

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 2024

The Regular Meeting of October 24, 2024, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

**Attendees were:** Board Members: Richard Hajas, Jim Finch, Bob Daddi and Andrew Whitman. General Manager Julia Aranda and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Peter Candy, Attorney and Jordan Kear, Consultant.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. VanDerMeer called the roll.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Hajas.

2. **Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:**

Mutuals: None

Ojai Water Conservation District: None

City of Ojai: None

Casitas Municipal Water District: None

Community Facilities District Report: None

3. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Aranda reported that she would be attending Ojai Day with Casitas Mutual Water District and would have information about the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency on hand. Aranda reported that she will be attending the Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Act 10-year anniversary event via Zoom.

4. **BASIN STATUS REPORT:**

Jordan Kear had a presentation "Dry But Not Scary Dry". Kear reported the Key Well was 97.55' below ground level and there was 64,800 acre-feet in the basin.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:**  
None.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. Daddi motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Finch seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.  
Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Whitman and Hajas  
Noes: None

**7. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a. Item: Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget**

The Board discussed the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.  
Finch motioned to approve the 2024-25 Budget. Whitman seconded.  
Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Whitman and Hajas  
Noes: None

**b. Item: Employment Agreements**

The Board discussed the Employment Agreements with Cece Vandermeer and Tara Ransom for the period October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.  
Daddi motioned to approve the Employment Agreements. Whitman seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Whitman and Hajas  
Noes: None

**c. Item: November and December Board Meetings**

The Board discussed moving the November 28, 2024, Board meeting to November 21, 2024, and cancelling the December 26, 2024. The Board decided to combine the next two scheduled Board meetings and meet on December 5, 2024. Daddi motioned to cancel the December 26, 2024, meeting and move the November 28 meeting to December 5, 2024. Finch seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Whitman and Hajas  
Noes: None

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**a. Item: Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Update**

The Ad-Hoc Committee did not meet.

**b. Item: Meter Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee Update**

Aranda reported that she will be sending out a 90-day notice to the unmetered well owners, which gives them a deadline of January 30, 2025, to install a meter.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on December 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_