

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors  
From: Cece VanDerMeer  
Date: December 14, 2016  
Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 8, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Weil Class Room 6, 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, Peter Candy; Attorney

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**  
William Weirick stated that the Alternative Demonstration was received 72 hours before the Board meeting.  
  
William Ulrich commented on transparency issues.
2. **Minutes:** On motion by Blatz seconded by Essick the minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The October 2016 Treasurer's report was received and filed.
4. **Approve Resolution # 2016-2 Alternative Demonstration for Submittal to the Department of Water Resources (DWR):**  
Bruce Kuebler stated that the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin and the OBGMA have a similar migrating flow. William Weirick discussed a coordination of agencies for an overall Ojai Area Plan. Supervisor Steve Bennett suggested a public conversation be held before filing the Alternative Demonstration. Larry Yee asked the Board what would be the process going forward after the submittal to DWR. Emily Thacher-Ayala stated that her ranch does not have any connections with CMWD and her well supplies water to 40 acres and four families. Bill Miley had questions regarding basin recharge, conservation and shallow wells.

Baggerly motioned to adjourn Agenda Item 4 to December 16, 2016 for a Special Meeting, Essick seconded and the motion was passed.

5. **Approve Resolution #2016-3 Fiscal Year Budget for 2016-2017:** Angelo Spandrio asked the Board where the surplus funds came from for the \$36,000 deficit for the 2015/2016 fiscal year and the deficit of \$55,000 on the proposed 2016/2017 budget. Conrow stated the OBGMA increased the extraction fees for the San Antonio Recharge funds enterprise. On motion by Baggerly and second by Essick Resolution 2016-3 was approved unanimously.

6. **Update from the Sustainability Groundwater Agency Ad Hoc Committee:** Kear's presented a report on the 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 256 gallons per minute (GPM) with a static level of 202' below ground level (BGL) and a pumping level of 446' BGL.

San Antonio Well #4 had a static level of 216' 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 on December 13, 2016, the City Council will be seating it's new members: Johnny Johnston; Mayor and Suza Francina; City Council.

Golden State Water Company: None

Casitas Municipal Water District: Baggerly reported that the Lake level was 35.2%.

**ADJOURN** -- The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. There will be a Special meeting on December 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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