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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency”)
Board of Directors (“Directors”) will hold a
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
at 1:00 P.M. on
Thursday, July 16, 2020**

In accordance with the **California Governor’s Executive Stay at Home Order** and the **County of Ventura Health Officer Declared Local Health Emergency and Be Well at Home Order** resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Ventura City Hall is closed to the public. Therefore, the Mound Basin GSA will hold its Regular Board of Directors meeting virtually using the Zoom video conferencing application.

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MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 1:00 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

The Board will receive public comments on items not appearing on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency. The Board will not enter into a detailed discussion or take any action on any items presented during public comments. Such items may only be referred to the Executive Director or other staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Persons wishing to speak on specific agenda items should do so at the time specified for those items. In accordance with Government Code § 54954.3(b)(1), public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

3. ROLL CALL

4. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ZOOM FEATURES (mute microphone, open/close camera, raise hand for questions, etc.)

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

6a Approval of Minutes
Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the June 18, 2020, Regular Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting and Public Hearing.

6b Approval of Warrants
Motion

The Board will consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices.

6c Monthly Financial Reports
Information Item

The Board will receive monthly profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the month of June 2020.

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

7a Directors will provide updates on matters not on the agenda.

7b Directors will provide oral reports of time spent on grant eligible activities since the previous regular Board meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director will provide an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board meeting, including a recurring GSP Development update.

9. INFORMATION ITEM

9a Mound Basin Study Presentation
Information Item

The Board will receive a presentation from the City of Ventura concerning its Mound Basin Study.

10. MOTION ITEMS

10a GSP Monthly Update (Grant Category (c), Task 3 and Category (d), Task 4)

Motion

The Board will receive an update from the Executive Director concerning development of the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plan and grant status. The Board may provide feedback or direction to staff

10b Sustainability Goal Public Draft Release (Grant Category (d), Task 4)

Motion

The Board will consider approving the draft sustainability goal description for public comment release.

10c Set Date and Time for GSP Stakeholder Workshop - Webinar (Grant Category (c), Task 3)

Motion

The Board will consider setting the date and time for Stakeholder Workshop No.1.

10d Past Due Groundwater Extraction Fees

Motion

The Board will consider directing staff to pursue payment of unpaid extraction fees from landowners.

10e Reappointment of Stakeholder Directors

Motion

The Board will consider reappointing the Agriculture and Environmental Stakeholder Directors for a new one-year term (August 2020-August 2021).

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **August 20, 2020**, or call of the Chair.

Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at UWCD's offices at 1701 North Lombard Street in Oxnard during normal business hours.

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Approved: _____



Executive Director Bryan Bondy

Posted: (date) July 9, 2020 (time) 12:00 p.m. (attest) Jackie Lozano
At: <https://moundbasingsa.org>

Posted: (date) July 9, 2020 (time) 12:15 p.m. (attest) Jackie Lozano
At: <https://www.facebook.com/moundbasingsa/>

Posted: (date) July 9, 2020 (time) 12:30 p.m. (attest) Jackie Lozano
At: United Water Conservation District, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING and PUBLIC RATES HEARING

Thursday, June 18, 2020 | 1:00 PM
via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING

Mike Mobley, Chair
Susan Rungren, Secretary (arrived at 1:22 p.m.)
Glenn Shephard, Treasurer
Jim Chambers
Conner Everts

STAFF PARTICIPATING

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board
Joseph Hughes, Agency Counsel

PUBLIC PARTICIPATING

Burt Handy
Neal Maguire
Eddie Pech, DWR
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
John Lindquist, UWCD
Ambry Tibay, UWCD

CALL TO ORDER 1:01 PM

Chair Mobley called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mobley led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chair Mobley asked if there were any public comments or questions for the Board. None were offered.

3. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. All directors were present for the meeting, except for Director Rungren who arrived at 1:22 p.m.

4. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ZOOM FEATURES

Chair Mobley provided a short introduction of Zoom features.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Executive Director Bondy advised that Item 9b needs to be rescheduled and requested removal from the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended: Director Shephard; Second, Director Everts. Roll call vote: four ayes (Shepard, Everts, Chambers, Mobley), none opposed, one absent (Rungren). Motion carried 4/0/1.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6a Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the May 21, 2020, Regular Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting.

6b Approval of Warrants

Motion

The Board will consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices.

6c Monthly Financial Reports

Information Item

The Board will receive monthly profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the month of May 2020.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Director Shephard; Second, Director Chambers. Director Everts stated that he will abstain because he was not present at the May 21 Board meeting. Roll call vote: three ayes (Shephard, Chambers, Mobley), none opposed, one abstained (Everts), and one absent (Rungren). Motion carried 3/0/1/1.

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

7a None offered.

7b Since the previous Board meeting, the Directors reported no time spent on grant eligible activities.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report with the Board. Regarding the new groundwater monitoring well planned under DWR's technical support services (TSS) program, the City of Ventura is working to determine whether a Coastal Development Permit will be required for the preferred location.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9a Groundwater Extraction Fee Payment Status

Information Item

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report with the Board. Executive Director Bondy recommended giving the well operator one month to respond to the certified letter and revisit the issue with the Board at its July meeting.

No Board discussion.

No public comment.

10. MOTION ITEMS

10a **GSP Monthly Update (Grant Category (d), Task 4)** **Motion**

Director Rungren joined the meeting during the item.

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report with the Board.

Burt Handy asked if the MBGSA has investigated use of airborne geophysics to delineate the offshore extent of Mound Basin's aquifers, which he heard was being used in Monterey County. Executive Director Bondy replied that he was not sure whether the geophysical method would work because of the high electrical conductivity of seawater in the Pacific Ocean might overwhelm the signal.

