

To: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors

From: Cece VanDerMeer

Subject: Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 5, 2017

The Special 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.

Directors present were: Dan Breen, Russ Baggerly, Johnny Johnston, Jim Finch, Jim Finch. Also present were: Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer and Attorney Peter Candy. Public present were Emily Ayala, Richard Hajas, Brandon Hanson, Renee Roth, Allegra Roth, William Weirick, Randy Haney and Bruce Kuebler.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No public comments were received.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD VACANCY:

Chair Breen stated that Agenda Item 2 is regarding SB 534, the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency's Enabling Legislature, updating Article 4, Section 401.2, which states that "One director shall be a representative of the Southern California Water Company".

Chair Breen opened the discussion for public comments:

Emily Ayala, Director on the Ojai Water Conservation District, stated that Ojai Flow had a purpose and now the purpose is gone, and she thinks that Ojai Flow would limit choosing a member at large.

Richard Hajas, Board Member of Ojai Flow, proposed that the Ojai Flow group would take nominations and select someone from their board. Hajas stated that Ojai Flow would want to make sure that there was no duplication of representations. Hajas presented a copy of Ojai Flow's Bylaws and a resolution adopting guiding principles for management of the Ojai Groundwater Basin.

Brandon Hanson, Water Well Driller, suggested that a representative from the public would be a valuable member on the OBGMA Board and that there are a variety of water well users.

Renee Roth, Ojai Valley Green Coalition member, suggested a public member at large.

Allegra Roth, Field Representative for Monique Limon, Assemblywoman, stated that Ms. Limon is wanting the vacant seat approval to be a consensus of the OBGMA board.

William Weirick, Ojai City Council, stated that if the OBGMA board could have a 2/2 vote when voting on the fifth board seat.

Randy Haney, Ojai City Council, questioned the limit of the term for the fifth board member.

Chair Breen requested a motion from the Board:

Director Finch motioned to direct staff to craft to avoid duplication of existing members from within the Community Facilities District (CFD) and with the selection criteria of the existing OBGMA Board. Director Baggerly seconded the motion.

Director Johnston requested that the motion be divided into two motions and the Board approved.

Motion 1: Accept the CFD as the limiting area, and to accept the limitations of this person.

On motion 1 roll call vote:

Director Johnston – Yes

Director Finch – Yes

Director Baggerly – Yes

Director Breen – Yes

Motion 2: The OBGMA be the agency to pick this person by majority vote.

On motion 2 roll call vote:

Director Johnston – No

Director Finch – Yes

Director Baggerly – Yes

Director Breen – Yes

Peter Candy, Attorney, recommended that the motion have term limits. The Board suggested a three-year term.

Chair Breen directed staff to create language for both of the motions and revisit the motions for final vote at the September 28, 2017 Board Meeting.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm. The next regular meeting will be on September 28, 2017.