

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors  
From: Cece VanDerMeer  
Date: May 4, 2016  
Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Topa Topa 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: John Mundy; Consultant, Peter Candy; Attorney, Jordan Kear; Consultant, Rob Martin; Well Owner and William Ulrich; Gridley Water Group.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None
2. **Minutes:** On motion by Essick and seconded by Baggerly the minutes of the March 31, 2016 meeting were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasure's report was received and filed.
4. **Proposed water well permits (2):** Conrow stated that there is a well moratorium ordinance issued by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District on the drilling of new wells in the Basin. The Board agreed that the proposed permits were for new wells and the well moratorium was still in effect and at this time no new wells can be drilled in the Ojai Basin. The request for the well permits were denied.
5. **Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Basin Boundary Modification:** Mundy stated that he has been receiving correspondence regarding map clarifications from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) had Kear discussed the potential overlap of the Ojai Basin boundary and the Upper Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin as described by the Department of Water Resources and the modified map of the basin boundary had been completed by his staff. Baggerly stated that he had been discussing the new Sustainability Groundwater Management Act law with Attorney

Peter Candy. Candy stated that if a medium priority basin had more than 10 years of data and is sustainable, that the possibility of filing an updated Groundwater Management Plan would possibly suffice as an alternative solution to filing a Sustainability Management Plan. Candy produced information on Water Code S10723: Election to become a groundwater sustainability agency for a basin. The Board discussed options on updating the 2007 Management Plan and decided to update the existing 2007 Groundwater Management Plan and present it to the DWR under the alternative solution idea.

**6. Progress Reports:**

**a. Basin Water Level Report:** San Antonio Well #4 had a static level of 201' below ground level and pumping was unavailable due to the transducer being out of service. The flow rate was 196 gallons per minute (GPM). The Mutual Well #6 was pumping at a flow rate of 278 GPM with a static level of 236' and a pumping level of 421'.

**b. Kear Groundwater Monthly Report:** Kear's report covered the Basin Status and stated that he would be sending a basin monitoring report to Vandermeer in the office. Kear suggested that June would be a good time to send a guidance letter to the basin pumpers regarding well pumping.

**7. Director Reports and Comments (Board Members):**

Ojai Water Conservation District: None

Mutual's: None

City of Ojai: None

Golden State Water Company: None

Casitas Municipal Water District: Baggerly reported that the Lake level was 41.2% full and has 104,772 acre feet.

**ADJOURN** -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be May 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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Jerry Conrow, President