

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors

From: Cece VanDerMeer

Date: March 6, 2017

Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 23, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: Jerry Conrow, Russ Baggerly, William Weirick, Mark Zimmer and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater, Peter Candy; Attorney

BASIN STATUS REPORTS:

Current Status of Basin Input, Output and Storage:

226 feet on 2/22/17, up 19.95 feet at key well from 1/25/17. The Basin is at 52 to 54 % capacity and rising quickly. The Basin peak will most likely hit in two plus months. The full Basin Status report can be seen on the web site at www.OBGMA.com.

Golden State Water Company:

Mark Zimmer from Golden State Water Company reported:

Mutual #6: Pumping at a flow rate of 291 gallons per minute (GPM) with a static level of 178' below ground level (BGL), and a pumping level of 448' BGL.

San Antonio #4: Pumping at a flow rate of 182' (GPM), static level of 185' BGL, and a pumping level of 312' BGL.

Casitas Lake Level:

Russ Baggerly from Casitas Municipal Water District reported:

The lake is at 42.7% with an elevation of 499.05 and 109,126 acre feet in storage.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

- 2. January 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** Zimmer asked to correct the January 26, 2017 minutes to reflect that the San Antonio pumping flow rate of 184' BGL to be replaced with 184' GPM. On motion by Baggerly with the corrections and seconded by Zimmer the minutes of the January

26, 2017 meeting were approved. Weirick abstained due to nonattendance at the January 26, 2017 meeting.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** The January 2017 Treasurer's reports were received and filed.
4. **Alternative Demonstration Update:** Baggerly stated that the original 60 day comment period has been extended to April 1, 2017. There have been 7 comment letters submitted to the Department of Water Resources(DWR).
5. **Alternative Demonstration Rebuttal Comments to Public Comments Previously Filed:** Conrow stated that since the DWR has extended the comment period, the Board will wait to discuss rebuttal comments closer to the new deadline.
6. **Update on Groundwater Management Plan:** Kear stated that he is working on the Groundwater Management Plan and had been working on it before the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
7. **Consideration of Raising Extraction Fees:** Conrow stated that the OBGMA pumpers voted in 2008 to raise the ceiling on extraction fees to \$25.00 an acre foot. Conrow stated that operating costs, to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), have increased and basin extractions have decreased by 30%. As a result of these costs and revenue changes, current expenses are exceeding current revenues. Peter Candy, OBGMA council, suggested that the Public Hearing be on April 27, 2017 to align with SGMA law and Proposition 218. The Board concurred.

Larry Mihalas, well owner, stated that he wanted more information on the extraction fee increase.

Dwayne Bower, well owner, stated that there is a minority of well owners that are providing the financial support for the OBGMA.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be March 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.
