

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors

From: Cece VanDerMeer

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Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 30, 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, Johnny Johnston, Roger Essick, Mark Zimmer and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

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

BASIN STATUS REPORTS:

Current Status of Basin Input, Output and Storage:

The Key well is at 190' depth to water.

The Basin is at a mid-60 % capacity and still rising. The Basin peak will most likely hit in mid to late April. 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 378 gallons per minute (GPM) with a static level of 148' below ground level (BGL), and a pumping level of 420' BGL.

San Antonio #4: Pumping at a flow rate of 223' (GPM), static level of 155' BGL, and a pumping level of 301' BGL.

Casitas Lake Level:

Russ Baggerly from Casitas Municipal Water District reported:

The lake is at 43.9% with an elevation of 201.05' and 111,600 acre feet in storage.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

2. **February 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** On motion by Baggerly and seconded by Zimmer the minutes of the February 23, 2017 board meeting were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The February 2017 Treasurer's reports were received and filed.
4. **Upper Ventura River Water District (UVRWD) Proposed Use of OBGMA Office and Staff:** Bert Rapp proposed that the UVRWD share an office and staff with the OBGMA outlining that the office and staff would be available during hours that the OBGMA would not be using the office and staff and the UVRWD would supply their own computer. The Board nor Candy (OBGMA counsel) did not see a conflict. On motion by Johnston and seconded by Essick the office and staff sharing was approved.
5. **Alternative Demonstration Response to Comments:** Kear prepared a letter of Response to Public Comments on Alternative Demonstration to the Department of Water Resources for the Board's approval. On motion from Baggerly and seconded by Zimmer the letter was approved as a response to public comments filed with the Department of Water Resources. Conrow requested a roll call vote and the action was passed unanimously.
6. **Update on Annual Report:** Kear stated that a draft report will be ready for review at the April 27, 2017 meeting.
7. **Update on Groundwater Management Plan:** Baggerly stated that the Groundwater Management Plan is in the process of being updated. Baggerly and Kear will be preparing for it to be completed by the Summer of 2017.
8. **Update on 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%. Mundy supplied the Board with a 5 year Operating Costs Projection and Need for Proposed Extraction Fee Increase. 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, suggested that the Board contact a grant writer for assistance in applying for state grants.

Dan Breen, Siete Robles board member, stated that he totally supports the extraction fee increase.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be April 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.