Director Everts asked how the MBGSA could measure its efforts in reaching out to people through email or online with questions. Director Mobley responded that the information will be posted on the website and the individuals can find the data there. Director Everts expressed a concern that some people may not know about the website and questioned if there are any plans for outreach beyond that. Director Mobley suggested adding a notice in the monthly bills to get people to notice and direct them to check out the website.

Executive Director Bondy mentioned Director Rungren offered to include a bill stuffer in the City's water bills and he will follow-up with the City. Director Chambers recommended posting information to the website when there is a notification.

No further comments.

10b **Sustainable Management Criteria Overview and Sustainability Goal Discussion (Grant Category (d), Task 4)** **Motion**

Executive Director Bondy provided an overview and proposal for work being done to define the Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs) for the Mound Basin GSA. The SMCs are an important part of the GSP, defining conditions in the basin that are desirable to achieve and what actions to take to sustain those conditions. Executive Director Bondy summarized the key points about SMCs as described in the staff report.

Following Executive Director Bondy's summary, Chair Mobley asked Eddie Pech of DWR if he had anything to add. Mr. Pech responded Executive Director Bondy covered everything thoroughly and in good detail.

Executive Director Bondy then noted that the first step in the process of developing SMCs is for the MBGSA to develop an overall "sustainability goal." He shared a draft sustainability goal (included in the staff report) for the Board of Directors to review and discuss.

Director Everts asked if the sustainable yield of Mound Basin was known yet. Executive Director Bondy stated that a sustainable yield value cannot be determined until SMCs have been established. A big challenge in other basins in their development of GSPs is that stakeholders have often felt that the overall sustainability goal and the SMCs were selected arbitrarily, resulting in lower sustainable yields than might otherwise have been calculated. To avoid that kind of stakeholder frustration, Executive Director Bondy

suggested that it was very important that the SMCs be established before proposing a sustainable yield value for Mound Basin.

Chair Mobley recapped the discussion, asking if his interpretation was correct: first, the Board of Directors should review the draft sustainability goal by the July MBGSA Board of Directors meeting, then revise and share with stakeholders, and potentially adopt it in August. Executive Director Bondy agreed but said that the Board could be flexible on the timing, depending on stakeholder feedback.

Director Chambers mentioned the sustainable yield is just a projection and will need to be adjusted as new data becomes available.

Director Shepard appreciates Executive Director Bondy's work and thorough thoughts on the process. He supports the proposed path for this summer.

No further comments.

Motion to approve the GSP update and the planned process for moving forward with the Sustainable Management Criteria Overview and Sustainability Goal: Director Rungren; Second, Director Chambers. Roll call vote: five ayes (Rungren, Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Shephard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0/0.

10c PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 2020-01: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Fees Against All Persons Operating Groundwater Extraction Facilities Within the Mound Basin for the 6th and 7th Semiannual Billing Periods (July-December 2020-01).

Chair Mobley opened-up the public hearing to discuss the potential extraction fees and invited the public to comment. No public comment or testimony was offered. Chair Mobley closed the hearing and asked the Board if there was a motion to adopt the resolution.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-01: Director Everts; Second, Director Rungren. Roll call vote: five ayes (Everts, Rungren, Chambers, Mobley, Shephard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0/0.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mound Basin Study presentation.
- Director Everts will report back to the Board on his attendance of the GDE webinar.

ADJOURNED 1:59 PM

The Board adjourned at 1:59 PM to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on **Thursday, July 16, 2020**, or call of the Chair.

I certify that above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of June 18, 2020.

ATTEST: _____
Susan Rungren, Board Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Check Detail

July 1 - 9, 2020

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Original Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	11346	07/09/2020	United Water Conservation District	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-8,524.42
Bill Pmt -Check	11347	07/09/2020	INTERA Incorporated	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-19,949.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11348	07/09/2020	County of Ventura- IT Services Department	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-873.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11349	07/09/2020	Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-10,725.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11350	07/09/2020	A.J. Klein, Inc T. Denatale, B. Goldner	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-118.00
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MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Item No. 6(c)

DATE: July 16, 2020
TO: Board of Directors and Executive Director
FROM: Erin Gorospe, UWCD
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Reports

SUMMARY

The Board will receive the monthly financial reports for the Mound Basin GSA.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

UWCD accounting staff has prepared preliminary financial reports based on the Mound Basin GSA revenue and expenses for the month of June 2020.

Billing for the January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 groundwater extraction fees is still in progress and expected to be completed in September 2020. Therefore, revenue for that period is not yet included in the attached reports. Other year-end items still in progress are the grant revenue for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, accrual of interest on the loan from the City and accrual of late fees for unpaid groundwater extraction fees. A revised report will be presented to the Board once the groundwater extraction fee billing has been completed.

BACKGROUND

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. June 2020 Profit/Loss Statement - Preliminary
- B. June 2020 Profit/Loss by Class - Preliminary
- C. June 2020 Balance Sheet - Preliminary

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Profit & Loss Budget Performance - Preliminary
July 2019 through June 2020

