

**MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUB-BASIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:00 p.m.

City of Visalia Administration Building  
220 North Santa Fe Street – Visalia, CA 93292

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Howard Stroman (Alt.), Greg Nunley, Dave Martin, David Bixler, Steve Nelsen, Greg Collins

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Olmos, Leslie Caviglia, Aaron Fukuda, Paul Hendrix, Ken Richardson, Joe Carlini, Kathy Artis, Ken Richardson, Gladys Ruiz

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Blake Wilbur, Tammy Kelly, Bob Ludakens, Richard Garcia

**1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:**

Chair Nelsen opened the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chair Nelsen called for comments from any members of the public present at the meeting. There were no comments made.

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**a. Approve Minutes of November 9, 2017 Board Meeting**

Director Bixler called attention to the reconciliation needed concerning the board members indicated as being absent and the 5 to 0 vote. The correction was arrived upon and it was then moved by Director Bixler, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as corrected.

**b. Review and Approve Member Contributions to Administrative and Planning Expense Budgets of one-third each for Tulare ID, City of Visalia and City of Tulare\***

P. Hendrix reiterated that an expense budget had been approved at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, but that the Board was unable to agree on member contributions thereto. He added that discussions had since taken place as among the Management Committee as to the JPA formation documents, the prior understandings of each member stemming from the GSA formation in the fall of 2015, and in reaction to the legal opinion distributed concerning the then-current situation.

Mr. Hendrix then put forth a Management Committee recommendation which was that, when coupled with a date certain to reset all Member contributions to the

administrative and planning budgets, an equal sharing of such expenses will continue through the end of FY 2019-20. He then called out the specific elements of the recommendation as identified in the Agenda Item 3.b staff report, which are:

- 1) Administrative and planning expenses to be shared equally, i.e., one-third each, among the three GSA Members through FY 2019-20 (ending June 30, 2020).
- 2) Extraordinary income such as grants to be likewise shared equally among the Members as is currently specified in the JPA.
- 3) Beginning in FY 2020-21, the Members' relative contributions to the administrative and planning/implementation budgets are to be revised. The revisions to said contributions and their resetting for FY 2020-21 and future years is to be founded on, among other things, the information and findings developed by GEI or other GSA consultants regarding water budgets and need for projects and management actions per the GSP, the benefits and beneficiaries of such projects, the various funding mechanisms as may be defined or determined to be applicable for the different jurisdictions or GSP Management Areas that may be established, and on an analysis of the administrative functions of the GSA in serving its Members during GSP implementation and/or during any residual planning efforts.

Director Collins then inquired as to methods to collect revenues by the GSA in the future, including property assessments, to which Mr. Hendrix indicated that GSAs have authority to do so pending legal protocol and Board direction at the GSP implementation phase. Director Collins also asked what sources of grant funding may be available to cover future costs, and Mr. Hendrix indicated that a Prop 1 planning grant is currently being sought, and that additional state grant programs may be forthcoming.

Director Stroman asked about an earlier recommendation regarding Member contributions made at the November 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting and the basis therefor. Mr. Hendrix stated that this earlier contribution split was based on an evaluation of parameters used by adjacent GSAs such as size, population and also water balance estimates. He added that this recommendation did not receive the full support of the Board and thus was not acted upon. Director Stroman then sought confirmation that the current one-third sharing recommendation was consistent with past practice, and that at the onset of FY 2020-21 new funding criteria will be implemented to determine Member contributions to the budget. Mr. Hendrix responded that the current recommendation was consistent with the prior years' collections from Members and that as of July 1, 2020 new contribution arrangements will be implemented as approved by the Board.

With no further discussion, by the motion of Director Bixler, second by Director Nunley and unanimously carried, the Management Committee recommendation for Member contributions to the GSA's administrative and planning expense budgets as articulated in the Agenda Item 3.b staff report, i.e., one-third each for the current

fiscal year and through FY 2019-20 followed by a reset of said contributions for future years commencing with FY 2020-21, was approved.

**c. Advisory Committee Meeting – Status**

P. Hendrix announced that, with now a full slate of Advisory Committee members, a meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>, and that more frequent scheduling of these meetings can be anticipated in the future.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Nelsen adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Board Chair

Attest:

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Board Secretary

\* Staff reports and/or other documents provided.