

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors
From: Cece VanDerMeer
Date: January 9, 2015
Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 4, 2014

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, Robert Hanford, Russ Baggerly, Roger Essick and Betsy Clapp; Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Mary Bergen; CMWD Alternate, Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater, Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett; Ojai City Manager Rob Clark; Kristy Rivera, William Ulrich, William Weirick and Steve Quilici.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No public comments were made.
2. **Minutes:** On motion by Baggerly and 2nd by Hanford the minutes of the October 30, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's reports were received and filed.
4. **November 18, 2014 Fireside Chat/Well Owner/Community Outreach Project:** Hanford reported that the chat was well attended and that people have questions and concerns regarding the Basin. The chat helped to educate the public, so that they better understand that the OBGMA, as stewards of the Basin, has the responsibility to educate the public. Conrow stated that having regular chats for the public would be beneficial.
5. **Report on Becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency:** Baggerly stated that he had prepared a resolution requesting authorization from the Department of Water Resources for the OBGMA to become the Groundwater Sustainable Agency which is included in the agenda. The Board discussed forming an ad hoc committee to research the process of what else would be required to report to the Department of Water Resources to Become the Groundwater Sustainable Agency for the Ojai Basin as stated in California Water Code Section 10723(c)(3). The committee members are: Russ Baggerly, Betsy Clapp and Jordan Kear.

6. **Resolution 2014-4 Requesting Authorization From the Department of Water Resources to Become the Groundwater Sustainable Agency for the Ojai Basin:** A Public Hearing was opened by Conrow inviting input from the public. Conrow closed the Public Hearing. Clapp made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-4, with the addition of the signature lines on the document. Hanford seconded the motion. Conrow requested a roll call vote, and Resolution 2014-4 was passed unanimously. Conrow stated that he would prepare a letter to Mark Cowin from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), with a copy to Bob Pierotti from the Southern Region of the DWR. Conrow directed Vandermeer to include in the correspondence; a map of the service boundaries, a copy of the resolution electing to become a sustainability agency, a copy of the by-laws and ordinances adopted in the past by this Agency, a copy of existing groundwater management plan and a copy of the most recent published annual report.
7. **County of Ventura Ordinance No. XXXX Repealing and Reenacting Division 4, Chapter 8, Article 1, Sections 4811 Through 4828 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code Regarding Groundwater Conservation Including Exhibit No. 1 and Communication with Gerhardt Hubner:** Conrow prepared a letter to Hubner proposing that Section 4826 regarding well owner reporting be changed to alleviate duplicate reporting. Baggerly made a motion for Conrow to prepare a letter to Hubner proposing the reporting change, Essick seconded the motion.
8. **LAFCO Agenda:** Conrow discussed LAFCO's report on the Sphere of Influence regarding the OBGMA and the Ojai Water Conservation District proposed approval to determine that no change is necessary at this time.
9. **Transfer of Water Extractions From Fiscal Period to Water Year:** Conrow suggested that the OBGMA transfer historical extraction reports to conform with the newly adopted reporting. Kear stated that the percentages off would only be between 10 - 15% and did not see that this would make a significant difference to our data.
10. **Recommendation to the City of Ojai on the Extension of the Water Well Moratorium:** Baggerly stated that when the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is adopted by the OBGMA, water well drilling will be based on policy rather than pumping. Baggerly motioned that the OBGMA support the City of Ojai water well moratorium, Clapp seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

11. **Watershed Coordinator 2015 Contract:** Conrow stated that the Watershed Coordinator plays an integral part in coordinating meetings and speakers to share knowledge of the Ventura County Watershed. Baggerly motioned to support the watershed coordinator for the 2015 contract, Hanford seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

12. **Progress Reports:**

a. **Basin Water Level Report:** Hanford reported that the San Antonio Well #4 had a static level of 209'. Hanford reported that the Mutual Well #6 was pumping at a flow rate of 300 gpm with a static level of 190' and a pumping level of 380'.

b. **Kear Groundwater monthly Report:** Kear reported on the Fire Side Chat stating that the event was a success. Kear stated that he had a meeting on December 4, 2014 with City Council Member Lara to discuss continuing the open discussions with the City and the public.

Kear reported that he has downloaded data from the wells that have the level loggers installed.

Kear reported that from the recent rain no water was diverted.

13. **Director Reports and Comments (Board Members):**

Ojai Water Conservation District: None

Mutual's: None

City Of Ojai: Clapp congratulated the Board for the positive support for Ojai City's moratorium on well pumping.

Golden State Water Company: None

Casitas Municipal Water District: Baggerly reported that the Lake level was 51.8% full, 512.90' above sea level and had 131,760 acre feet.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be January 29, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Jerry L. Conrow, President