

CAWELO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

~~17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308~~

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Thursday, July 8, 2021 - 8:40 a.m.

MINUTES

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| DIRECTORS PRESENT: | Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, John Gaugel |
| STAFF PRESENT: | David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, Celynn Lyman |
| LEGAL COUNSEL: | Robert Hartsock |
| OTHER ATTENDEES: | Jessica Bertao, Bruce Kelsey, Brody Russell, Andy Schweikart, Cody Tolbert |

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 8:40 a.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

The minutes of Special Board Meeting for June 10, 2021 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the minutes from June 10, 2021 be approved as presented.*

D. UPDATE ON LOCAL SGMA ACTIVITIES

In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff reported that GEI's "shell" Data Management System (DMS) was available to GSA's as of June 11, 2021. Spring 2021 seasonal water levels were uploaded to the DMS and KGA submitted water level data to the Department of Water Resources on June 30, 2021.

a) Review KGA Kern County Subbasin Native Yield Study and CV2SimFG-Kern Model Recalibration Proposal:

Mr. Halopoff provided an update that Todd Groundwater has revised the Native Yield Study (Study) and CV2SimFG-Kern Model Recalibration (Model Update) proposal to include comments suggested by the GSA/MA Managers. The Study proposes to account for and quantify all water sources providing natural recharge within the Kern County Subbasin (from sources such as precipitation, creeks, and rivers). The goal of the Study is to provide a technically credible analysis of all natural groundwater recharge sources to determine the basin wide volumes and distribution of each component comprising native yield. It is not intended for the study to determine ownership of recharge sources. The goal of the Model Update is to include the information obtained during the Study, and also update the Model to better reflect Kern County management / waterway boundaries,

river and creek flows, return flows, and calibrate the Model.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried, that the KGA Kern County Subbasin Native Yield Study and SV2SimFG-Kern Model Recalibration Scope of Work be approved as presented.*

b) Review KGA Resolution for Considering GSA Boundary Adjustment:

Mr. Halopoff reported that the KGA has incorporated comments received to the draft policy for considering GSA boundary adjustment. The policy outlines various items the requesting GSA is to provide to the KGA to aid them in evaluating the boundary adjustment request.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the KGA Resolution for Considering GSA Boundary Adjustment be approved as presented.*

c) Approve KGA Action Plan Related to Exceedance of Minimum Thresholds:

Mr. Halopoff reported that the KGA has incorporated comments received regarding the draft action plan that provides a framework / requirements for GSAs/MAs to follow when a Representative Monitoring Well (RMW) site exceeds the Minimum Threshold (MT). The draft action plan outlines the requirements each KGA GSA/MA is to follow after the exceedance of an MT. Requirements generally include identifying the MT exceedance and developing a summary report investigating the cause; evaluation of contributing factors in adjacent MAPs (if applicable); consideration of revisions to the monitoring network; reevaluation of existing Management Action implementation timelines and consideration of enforcement actions. The GSA/MA is to provide updates to the KGA throughout the review process and the KGA can make recommendations but cannot force any action on the GSA/MA.

After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried, that the KGA Action Plan related to the Exceedance of Minimum Thresholds be approved as presented.*

A brief discussion regarding agenda items from the June 2021 KGA Board Meeting followed.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The CGSA Special Board meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next regular CGSA Board Meeting is set for Thursday, August 12, 2021.

Brian Blackwell

Brian Blackwell, CGSA Board Secretary