	<u>Jul '19 - Jun 20</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income			
40001 · Groundwater Extraction Fees	104,165.85	187,500.00	55.56%
41000 · Grant revenue			
41001 · State Grants	56,710.55	74,667.91	
Total 41000 · Grant revenue	56,710.55	74,667.91	75.95%
47000 · Other Revenue			
47001 · Late Fees	2,507.10	2,449.12	
Total 47000 · Other Revenue	2,507.10	2,449.12	102.37%
Total Income	163,383.50	264,617.03	
Gross Profit	163,383.50	264,617.03	61.74%
Expense			
52200 · Professional Services			
52240 · Prof Svcs - IT Consulting	1,450.64	893.00	162.45%
52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwater/GSP Pre			
52252 · Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant	190,283.18	145,000.00	131.23%
52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwater/GSP Pre - Other	0.00	0.00	
Total 52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwater/GSP Pre	190,283.18	145,000.00	131.23%
52270 · Prof Svcs - Accounting	18,091.92	17,000.00	106.42%
52275 · Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd	5,386.20	5,000.00	107.72%
52280 · Prof Svcs - Executive Director	18,378.75	15,000.00	122.53%
Total 52200 · Professional Services	233,590.69	182,893.00	127.72%
52500 · Legal Fees			
52501 · Legal Counsel	1,739.00	7,500.00	
Total 52500 · Legal Fees	1,739.00	7,500.00	23.19%
53000 · Office Expenses			
53010 · Public Information	588.08	588.08	100.00%
53020 · Office Supplies	26.62	1,015.00	2.62%
53026 · Postage & Mailing	3,337.19	3,600.00	92.70%
53070 · Licenses, Permits & Fees	454.40		
53110 · Travel & Training	322.42	1,000.00	32.24%
Total 53000 · Office Expenses	4,728.71	6,203.08	76.23%
53500 · Insurance			
53510 · Liability Insurance	2,397.72	2,126.00	112.78%
Total 53500 · Insurance	2,397.72	2,126.00	112.78%
70000 · Interest & Debt Service			
70120 · Interest Expense	0.00	1,238.00	
Total 70000 · Interest & Debt Service	0.00	1,238.00	
Total Expense	242,456.12	199,960.08	121.25%
Net Income	<u><u>-79,072.62</u></u>	<u><u>64,656.95</u></u>	<u><u>-122.30%</u></u>

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Profit & Loss by Class - Preliminary
July 2019 through June 2020

	A - Grant Administration	B - Model and Studies	Task 03 - Stakeholder Outreach (C - Planning Activities)	Total C - Planning Activities	Task 04 - GSP Development (D - GSP Development)	Total D - GSP Development	Unclassified	TOTAL
Income								
40001 - Groundwater Extraction Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104,165.85	104,165.85
41000 - Grant revenue								
41001 - State Grants	17,110.55	39,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56,710.55
Total 41000 - Grant revenue	17,110.55	39,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56,710.55
47000 - Other Revenue								
47001 - Late Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,507.10	2,507.10
Total 47000 - Other Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,507.10	2,507.10
Total Income	17,110.55	39,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	106,672.95	163,383.50
Gross Profit	17,110.55	39,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	106,672.95	163,383.50
Expense								
52200 - Professional Services								
52240 - Prof Svcs - IT Consulting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,450.64	1,450.64
52250 - Prof Svcs - Groundwater/GSP Pre								
52252 - Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant	21,498.75	35,923.75	1,560.00	1,560.00	129,789.43	129,789.43	0.00	188,771.93
Total 52250 - Prof Svcs - Groundwater/GSP Pre	21,498.75	35,923.75	1,560.00	1,560.00	129,789.43	129,789.43	0.00	188,771.93
52270 - Prof Svcs - Accounting	2,443.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,648.06	18,091.92
52275 - Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,386.20	5,386.20
52280 - Prof Svcs - Executive Director	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,890.00	19,890.00
Total 52200 - Professional Services	23,942.61	35,923.75	1,560.00	1,560.00	129,789.43	129,789.43	42,374.90	233,590.69
52500 - Legal Fees								
52501 - Legal Counsel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,739.00	1,739.00
Total 52500 - Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,739.00	1,739.00
53000 - Office Expenses								
53010 - Public Information	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	588.08	588.08
53020 - Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.62	26.62
53026 - Postage & Mailing	0.00	3,147.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	189.90	3,337.19
53070 - Licenses, Permits & Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	454.40	454.40
53110 - Travel & Training	0.00	0.00	2.87	2.87	59.76	59.76	259.79	322.42
Total 53000 - Office Expenses	0.00	3,147.29	2.87	2.87	59.76	59.76	1,518.79	4,728.71
53500 - Insurance								
53510 - Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,397.72	2,397.72
Total 53500 - Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,397.72	2,397.72
Total Expense	23,942.61	39,071.04	1,562.87	1,562.87	129,849.19	129,849.19	48,030.41	242,456.12
Net Income	-6,832.06	528.96	-1,562.87	-1,562.87	-129,849.19	-129,849.19	58,642.54	-79,072.62

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Balance Sheet - Preliminary

As of June 30, 2020

Jun 30, 20

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · Bank of the Sierra 248,352.02

Total Checking/Savings 248,352.02

Accounts Receivable

11000 · Accounts Receivable 25,805.21

Total Accounts Receivable 25,805.21

Total Current Assets 274,157.23

TOTAL ASSETS 274,157.23

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

20000 · Accounts Payable 40,189.42

Total Accounts Payable 40,189.42

Other Current Liabilities

20001 · Advance from City of Ventura 55,000.00

20510 · Interest Payable 894.60

Total Other Current Liabilities 55,894.60

Total Current Liabilities 96,084.02

Total Liabilities 96,084.02

Equity

32000 · Retained Earnings 257,145.83

Net Income -79,072.62

Total Equity 178,073.21

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 274,157.23



Item No. 8

DATE: July 16, 2020
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director Update

SUMMARY

The following are updates on Agency matters and correspondence since the last Board meeting. The Board may provide feedback to staff.

