

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors

From: Cece VanDerMeer

Date: October 31, 2016

Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 27, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Commons Conference Room, 428 Bryant Circle, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: Jerry Conrow, Roger Essick, Russ Baggerly, Paul Blatz, Mark Zimmer and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater, John Mundy; Consultant, William Ulrich; Hermitage Water Group, Bill Warner; Ojai Valley News, Renee Roth; Ojai Valley Green Coalition

Members of the public: Angelo Spandrio, Chris Gardner, Dan Breen

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Dan Breen stated that he was elected to the Board of Directors of Siete Robles Mutual Water Company and would provide the necessary paperwork to be added as an alternate board member to the OBGMA.

Renee Roth with the Ojai Valley Green Coalition (OVGC) reported on upcoming events and to check the OVGC website for details. William Ulrich requested that the OBGMA recording their meetings. Ulrich also requested information on what customers were served by the Matilija Conduit.

2. Minutes: On motion by Blatz with a correction to item 8: Director Reports: Casitas Municipal Water District Report – The next trigger point for conservation will be 30% - stage 4 and seconded by Baggerly the minutes of the September 29, 2016 meeting were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: The September 2016 Treasurer's report was received and filed.

4. Ojai Day October 15, 2016 Report: VanDerMeer included a report in the agenda stating that the OBGMA's attendance at Ojai Day was

very successful. Directors Essick, Baggerly and Bergen participated in answering questions from the public.

5. **Update Water Well Permit:** The Board discussed the authority that the OBGMA has on drilling of water wells. Baggerly stated that the Board has the discretion on the placement of water wells. Baggerly recommended that Cece VanDerMeer's name be removed from the water well permit and be replaced with the title of Executive Secretary. Ulrich asked about well meter requirements and access to private property. Renee Roth inquired about new wells being drilled.

6. **Update from the Sustainability Groundwater Agency Ad Hoc Committee:** Kear's presented a report on the Sustainability Groundwater Management Agency Plan (SGMA) entitled "Ojai Basin Boundary Modifications and The Quest for an Alternative Plan". Kear's presentation included: SGMA Compliance; Basin Boundary Changes; Sustainability and the Alternative Plan. The Alternative Plan is ideal for basins with existing management and models, basins with detailed measurement histories, basins with no overdraft and ideal for basins where conjunctive use and self-regulating conditions have been ongoing for years. Mundy's report on the Endangered Species Act for Fish and Game is incorporated into the Alternative Plan, and demonstrates how historical Creek flows along with Basin water demand and drought periods may have an impact on Steelhead. Renee Roth, Chris Gardner and William Ulrich inquired about the timing for filing of the Alternative Plan.

7. **Progress Reports:**

- a. **Basin Water Level Report:**

- The Mutual Well #6 was pumping at a flow rate of 289 gallons per minute (GPM) with a static level of 194' below ground level (BGL) and a pumping level of 443' BGL.

- San Antonio Well #4 had a static level of 240' BGL. At this time the well is off line.

- b. **Kear Groundwater Monthly Report:** Kear's presentation entitled "Ojai Basin Boundary Modifications and The Quest for an Alternative Plan" is in Agenda Item #6 above. Kear reported that

the Basin is 45% full and has 37,400 acre feet in storage. Kear explained that ground water levels are trending upward.

8. Director Reports and Comments (Board Members):

Ojai Water Conservation District: None

Mutual's: None

City of Ojai: Blatz reported that the City extended the Water Well Moratorium until the OBGMA completes and files their Alternative Plan. Blatz stated that the City lodged a complaint against GSWC regarding their move from Stage 1 to Stage 3 without stopping at stage 2.

Golden State Water Company: Zimmer reported that there was a workshop in October regarding their conservation plan.

Casitas Municipal Water District: Baggerly reported that the Lake level was 36% and has 191,000 acre fee.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be December 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
