirements and the priorities. Conrow directed Vandermeer to prepare a resolution for this project
8. **2012/2012 Budget:** Conrow presented a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2012/2013.

9. **Ventura River Watershed Council Meeting:** Vandermeer attended the May 9, 2012 meeting and reported that the Watershed Council has prepared a Draft Charter along with their Draft Purpose.

10. **Director Reports and Comments (Board Members):**
 - Ojai Water Conservation District: None
 - Mutuals: None
 - City Of Ojai: Clapp reported that the City Council is revisiting the Housing issues at their next meeting on June 11, 2012
 - Golden State Water Company: None
 - Casitas Municipal Water District – Baggerly reported that Lake Casitas still has storage.

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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 6:58 pm.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm May 17, 2012

Jerry Conrow, President