

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

Held May 3, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) was held on May 3, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in person and by video and phone conference.

CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Goff called the meeting to order at 8:30 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 due to participating in business on behalf of the Agency: Rod Stiefvater.

The following directors were not in attendance: Leon Elwell and Don Elholm.

Also present were: Tom Watson, Jamie Marquez, Morgan Mitchell, Kim Constant, Morgan Campbell, Justin Rowe, Mark Gilkey, and Alex Dominguez.

CHANGES TO AGENDA)
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There were no requests to revise the agenda.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE)
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Pursuant to AB 2449, Director Stiefvater notified the Board at the beginning of the meeting of his need to participate remotely because he was performing business on behalf of the Agency.

CONSENT AGENDA)
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The Chairman asked if there were any questions concerning the Consent Agenda, which items were detailed with staff reports in the Board packet. On motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried, the Board approved each item listed on the Consent Agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rob Yraceburu
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: Leon Elwell
Don Elholm

UPDATE TRI COUNTIES BANK)
SIGNATORIES)
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Staff recommended that the Board remove Don Elholm as a signatory for the Tri Counties Bank account. Following discussion, on motion of Bernard Pugét, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the Board removed Don Elholm as a signatory on the Tri Counties Bank account on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Goff
Rob Yraceburu
Bernard Pugét
Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: Leon Elwell
Don Elholm

WDWA GSA OPERATION UPDATE)
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Dan Ward arrived at this point in the meeting.

Executive Order N-7-22 Compliance: Morgan Campbell updated the Board on Executive Order N-7-22. Following discussion, staff recommended that the Agency continue to use the Kern Groundwater Authority's verification form for Executive Order N-7-22 compliance coverage.

Monitoring Network Updates and Groundwater Level Measurement Collection: Morgan Campbell reported on monitoring network updates and groundwater level measurement collection personnel. Morgan Campbell recommended to continue using staff to collect samples.

Update on Kern County Subbasin Department of Water Resources Groundwater Sustainability Plan Determination Letter: Morgan Campbell reported that the Kern County Subbasin received an inadequate determination letter from the Department of Water Resources.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
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Dan Ward (Wonderful Orchards) introduced himself to the Board.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION)
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The Chairman 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(d)(2), and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the Directors, legal counsel, Dan Ward, Morgan Mitchell, Tom Watson, Morgan Campbell, 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 10:59 a.m. on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Bernard Pugét, and unanimously carried.



Rod Stiefvater
Secretary of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Goff', is written over a horizontal line.

Rob Goff
Chairman