

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

Held June 17, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority was held on June 17, 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, Don Elholm, and Rod Stiefvater.

The following directors attended by video conference and/or teleconference: Bernard Pugét, and Leon Elwell.

Also present were: Travis Millwee; Alex Dominguez; Kim Constant; Justin Rowe; Mark Gilkey; and Joseph D. Hughes, Legal Counsel.

Also attended by video conference and/or teleconference: Steve Jackson; Leta Spencer; Audrey Arnao; Gnell Sparks; Jaime Marquez; and Monte Mitchell.

ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE)
TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS)
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Following discussion, on motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, 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
Don Elholm
Leon Elwell

Rod Stiefvater

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA)
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Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Don Elholm, and unanimously carried the Board approved the agenda on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
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No public participation.

GSA FORMATION)
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Public Hearing Regarding the Formation of a GSA

Conduct a Hearing Regarding the Formation of a GSA:

The Chairman opened the hearing to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed formation of a GSA in the Kern Subbasin. Staff reported that a Notice of Public Hearing was published in The Bakersfield Californian on June 3 and June 10, 2022. The Chairman then invited the public to provide comment. There being none, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Resolution 3 Authorizing the Formation of a GSA:

On motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Don Elholm, Resolution 3 entitled “RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTSIDE DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY TO FORM A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE KERN SUBBASIN PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT” was adopted on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Morgan Mitchell left at this point in the meeting.

PUBLIC WELL REMOVAL PLAN)

Justin Rowe presented a proposal for retaining Aquilogic to conduct a study to identify the quantity and distribution of active groundwater wells in WDWA (Study). The proposal included 1) gathering information from CASGEM, Kern County well permits, WRD Interactive Well Search, SGMA Portal, and CA DWR Water Data Library Station Map; 2) identifying wells near the aqueduct; 3) assessing all non-oilfield wells within WDWA; 4) ground-truthing wells; and 5) providing a technical memorandum regarding the scope of services described. The total estimated cost is not to exceed \$16,000. Staff recommended the Board approve the Study to provide the scope of services described. Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Rob Yraceburu, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the scope of services as described on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ADDITION OF THIRD)
MONITORING WELL)
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Justin Rowe reported that prior to May 2022, WDWA had three SGMA monitoring wells. With three monitoring wells, an exceedance of one well would trigger a basin-wide adverse event. With five to six monitoring wells, an exceedance of two wells would trigger a basin-wide adverse event. WDWA has added two wells since May 2022, bringing the total amount of monitoring wells to five. Staff recommended approving a third well, totaling six monitoring wells. Following discussion, on motion of Don Elholm, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, recused by Leon Elwell, and carried, the Board approved the addition of a third monitoring well on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

OTHER AUTHORITY ITEMS)
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LandIQ for Consumptive Use Monitoring Network Update: Justin Rowe reminded the Board that SGMA regulations require certain systems within a common area to use the same data source or the same methodology. Both groundwater recovery and water budgets fall into that category and that data is provided to DWR by the KGA every year in the annual report. Historically, this data would be provided to the KGA by WDWA using delivered water measurements and data provided by Cal Poly's ITRC. ITRC is no longer providing monthly data. The Board was presented with two alternatives: Open ET and Land IQ. During the April 19, 2022 WDWA Board meeting, the Board approved using Land IQ going forward. The original report stated that annual services ranged from approximately \$139,000.00 to \$168,000.00 depending on the number of participants within the Kern Subbasin. Mr. Rowe then reported that costs for annual services dropped due to

the approval of the Prop 1 grant and Prop 68 grant and can range from approximately \$119,647.00 to \$143,531.00 depending on the number of participants within the Kern Subbasin.

KGA Response to DWR Determination Letter Update: Justin Rowe reported the following regarding KGA's response to the DWR determination letter: 1) the KGA GSP must explain the selection of groundwater MTs for the WDWA area by resetting incorrect MTs for appropriate wells; 2) WDWA must establish MTs and MOs for new monitoring wells by adding more wells to the monitoring network; and 3) WDWA must approve a MT for groundwater quality.

Corrective Actions Update: Justin Rowe reported that WDWA has reset the incorrect MTs, created a better description of MTs for inclusion in updated GSP, and has added more wells to establish MT and MOs for new monitoring wells. The approval of the MT for groundwater quality is in progress.

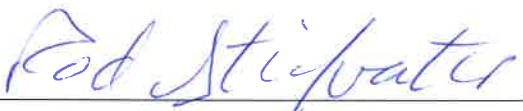
EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION)
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The President directed that the Board move into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation. Legal Counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code sections 54956.8, 54956.9(d)(2), and 54956.9(d)(4). All persons other than the Directors, the Manager, Legal Counsel, Alex Dominguez, 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.

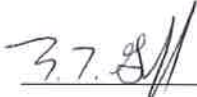
ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 10:21 a.m. on motion of Bernard Pug t, seconded by Rob Yraceburu, and unanimously carried.



Rod Stiefvater
Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:



Rob Goff
Chairman