

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS -REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES April 15, 2021

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: (4)

- RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606:
Wm. Cory Carvalho, President
- JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT:
Robert Motte
Salvador Parra, Jr.
Manny Amorelli, Executive Director

INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT:

None

PUBLIC/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: (2)

- JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT:
Walter Flores, Office Manager
Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant

DIRECTORS EXCUSED:

None

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

- JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT:
Micah Combs, Vice-President

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("James GSA") was held Thursday, April 15, 2021, in the Agency office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m., by President, Wm. Cory Carvalho. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the declared State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19 virus pandemic. Members of the public were encouraged to access the meeting via internet/Zoom or to use the call-in number to allow them to fully participate in the meeting without having to be present.

II. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

B. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

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C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (FPPC §87105)

Directors were given an opportunity to identify a potential conflict-of-interest with items appearing on the Agenda; none were reported.

III. MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 21, 2021

M/S/C (S.PARRA / E.AMORELLI), to APPROVE as written

AYES: 4 (S.Parra, E.Amorelli, R.Motte, W.Carvalho)

ABSENT: 1 (M.Combs)

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Water Code §24273, reports were presented by Mr. Amorelli as follows:

A. INTERIM WARRANTS: JANUARY 22, 2021-APRIL 15, 2021 (Att.1)

M/S/C (S.PARRA / R.MOTTE), to RATIFY/APPROVE Interim Warrants totaling \$10,937.50 **PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: 4 (S.Parra, R.Motte, E.Amorelli, W.Carvalho)

ABSENT: 1 (M.Combs)

B. CASH POSITION REPORT: MARCH 31, 2021

C. INCOME STATEMENTS (BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL) PERIOD ENDING: MARCH 31, 2021

D. QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS-PERIOD ENDING: MARCH 31, 2021

V. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- VICE-PRESIDENT, SAL PARRA discussed goals of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("MAGSA") which will include water banking for municipalities while retaining a 10% share. Mr. Parra suggested this Board may want to give consideration in the future to participating in their program as we need to recharge the underground aquifer whenever possible.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amorelli presented his verbal report as follows.

- Provost & Pritchard is designing a proposal for a James GSA monitoring well, location to be determined.

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- California Department of Water Resources Grants – A total of \$60 million in State grants may become available this year. Provost & Pritchard is evaluating potential projects. Scoring of grant applicants is anticipated to be similar to the last round.
- Kings Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency - The Annual Report for the Kings Subbasin GSA has been submitted. For the 2019-2020 Water Year, total basin deliveries were 940,000 acre-feet compared to 1.8 million acre-feet the prior water year. The total change in storage was estimated to be -550,000 acre-feet compared to +390,000 acre-feet the prior year. Another drop is expected this year due to continuing drought conditions.
- Kings Groundwater Subbasin Coordinating Committee will meet April 16th.

VII. REPORT ITEMS

- A. SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING (04/15/2021)
Sexual Harassment Training class is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. (2 hours).

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

None

Adjourned to Closed Session at 9:15 a.m.

Attending:

*Wm. Cory Carvalho, President
Salvador Parra, Jr.
Robert Motte*

Staff:

Manny Amorelli, Executive Director

IX. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

- A. AS DEFENDANT: 1 CASE

1. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY VS. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT; JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00507

Reconvened in Open Session at 9:29 a.m.

X. REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION (Gov. Code §54957.1)

No reportable actions were taken during Closed Session.

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XI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:30 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2021.

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Donna Y. Hanneman , Executive Assistant
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Wm. Cory Carvalho, President
JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Manny Amorelli, Executive Director
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1 Interim Warrants: January 22, 2021-April 15, 2021, \$10,937.50