1. Administrative:
 - a. Jackie Lozano of UWCD continued training to take over as Clerk of the Board.
2. Financial:
 - a. No non-routine activity.
3. Legal: Staff requested legal input on unpaid groundwater extraction fees.
4. Sustainable Groundwater Management:
 - a. GSP Development and grant status – Please see Item 10a.
 - b. Groundwater Monitoring Well – DWR Technical Support Services (TSS) – The Executive Director participated in a conference call with City of Ventura staff on July 7 to discuss lease terms and permitting process for the monitoring well site identified at the City’s wastewater treatment plant located off of Harbor Blvd. The City is amenable to a no-fee site use license (lease) for the monitoring well site. An administrative Coastal Development Permit will be required by the City. The permitting process will take at least one month after an application is submitted. Because this is a non-standard permit, the City must put together an application for MBGSA to use. The Executive Director will follow-up with DWR concerning the status of funding availability.
5. Correspondence: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Receive an update from the Executive Director concerning Agency matters and correspondence. Provide feedback to staff.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

None

Action: _____
Motion: _____ 2 nd : _____
J.Chambers: _____ C.Everts: _____ M.Mobley: _____ S.Rungren: _____ G.Shephard: _____



Information Item No. 9a

DATE: July 16, 2020
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: Mound Basin Study Presentation

SUMMARY

In 2015, the City of Ventura initiated the “Mound Basin Study,” which includes hydrogeologic cross-sections of the basin evaluation of groundwater level and quality data, and water budget evaluation completed by Hopkins Groundwater Consultants, Inc. The study was completed in March 2020. MBGSA is incorporating information from the study into the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The study cost was \$103,500 (through mid-2019), which was paid by the City. Although the study has been paid for by the City, it has provided a significant portion of the MBGSA’s GSP grant cost share.

The Mound Basin Study includes estimates of the average the annual basin perennial yield. It is very important to note that “perennial yield” is not the same as the “sustainable yield,” which must be developed for the GSP. *The Board and stakeholders are cautioned not to assume the perennial yield numbers presented in the Mound Basin Study will equate to the forthcoming sustainable yield.* Importantly, the analysis for the GSP that will lead to a “sustainable yield” must consider MBGSA’s determination of undesirable results and the corresponding groundwater levels or other field metrics that must be achieved to avoid undesirable results (i.e. minimum thresholds and measureable objectives). Additionally, there are other factors not considered in the Mound Basin Study that will be accounted for in the GSP sustainable yield analysis, including findings from the isotope study, consideration of pumping distribution between the principal aquifers, offshore/onshore flow in the aquifers, and groundwater modeling results.

The Mound Basin Study is posted on the MBGSA website: <https://s33630.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Mound-Basin-Final-Report-3-13-20.cleaned.pdf>.

The City or its consultant will present a summary of the study during the Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive a presentation from the City of Ventura concerning its Mound Basin Study.

BACKGROUND

N/A

FISCAL SUMMARY

N/A



MoundBasin
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Motion Item No. 10a

DATE: July 16, 2020
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Executive Director
SUBJECT: **GSP Monthly Update (Grant Category (c), Task 3 and (d), Task 4)**

SUMMARY

The Executive Director will provide a monthly status update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and associated grant. An updated GSP schedule is attached for discussion.

GSP Development:

1. **GSP Status:**

The hydrogeologic conceptual model (HCM) and description of current and historical groundwater conditions remains the focal point of current GSP development efforts, which is being developed by UWCD staff. Executive Director and Intera comments were reviewed by UWCD staff who issued revised drafts in late June. Executive Director and Intera review of the revised drafts is being completed at the time of publication of this staff report. The GSP Team is targeting completion of these GSP sections as soon as possible.

Today, the Board will review and consider approving a draft sustainability goal to be released for public comment.

The Executive Director has been corresponding with UWCD staff concerning availability to begin the groundwater flow modeling tasks for the GSP. The MBGSA-UWCD agreement contemplates the use of the pre-existing version of the UWCD's groundwater flow model completed in 2018. UWCD staff has been very busy working to complete an update of the model to add the Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru Basins to the model domain. When the MBGSA-UWCD agreement was executed, MBGSA was not made aware of the fact that UWCD intended to modify the Mound Basin portion of the pre-existing model when adding the upstream basins, excepted as it relates to the Mound / Santa Paula Basin Boundary. Since that time, MBGSA staff has learned that the model update has included changes internal to the Mound Basin portion of the model, including extending the model domain to the north among other recalibration activities unrelated to extending the model up the Santa Clara River Valley. UWCD staff has expressed a preference for using the updated version of the model for the MBGSA GSP when it is ready. However,

UWCD staff is not yet in a position to commit to a model completion timeframe. In order to keep with the GSP development schedule and avoid significant and potentially costly delays, a decision needs to be made soon concerning which version of the model will be used for the Mound Basin GSP. The Executive Director currently does not have sufficient information to make a recommendation to the Board on this matter. The information needed has been requested from UWCD staff and includes:

- What are the material changes to the model that impact Mound Basin?
- What is the calibration improvement within and immediately surrounding Mound Basin?
- Will the updated model significantly change / improve the analysis of the key issues in the GSP (esp. seawater intrusion) as compared to the old model?
- What are the best and worst case timeframes for updated model availability for Mound Basin GSP work?

The Executive Director hopes to have clarity on these issues prior to the August Board meeting. If not, it is recommended that Mound Basin move forward with the 2018 version of the groundwater flow model. The GSP modeling could then be updated, if necessary, using the forthcoming model version during the first 5-year GSP update.

2. GSP Development Schedule: The updated GSP Development Schedule is provided in Attachment A. The schedule for the HCM and groundwater conditions and preliminary sustainable management criteria were extended to reflect actual progress.
3. Outreach: Staff intends to post the draft sustainability goal and the HCM and groundwater conditions sections of the GSP on the website in July. A newsletter will be sent alerting stakeholders to the availability of these items and to solicit feedback (please see Attachment B for draft newsletter). A web-based form has been developed that stakeholders can use to submit comments on the draft GSP sections.

