

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors

From: Cece VanDerMeer

Date: June 1, 2015

Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 28, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 5:00 PM at Ojai City Council Chamber, 428 Bryant Circle, Suite 100, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: Jerry Conrow; President, Russ Baggerly, Roger Essick, Betsy Clapp, Rob Hanford and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Mary Bergen; Casitas Municipal Water District Alternate, John Mundy, Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater, Sandra Ruch, Robert Myer, Dwayne Bower, Otis Bradley, Robert Martin and William Ulrich.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Robert Myer questioned well water usage in the Persimmon Hill area. Sandra Ruch requested OBGMA to put the lawsuit between Barrett and the County of Ventura (Soule Park) on next month's agenda.
2. **Minutes:** On motion by Hanford and 2nd by Essick the minutes of the April 30, 2015 meeting were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's reports were received and filed.
4. **Second Reading for Ordinance No. 9: An Ordinance of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Superseding Ordinance No. 4 Specifying the Changes in Levying Groundwater Extraction Changes:** Board President Conrow opened the meeting for the second reading of Ordinance No. 9 for public comments. No public comments were made. The public comment period was closed. On motion by Baggerly to accept the second reading of Ordinance No. 9, and seconded by Clapp, the motion was approved unanimously.

5. **Second Reading for Ordinance No. 10: An Ordinance of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Requiring Testing and Calibration of all Groundwater Extraction Facility Flowmeters:** Board President Conrow opened the meeting for the second reading of Ordinance No. 10 for public comments. No public comments were made. The public comment period was closed. On motion by Hanford to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 10, by title only, and seconded by Baggerly, the motion was approved unanimously.
6. **Ojai Water Conservation District Requests OBGMA To Hire a Lawyer to Represent the Entire Basin in the Pending Adjudication Litigation Instituted by City of Ventura:** Conrow, as board representative for Ojai Water Conservation District (OWCD), requested the OBGMA to hire a lawyer to represent the pumpers in the Basin. Baggerly stated that only 50 pumpers were listed in the lawsuit and the Basin has approximately 165 wells. Clapp stated that the lawsuit could possibly continue for many years. Hanford stated that in the future this matter would require a closed session. Essick requested that an initial consultation with a California water lawyer would be informative. On motion by Baggerly and second by Essick the Board approved unanimously to have Conrow contact a lawyer regarding the pending adjudication litigation.
7. **Ad Hoc Committee Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Management Plan:** Kear presented a brief update on the Groundwater Sustainability Management Plan. Conrow requested that the Groundwater Sustainability Management Plan be completed as soon as possible.
8. **D.B. Stephens Model Update Proposal:** The Board reviewed the proposal from D.B. Stephens for an update to the existing Basin Model. Kear stated that the proposal from D.B. Stephens was expensive and since we have a lot of the data from the existing model that he would be able to come up with data measurements. Conrow asked Kear that if more wells had loggers would that also be a way to get more data about the Basin and Kear agreed. The Board agreed to not accept the D.B. Stephens' proposal. Conrow requested that an agenda item be placed on June 25, 2015 Agenda to purchase more loggers. VanDerMeer stated that she would have the logger request on the next agenda.

9. Progress Reports:

a. Basin Water Level Report: Hanford emailed the GSWC report to the OBGMA. As of April 28, 2015, San Antonio Well #4 had a static level of 218' and the Mutual Well #6 was pumping at a flow rate of 326 gpm with a static level of 191' and a pumping level of 403'.

b. Kear Groundwater Monthly Report: Kear presented a report on the Basin key well (located Carne and Grand). Kear reported that over the last two years conservation efforts in the basin have been accomplished through more efficient irrigation practices, reductions in the amount of crops irrigated, turning off wells and increasing water use from Lake Casitas. Baggerly requested John Mundy to prepare a letter to the Basin pumpers thanking them for their conservation efforts. Mundy stated that he would prepare the letter and present it to the Board at the June 25, 2015 meeting.

10. Director Reports and Comments (Board Members):

Ojai Water Conservation District: See Agenda Item #6.

Mutual's: None

City Of Ojai: None

Golden State Water Company: Hanford reported that the State has imposed a 36% reduction in water use.

Casitas Municipal Water District: Baggerly reported that the Lake level was 48.8 % full and the bubbler at the dam has been repaired. Baggerly stated that CMWD had the same 36% reduction request from the State as well. CMWD's attorney is requesting the State to lower their percentage due to the fact that CMWD does not import water.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next regular meeting will be June 25, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Jerry L. Conrow, President