

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2019

The Regular Meeting April 25, 2019, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees: Richard Hajas, Jim Finch, Russ Baggerly, Johnny Johnston and Peter Thielke. General Manager John Mundy and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** 5:01 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Chair Baggerly
3. **Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:**

Mutuals: None

Ojai Water Conservation District:

Finch reported a meeting was held. Discussions regarding the diversion which the County did clean out, but the pump spray bar system was partially cleaned out. The spray bar system is not in working order. Spoke with Glen to get another meeting to keep this process going because at this point it is now next year before this can be completed.

City of Ojai:

Johnston reported there would be a majority of the council who will be attending next week. Casitas Municipal Water District water level is at 45% full which is approximately 170,000-acre feet in storage. There is a possibility of another meeting with the engineers and such. Jeff Palmer, engineers, hydrogeologists, and others involved from around the valley were asked to attend to figure out how to fix it and make it work for the upcoming water year.

Casitas Municipal Water District:

Johnston reported the lake is at 45% and had 170,000 acre-feet in storage.

Community Facilities District Report:

Hajas announced he would be on the panel at the water summit on Tuesday. The title is, Benefits of Resilience. Further discussion on resilience and sustainability definitions was discussed.

4. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:** John Mundy stated the annual report has been filed with the Department of Water Resources done on April 1 which met their deadline. Nothing heard back other than an automated receipt of confirmation sent via email. Mundy will be absent at the next meeting due to being out of the country for 20 days.

5. BASIN STATUS REPORTS:

Jordan Kear reported a continued rise of water levels in the Kewell area. A manual water level was obtained not just an automated one of 134.60 ft. as compared to last week's report of 134.29 ft. This is reflective of about 73% capacity within the basin and mountain storage of about 58,000-acre feet and still rising.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:

Bob Daddi, Renee Roth

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

a. Approve Minutes of March 28, 2019.

Chair Baggerly motioned; Johnston seconded.

Roll Call vote

Ayes: Baggerly, Johnston, Finch, Thielke and Hajas

Noes: None

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Treasurer's Report for March 2019, Budget Spreadsheet and Extraction

Hajas motioned; Finch seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Baggerly, Johnston, Finch, Thielke and Hajas

Noes: None

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Groundwater Management Plan Objectives

GM determined this was approved in a previous meeting and no need to discuss this during this meeting.

b. City of Ventura Amended Cross-complaint.

No movement and discussions were in the preliminary stages.

c. Conjunctive Use Agreement

Discussions regarding this matter were held.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be May 28, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____