Sustainable Groundwater Planning (SGWP) Grant:

1. Invoices:
 - a. Invoice No. 3 for \$15,037.00 was paid in mid-June.
 - b. Invoice No. 4 for \$71,531.43 was approved by DWR on May 7, 2020. Payment is expected soon.

2. Grant Deliverables:

- a. Remaining grant deliverables include quarterly progress reports and invoices, final report, and the GSP. These deliverables will be submitted as they become due.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive an update from the Executive Director concerning Groundwater Sustainability Plan development and associated grant and consider providing feedback or direction to staff.

BACKGROUND

None.

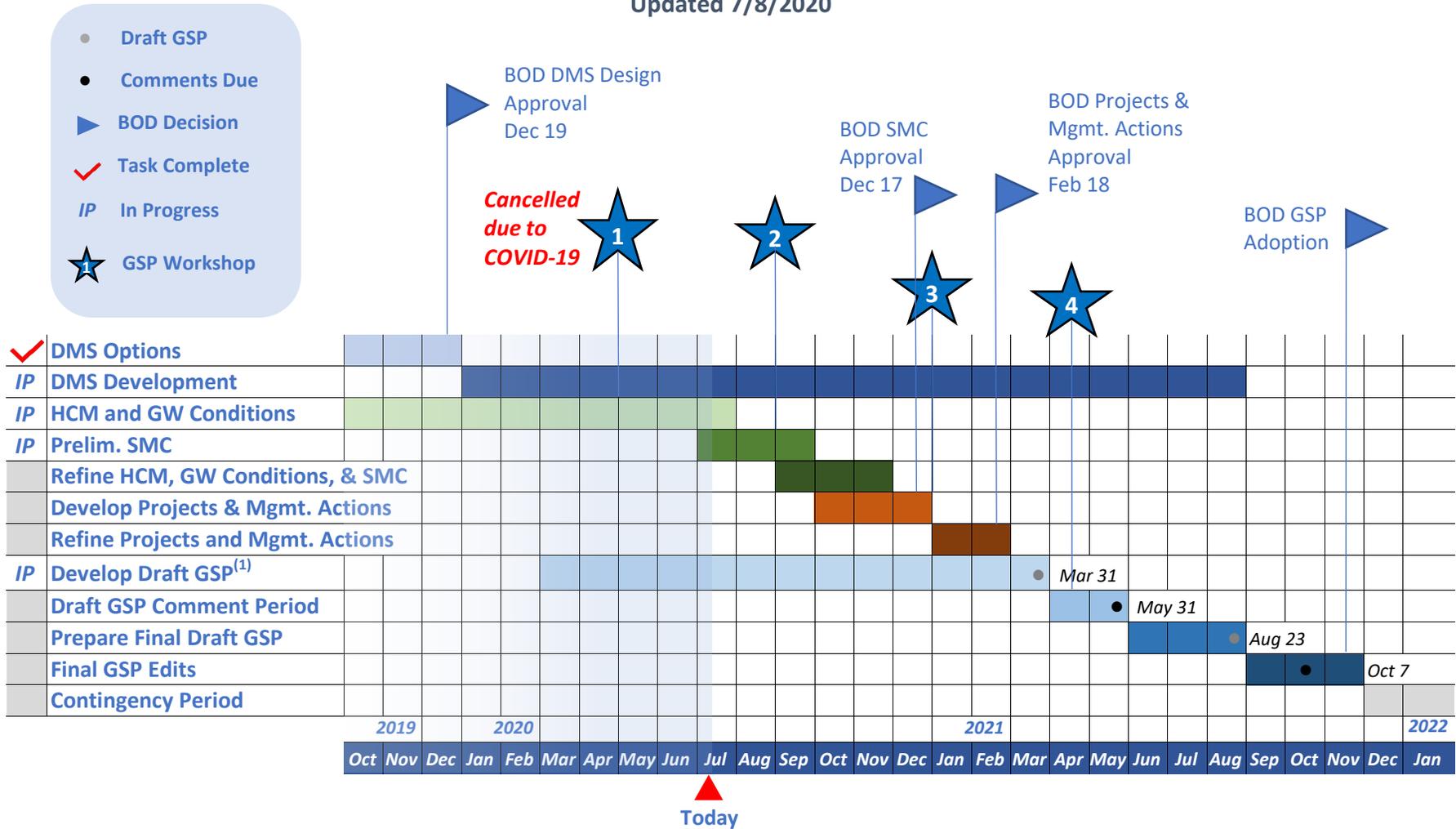
FISCAL SUMMARY

None.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. GSP Schedule
- B. Draft Newsletter

Mound Basin GSA GSP Development Schedule Updated 7/8/2020



Notes:

(1) GSP topics not listed above generally consist of background or supporting information and will be prepared concurrently with the above-listed tasks.

BOD = Board of Directors; DMS = Data Management System; HCM = Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model; GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency;

GSP = Groundwater Sustainability Plan; GW = Groundwater



<https://www.moundbasingsa.org/>



Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Update

Your Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development team has been hard at work on developing the GSP for the Mound Basin. The GSP will describe the groundwater basin, goals for sustainable management of the basin groundwater resources, and an implementation plan to achieve those goals by no later than 2042. For more information concerning the required elements of the GSP, the GSP template can be downloaded from our website using the following link: <https://www.moundbasingsa.org/gsp/>.

