

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors
From: Cece VanDerMeer
Date: August 1, 2011
Subject: Minutes of Board Meeting of July 28, 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, Carol Smith, Diana Leach (GSWC Alternate), Mary Bergen (CMWD Alternate) and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Zia Hosseinipour, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater and Dr. Gregory Schnaar, D.B. Stephens & Assoc., Hank Maynard, well owner.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No public comments were received.
2. **Minutes:** On motion by Essick and 2nd by Baggerly the minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report and Disbursement Register for June 2011:** On motion by Petersen and 2nd by Baggerly the reports were received and filed with the following changes to the Treasurer's Report under Revenues: *Grant Funds for Administration*.
4. **Progress Reports:**
 - a. **DWR Groundwater Agency Assistance Grant Update:** Dr. Gregory Schnaar with D.B. Stephens & Associates reported that the calibration portion of the Groundwater Modeling Project is complete. Schnaar presented a current budget to reflect the funds received to date and suggested that the Board provide funds from OBGMA's portion of the Grant to help offset extra services provided by DBS&A and for a review of the model in the amount of \$6,000.00. President Conrow requested that an Action Item be scheduled for the next Board meeting to approve the funds. Schnaar will be forwarding a draft of the Project to Petersen and Kear for an outside peer review after September 1, 2011.
 - b. **Ventura River Watershed Planning Project V-1:** Zia Hosseinipour with the Ventura County Watershed Protection District reported that they have hired the consultant Entrix as the firm to

present the “Ventura River Watershed Management Plan Report” to the Ventura County Watershed Council. Completion of the HBF report was postponed due to rain. It is expected that the Management Plan Report will be completed by the end of the year.

c. San Antonio Creek Recharge Project V-2 VCWPD is moving forward with obtaining the necessary landowner agreements for the project; authorization for the PWA Director to execute the new Easement Deeds with Coultas et al for the access road alignment. Elizabeth Martinez attended the meeting today and was not available for comment yet. VCWPD is continuing consultation with the resource agencies regarding the project’s environmental permit applications. The project schedule calls for construction to start in fall 2011 to avoid the rainy season and be able to meet the grant end date in March 2012.

d. Basin Water Level Report: Ken Petersen reported that the Gorham Well was pumping at 412 gpm with a pump level of 363’.

e. Kear Groundwater monthly Report: Jordan Kear presented a report on the SACSGRP DDMW.

5. **Resolution 2011-1 Approving the Fiscal Year Budget for 2011/2012:** The Board approved Resolution 2011-1 unanimously. Leach requested that the 2011/2012 budget be attached to Resolution 2011-1 and noted as Attachment A. Petersen requested that the 2011/2012 budget be corrected by removing the 2010/2011 adopted budget.
6. **Letter Responding to Well owners That Are Noncompliant For Meter Installations:** Petersen requested that the Noncompliant Owner’s letter be changed to clarify that the well owners may choose to abandon a well “in accordance with Ventura County requirements for well abandonment. VanDerMeer suggested that the following changes also be made to reflect the Extraction period that will be exempt as 7/1/11-12/31/11. On motion by Essick and 2nd by Baggerly the letter to the Noncompliant well owners and a draft Notice of Noncompliance were approved. Conrow requested that an attorney review the letter and the Notice of Noncompliance. Zia Hosseinipour suggested that the Board use the services of the County of Ventura’s counsel Al Boada. VanDerMeer will make an appointment to meet with Mr. Boada.

7. **Extraction Statement for Period 2011-2:** Since there will be an extension granted to give more time to noncompliant well owners (see item 6 above) for the Period of 2011-2, the Extraction Statement will not need changes until Period 2012-1 and will be reviewed at a future Board meeting.

8. **Reschedule August 2011 Board Meeting:** The Board will be dark during the month of August 2011. The next Board meeting will be September 29, 2011.

9. **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 85% full.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

10. **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 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm July 28, 2011

Jerry Conrow, President