

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors

From: Cece VanDerMeer

Date: May 10, 2017

Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 27, 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 173' depth to water.

The Basin is at a 5 year high. The Basin still has not reached its peak and is at two-thirds capacity. The full Basin Status report can be seen on the web site at [www.OBGMA.com](http://www.OBGMA.com).

Golden State Water Company:

Mark Zimmer from Golden State Water Company reported:

Mutual #6: Pumping at a flow rate of 379 gallons per minute (GPM) with a static level of 131' below ground level (BGL), and a pumping level of 374' BGL.

San Antonio #4: Pumping at a flow rate of 231' (GPM), static level of 139' BGL, and a pumping level of 301' BGL.

Casitas Lake Level:

Russ Baggerly from Casitas Municipal Water District reported:

The lake is at 43.5% with an elevation of 500.3' above sea level and 110,395 acre feet in storage.

### **1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

William Ulrich commented that there was no public review for the replacement of the vacant board seat left by Golden State Water

Company. Ulrich stated that the vacant board seat left by Conrow's retirement was provided by the Ojai Water Conservation District.

2. **March 30, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** On motion by Essick and seconded by Zimmer the minutes of the March 30, 2017 board meeting were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The March 2017 Treasurer's reports were received and filed. Conrow pointed out that the process to become a Sustainability Groundwater Management Agency has been costly.
4. **Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company's (SCMWC) Letter to the OBGMA Regarding Bedrock Wells Being Inside the OBGMA'S Jurisdiction:** Baggerly moved to remove SCMWC from the OBGMA'S billings since the bedrock wells were located outside of the OBGMA'S boundary. Essick seconded the motion. On a roll call vote; the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
5. **Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) Purchase of Golden State Water Company (GSWC):** Baggerly reported that CMWD has purchased GSWC and the actual sale will go through in mid-June. Baggerly stated that he had spoken with Denise Kruger, senior vicepresident from GSWC and Zimmer (GSWC'S board representative) will step down after the May 25, 2017 meeting.

Emily Thacher Ayala asked about how the water rates would be after the sale. Baggerly stated that it would currently be different with the Community Funding District and then would eventually be combined with CMWD.
6. **Alternative Demonstration Update:** Baggerly stated that there was nothing new to report.
7. **Annual Report 2015/2016 Water Year:** Baggerly moved to approve the Annual Report for the 2015/2016 Water Year and Essick seconded. On a roll call vote the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Baggerly directed VanDerMeer to post the Annual Report on the web site.
8. **Update on Groundwater Management Plan:** Conrow stated that the Groundwater Management Plan is very close to being complete. Kear stated that he will have a draft copy at the May 25, 2017 meeting and that it would be possible to have it approved by July 20, 2017.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 9. Consideration of Raising Extraction Fees:** Baggerly asked VanDerMeer if she had received any protest letters and she stated that she had only received 1. Essick moved to approve the raise in extraction fees to \$25.00 and Johnston seconded. On a roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.
- 10. Ojai Water Conservation District (OWCD) Board Member Replacement:** Conrow stated that the OWCD Board voted Jim Finch to represent them on the OBGMA Board and Emily Thacher Ayala as the alternative. OWCD is the agriculture representative on the OBGMA.
- 11. Recognition of Outgoing Board President Jerry Conrow:** The Board presented Conrow with a plaque thanking him for his service and dedication to the OBGMA.

**ADJOURN** -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be May 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

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