

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

November 19, 2020

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: (4)

- RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606:
Wm. Cory Carvalho, President
- JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT:
Micah Combs, Vice-President
Robert Motte
Salvador Parra, Jr.

DIRECTORS EXCUSED:

None

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT:

None

PUBLIC/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: (5)

- JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT:
Manny Amorelli, General Manager
Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant
Kenneth Mancini, Superintendent
- YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE LLP
Alan F. Doud, Esq.
(Telephone: 2:03-2:56 p.m.)
- PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING
Ronald Samuelian, P.E.
(Telephone: 2:03-2:32 p.m.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("James GSA") was held Thursday, November 19, 2020, in the Agency office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m., by President, Wm. Cory Carvalho. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

II. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

B. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

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.

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III. REPORT ITEMS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (11/19/2020)

President Wm. Cory Carvalho requested this item be placed on today's Agenda to discuss the election of officers that will be conducted at the next Regular Meeting in January, 2021. While Mr. Carvalho would like to remain involved in the activities of this body, he felt a Board member representing the James Irrigation District (James ID) would be better suited and better informed to lead as President since James Irrigation District meets monthly, is primarily focused on water issues. Mr. Carvalho represents Reclamation District No.1606 whose Board meets quarterly and is limited in its exposure to water matters. The Board took no action.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. RESOLUTION 2020-01 CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION (11/19/2020) (Att.1)

M/S/C (R.MOTTE / S.PARRA), to UPDATE BANK/FINANCIAL INSTITUTION SIGNATORIES as follows:

1. Wm. Cory Carvalho, President
2. Micah Combs, Vice-President
3. Salvador Parra, Jr.
4. Manny Amorelli, Executive Director

AYES: 4 (W.Carvalho, M.Combs, R.Motte, S.Parra)

B. DWR SGMA GRANT SOLICITATION (10/15/2020)

Ronald Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, is assisting with the Kings Groundwater Subbasin application to the California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant solicitation and sought guidance from Board. Copies of "Engineering Services for SGM Grant Application Support for James Bypass Basins Conceptual Level Improvements" and "Preliminary Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost" were provided for review/discussion. (Att's.2, 3)

Mr. Samuelian noted Steve Stadler had submitted five separate projects for consideration with improvements to the existing James Bypass facilities Basins No's. 1, 2 and 3 and the Auxiliary or Eastside Channel being the highest priority. To have Provost & Pritchard assist with our application would cost \$10,000/non-refundable and must be submitted no later than January 8, 2021. Should the Board wish to move forward, a commitment of \$500,000 would be required to meet our cost share.

Unfortunately, projects submitted by member GSAs to the Kings Subbasin Coordinating Committee have exceeded the maximum total of \$5 million. Mr. Samuelian noted if our project scores high enough, it could potentially qualify for funding. However, he cautioned this to be a highly-competitive, statewide offering with the possibility our project may not

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score as well under the disadvantaged community requirement, potentially jeopardizing the Kings GSA applications as a whole. There are four other applications under consideration by the Kings Coordinating Committee which will be evaluated at their November 20th meeting. Manny Amorelli will be participating remotely.

M/S/C (R.MOTTE / M.COMBS), to AUTHORIZE PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING TO PROCEED AND COMMIT TO MOVING FORWARD WITH THE BASIN 2 PROJECT CONTINGENT UPON THE SUPPORT OF THE KINGS SUBBASIN COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

AYES: 4 (R.Motte, M.Combs, S.Parra, W.Carvalho)

Adjourned to Closed Session at 2: 35 p.m.

Attending:

Wm. Cory Carvalho, President
Micah Combs, Vice-President
Robert Motte, Director
Salvador Parra, Jr., Director

James Irrigation District

Manny Amorelli, General Manager

Young Wooldridge, LLP

Alan F. Doud, Esq.

V. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

2 CASES

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

A. AS DEFENDANT: 1 CASE

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

VII. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54957 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reconvened in Open Session at 2:53 p.m.

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VIII. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

➤ CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54957 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

M/S/C (M.COMBS / R.MOTTE), to APPOINT MANNY AMORELLI AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

AYES: 4 (M.Combs, R.Motte, S.Parra, W.Carvalho)

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, M/S/C (S.PARRA / M.COMBS), to ADJOURN the meeting at 2:56 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021, UNANIMOUSLY PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (S.Parra, M.Combs, R.Motte, M.Amorelli, W.Carvalho)

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Donna Y. Hanneman , Executive Assistant
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Wm. Cory Carvalho, President
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Manny Amorelli, Executive Director
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2020-01 Corporate Authorization Resolution, Adopted November 19, 2020
2. Engineering Services for SGM Grant Application Support for James Bypass Basins Conceptual Level Improvements, James Irrigation District, California, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, October 5, 2020
3. Preliminary Engineer's Opinion of Probably Construction Cost, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, October 29, 2020 Rev Draft