The GSP must be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources on or before January of 2022, otherwise the State Water Resources Control Board will take over management of the Basin. Thus the GSP presents an opportunity for locals to decide what sustainability for the Mound Basin looks like and how to achieve it. For more information about our overall GSP planning process please see our GSP development schedule at: <https://www.moundbasingsa.org/gsp/>.

GSP Public Workshop

[REDACTED], 2020

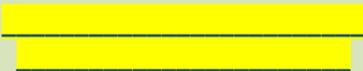
Starting at [REDACTED] PM

MBGSA will host an on-line public workshop webinar on [REDACTED], 2020 starting at [REDACTED] PM.

The webinar will provide an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, describe what must be included in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), describe our process and schedule for developing the GSP, and an overview of the basin and key issues.

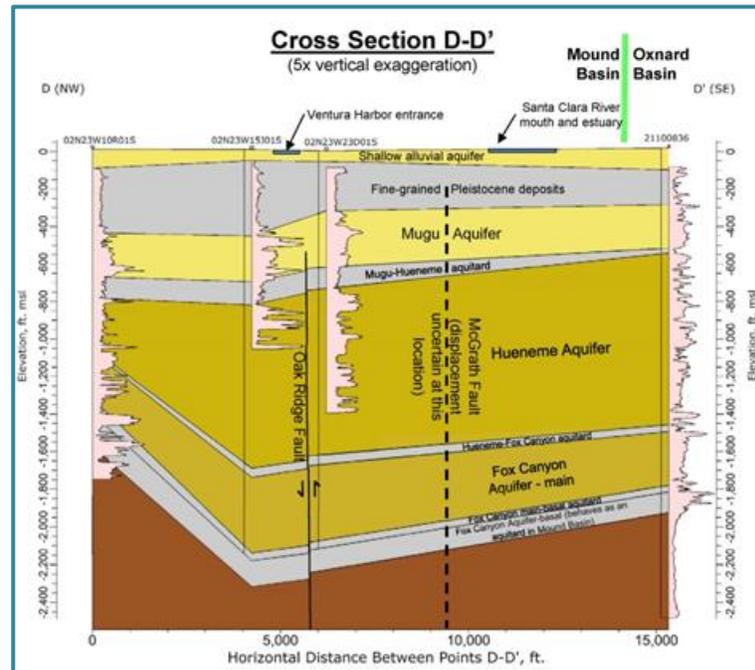
This will be an opportunity to ask questions and provide early feedback on the GSP development process. Your active participation is highly encouraged!

Register for the Webinar
Online At:



For further details visit :
<https://moundbasingsa.org/>

The GSP development team has been focused on developing the portions of the GSP that describe the physical characteristics of the basin (hydrogeologic conceptual model [HCM]) and the groundwater conditions. These GSP sections will also describe that groundwater and surface water interaction and identify potential groundwater dependent ecosystems that will be considered in the plan along with the other beneficial users of water.



The preliminary draft HCM and groundwater conditions sections of the GSP will be posted on the MBGSA website soon.

MBGSA welcomes your comments and questions on the preliminary draft HCM and groundwater conditions sections of the GSP! Please use our new online comment form at <https://www.moundbasingsa.org/public-comments-invited/> to submit your comments or questions.

Get Involved!

At the core of SGMA is the idea that locals should make groundwater management decisions, not the State. Your input is critical for ensuring the Upper Ventura River GSP reflects local values. Contact our Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano at: Jackiel@unitedwater.org to be added to our interested parties list!



Board Meetings

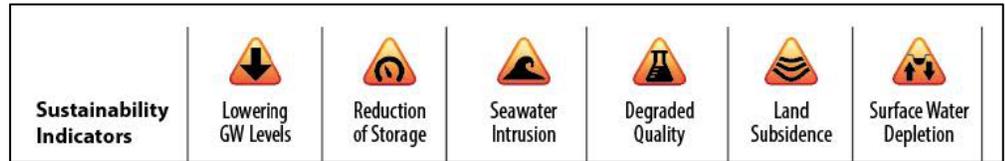
Regular Board Meetings are scheduled monthly on the third Thursday. Please visit our website for more information.

To receive Board meeting agendas via e-mail, please contact the Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano at: Jackiel@unitedwater.org



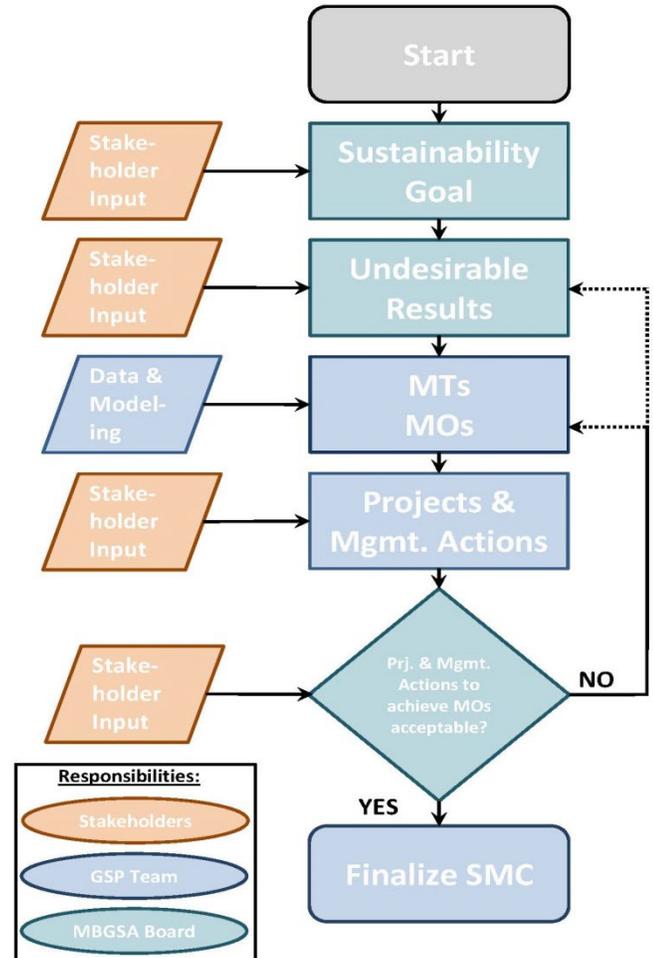
Sustainable Management Criteria

GSA must develop Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) for each of the six applicable sustainability indicators. SMC are the most important GSP component



because they define certain conditions in the basin that will be desirable to avoid and certain conditions that are desirable to achieve. There are four components to the SMC:

