

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTSIDE DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Held October 27, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority was held on October 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. by video and phone conference.

CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Goff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Rob Goff, Rob Yraceburu, and Bernard Pugét.

The following directors attended by video conference and/or teleconference: Rod Stiefvater and Leon Elwell.

The following director was not in attendance: Don Elholm.

Also present were: Morgan Mitchell, Alex Dominguez, Kim Constant, Justin Rowe, and Mark Gilkey.

Also attended by video conference and/or teleconference: Travis Millwee, Cody Tolbert, Brian Hauss, Tami Pensinger, Jamie Marquez, and Mary King.

ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE)
TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS)
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Following discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board made the determination, due to continuation of the Governor's Executive Order and imminent risk to health and safety, the Board will continue with the previous teleconferencing determinations under Assembly Bill 361 on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Bernard Pugét
Rob Yraceburu
Leon Elwell

Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: Don Elholm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA)
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Following discussion, on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Rob Yraceburu, and unanimously carried the Board approved the agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Bernard Pugét
Rob Yraceburu
Leon Elwell
Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: Don Elholm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
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No public participation.

MINUTES)
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Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2022: On motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Leon Elwell, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2022, was approved on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Bernard Pugét
Rob Yraceburu
Leon Elwell
Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: Don Elholm

GSA FORMATION UPDATE)
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Alex Dominguez reported that no comments have been received and the comment period ends November 30, 2022.

TODD GROUNDWATER)
BASIN STUDY)
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Morgan Mitchell reported that under SGMA, groundwater budgets determine how much groundwater can be extracted annually while maintaining sustainable groundwater levels. The KGA, as part of the Kern County subbasin coordination committee, is conducting a “basin study” to determine each management area’s portion of groundwater within the Kern County subbasin. The study will be conducted to produce defensible data for addressing groundwater budgets, fill data gaps in the Kern County subbasin and support the 2025 GSP update. The study will also be used to upgrade the overall water budget methodology by considering land use, surface hydrology, surface composition, ET and irrigation efficiency by employing findings in the Kern County hydrology manual, the USGS basin characterization model, FEMA flood data analysis, DWR AEM surveys and internal privately produced hydrogeologic study as well as geological surveys, etc.

2023 BUDGET)
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Justin Rowe reviewed the 2023 draft budget. Staff recommended that the 2023 budget be approved as presented. Following discussion, on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Rob Yraceburu, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2023 Budget on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Bernard Pugét
Rob Yraceburu
Leon Elwell
Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: Don Elholm


EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION)
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The President directed that the Board move into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation. Legal Counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.9, 54956.9(d)(2), and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the Directors, the Manager, Legal Counsel, Morgan Mitchell, Jamie Marquez, Justin Rowe, and Kim Constant, thereupon retired from the meeting.

Following the closed session, the meeting was again open to the public. Legal Counsel advised that no reportable action was taken in the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 10:07 a.m. on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried.



Rod Stiefvater
Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:



Rob Goff
Chairman