

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors

From: Cece VanDerMeer

Date: October 4, 2016

Subject: Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 29, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Commons 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: Jordan Kear; Kear Groundwater, John Mundy; Consultant, Peter Candy; Attorney, William Ulrich; Hermitage Water Group, Bill Warner; Ojai Valley News, Renee Roth and Angelo Spandrio; members of the public.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** William Ulrich asked how the OBGMA plans on replacing the vacant seat left by GSWC if Ojai Flow takes over as the water purveyor.
2. **Minutes:** On motion by Essick and seconded by Blatz the minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The August 2016 Treasurer's report was received and filed.
4. **Recharge to and Discharge from the Ojai Basin:** Conrow opened discussion on recharge and discharge water from the Basin. Kear explained that a natural recharge to the Basin originates as rainfall and infiltration to the Basin along creeks in the north and eastern portion of the Basin, as well as precipitation directly to the valley floor. Discharge via San Antonio Creek and pumping.
6. **Update from the Sustainability Groundwater Agency Ad Hoc Committee:** Baggerly explained that the Ad Hoc committee has not met for a few months due to the filing of an alternative plan to the Department of Water Resources. The alternative plan Kear explained would be in the form of an annual report prepared by and would be filed on or before January 2017, the report is based on a 10-year period 2006 - 2016, utilizing data discharge from the

basin not exceeding safe yield. Kear stated that the alternative plan is ideal for basins with existing management agencies and models and with no overdraft.

Mundy reported that Endangered Species Act for Fish and Game will be looking to make sure that water is available in San Antonio Creek to provide habitat to steelhead during the summer months. The OBGMA Plan will need to demonstrate how historical Creek flows along with Basin water demand and drought periods may have an impact on Steelhead.

7. Progress Reports:

a. Basin Water Level Report:

The Mutual Well #6 was pumping at a flow rate of 278 gallons per minute (GPM) with a static level of 190' below ground level (BGL) and a pumping level of 425' BGL.

San Antonio Well #4 had a static level of 207' BGL. At this time the well is off line and possibly will be for the remainder of the summer.

b. Kear Groundwater Monthly Report: Kear's presentation is in Agenda Item #4 above.

8. Director Reports and Comments (Board Members):

Ojai Water Conservation District: None

Mutual's: None

City of Ojai: None

Golden State Water Company: Zimmer reported that there will be a meeting in October regarding allocations.

Casitas Municipal Water District: Baggerly reported that the Lake level was 37.9%. The next trigger point for conservation will be 30% - stage 4.

ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be October 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