(1) Sustainability Goal; (2) Undesirable Results (URs); (3) Minimum Thresholds (MTs); and (4) Measurable Objectives (MOs). The sustainability goal is a policy statement that communicates the GSAs mission for the basin and reflects local economic, social, and environmental values. Undesirable results are significant and unreasonable effects related to any applicable sustainability indicator. MBGSA must determine what is considered significant and unreasonable with your input and in the context of its sustainability goal. MTs and MOs are quantitative metrics, such as groundwater levels, that can be measured in the basin to determine if URs are being avoided and the plan goal is being met. MBGSA's SMC development process is depicted in the flowchart. As you can see, your input is a vital to developing the SMC.



It is important to remember that sustainability will be achieved through adaptive management over a 20 year period. New data obtained from actions to address data gaps and from monitoring actions will lead to improved understanding of the basin, which will form the basis for refinement of the SMC and plan implementation actions over time. Thus, the forthcoming GSP, should be viewed as a flexible roadmap for a 20 year journey to sustainable management for the Mound Basin.

DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY GOAL AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Please visit <https://moundbasingsa.org/> to review MBGSA's draft sustainability goal. The MBGSA Board is scheduled to consider adopting the sustainability goal at its August 20, 2020 meeting. Your input on the goal is valued and will help make it better reflect the local values in the basin. Please send comments by August 7 to our Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano at: Jackiel@unitedwater.org.



Motion Item No. 10b

DATE: July 16, 2020
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Executive Director
SUBJECT: Sustainability Goal Public Draft Release (Grant Category (d), Task 4)

SUMMARY

During the June 18 meeting, the Board reviewed the following proposed process for developing the Sustainability Goal Description for the GSP:

1. Discuss the draft sustainability goal description today and modify as desired. Revised at next (July) board meeting if necessary.
2. Release sustainability goal for stakeholder comment (newsletter, website, and email to interested parties);
3. Finalize the sustainability goal description at the August regular Board meeting.

Staff has prepared the Draft Sustainability Goal Public Draft Release Document that would be posted to the website for public review and comment. Stakeholders will be notified via e-mail and newsletter (See Item 10a, Attachment B) that the draft goal is available for comment. Comments would be taken through August 7, 2020 and the Board would then consider adopting the goal at its August meeting. Alternatively, the Board could extend the comment period and wait to adopt the sustainability goal after the stakeholder workshop webinar that will be held in late August or early September (See Item 10c).

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the draft sustainability goal description for public comment release.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Draft Sustainability Goal Public Draft Release Document

Action: _____
Motion: _____ 2 nd : _____
J.Chambers: _____ C.Everts: _____ M.Mobley: _____ S.Rungren: _____ G.Shephard: _____

Item 10b

Attachment A

Draft Sustainability Goal Public Draft Release Document



MBGSA DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY GOAL

On July 16, 2020, the MBGSA Board of Directors approved the following draft sustainability goal description for release. The purpose of releasing the draft sustainability goal is to obtain your feedback and comments. The MBGSA Board is scheduled to consider adopting the sustainability goal at its August 20, 2020 meeting. Your input on the goal is valued and will help make it better reflect the local values in the basin. Please send comments by August 7 to the Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano: Jackiel@unitedwater.org.

Stakeholders are encouraged to review background information concerning the sustainability goal included in the staff report for the June 18 Board of Directors Meetings and California Department of Water Resources draft Sustainable Management Criteria Best Management Practice document (SMC BMP):

<https://s33630.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-06-18-Mound-Basin-GSA-Board-of-Directors-Meeting-Agenda-Packet-FINAL-ks.pdf>

https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Sustainable-Groundwater-Management/Best-Management-Practices-and-Guidance-Documents/Files/BMP-6-Sustainable-Management-Criteria-DRAFT_ay_19.pdf

[Draft Sustainability Goal follows on next page].

Draft Sustainability Goal July 16, 2020

The goal of this GSP is to sustainably manage the groundwater resources of the Mound Basin for the benefit of current and anticipated future beneficial users of groundwater and the welfare of the general public who rely directly or indirectly on groundwater. Sustainable groundwater management will ensure the long-term reliability of the Mound Basin groundwater resources by avoiding SGMA undesirable results no later than 20 years from Plan adoption through implementation of a data-driven and performance-based adaptive management framework. It is the express goal of this GSP to develop sustainable management criteria and plan implementation measures to avoid undesirable results for the applicable SGMA sustainability indicators by:

- 1. Using best available science and information, including consideration of uncertainty in the basin setting and groundwater conditions;*
- 2. Conducting active and meaningful stakeholder engagement;*
- 3. Considering potential impacts on the management of adjacent basins and, where necessary coordinating with adjacent basins; and*
- 4. Balancing economic, social, and environmental impacts and benefits associated with the all current and anticipated future beneficial users of groundwater, by considering:*
 - a. Water supply reliability for agriculture enterprises and potable and industrial users;*
 - b. Availability of alternative water sources for domestic groundwater beneficial users;*
 - c. Identifying and considering potential impacts to groundwater dependent ecosystems and, where possible, opportunities to enhance those ecosystems;*
 - d. State, federal, or local standards relevant to applicable sustainability indicators;*
 - e. Feasibility of projects and management actions necessary to achieve proposed measureable objectives; and*
 - f. Economic impact of projects and management actions necessary to achieve proposed measureable objects on all beneficial users, with special consideration of disadvantage communities and agricultural enterprises lacking alternative land use options.*



MoundBasin
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Motion Item No. 10c

DATE: July 16, 2020
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Set Date and Time for GSP Stakeholder Workshop - Webinar (Grant Category (c), Task 3)**

SUMMARY

The GSP Development Schedule calls for a stakeholder workshop in late August or early September. Staff proposes to hold the stakeholder workshop using a webinar format due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

Proposed topics for the webinar include:

1. Overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act;
2. Description of what must be included in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan;
3. Describe MBGSA's process and schedule for developing the GSP; and
4. Overview of the basin and key issues.

Staff offers the following dates for consideration:

- Thursday, August 27
- Wednesday, September 2
- Thursday, September 3
- Tuesday, September 8

The Board has previously received suggestions from agricultural stakeholders to hold the meeting at 5 pm.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Set the date and time for Stakeholder Workshop No.1.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

FISCAL SUMMARY

GSP workshops are included in the Agency's budget.

Action: _____

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____

J.Chambers: _____ C.Everts: _____ M.Mobley: _____ S.Rungren: _____ G.Shephard: _____



Motion Item No. 10d

DATE: July 16, 2020
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: Past Due Groundwater Extraction Fees

SUMMARY

As the Board is aware, staff has been attempting to address unpaid extraction fees from one operator in the Basin (Table 1). Executive Director Bondy made contact with the operator in late February and has followed up numerous times via email, phone, and a certified letter on June 9. Staff has not received any communications from the well operator since the former accounting manager left the operator’s company in May 2020.

Table 1. Summary of Past Due Account

Category	Amounts
2018 – 1 Fee (Issued 9/1/18)	Paid
2018 – 2 Fee (Issued 4/30/19)	\$12,347.20
2019 – 1 Fee (Issued 10/31/19)	\$3,680.95
2019 – 2 Fee (Issued 3/30/20)	7,466.70
Subtotal Unpaid Fees	\$23,494.85
Penalties and Interest ⁽¹⁾	\$2,995.85
Totals	\$26,490.70
Notes: (1) As of March 31, 2020 (2) Well Operator has three wells (accounts); values are combined totals for all accounts.	

In June, staff recommended waiting until the July Board meeting to decide on any potential further actions. At this time, Staff recommends pursuing payment from the landowner. The operator reports to UWCD on three wells owned by three different landowners. Thus, the Agency would pursue payment from the three landowners.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Direct staff to pursue payment of unpaid extraction fees from landowners.

BACKGROUND

Please see summary.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Agency has collected \$26,490.70 less in cash than it is owed. Any collection efforts that the Agency decides to pursue may have a cost associated with them, which is unknown at this time. Penalties and interest are not included in the current fiscal year budget.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

Action: _____
Motion: _____ 2 nd : _____
J.Chambers: _____ C.Everts: _____ M.Mobley: _____ S.Rungren: _____ G.Shephard: _____



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Item No. 10(e)

DATE: July 16, 2020
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Executive Director
SUBJECT: Reappointment of Stakeholder Directors

SUMMARY

Pursuant to Agency Bylaws Sections 2.4 and 2.5 and Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Section 6.4, Stakeholder Directors serve one-year terms. The terms for Directors Chambers and Everts end on July 31, 2020.

Stakeholder Director appointment procedures are set forth in JPA Sections 6.3.4 and 6.3.5. The Agricultural Stakeholder Director is appointed by Mound Basin Agricultural Water Group (MBAWG) or the Ventura County Farm Bureau, if MBAWG does not make a nomination. The Environmental Stakeholder Director is appointed collectively by the twelve organizations listed in the JPA known as the “Santa Clara River Environmental Groundwater Committee” or The Nature Conservancy, if the committee does not make a nomination. Both Director Chambers and Everts have been nominated for reappointment (Attachment A). No other individuals were nominated for either Stakeholder Director position.

JPA Sections 6.3.4 and 6.3.5 require a unanimous vote of the Member Directors to appoint Stakeholder Directors.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Member Directors reappoint the current Stakeholder Directors for the August 2020 through August 2021 terms.

BACKGROUND

Please see summary.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Stakeholder Director Nominations

Action: _____

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____

S. Rungren ___ M. Mobley ___ G. Shephard ___ J. Chambers ___ C. Everts ___

Bryan Bondy

From: Neal P. Maguire <nmaguire@fcoplaw.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Bryan Bondy
Cc: Jackie Lozano
Subject: Re: MBGSA Stakeholder Director Appointments for August 2020 - August 2021

Bryan, MBAWG again nominates Jim.

Neal

On Jun 5, 2020, at 2:22 PM, Bryan Bondy <bryan@moundbasingsa.org> wrote:

Dear Jim and Conner,

I hope this message finds you doing well. I am writing to remind you that your MBGSA stakeholder director terms expire August 16, 2020.

Please work with your stakeholder groups to complete the nomination process for the 2020-2021 terms. We can have the member directors approve at either the July 16 or August 20 regular board meeting.

For your reference, I have pasted the relevant sections of the JPA concerning stakeholder director appoints below.

Please confirm and please keep Jackie and I informed of status.

Thank you!

Best Regards,

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Bryan Bondy, PG, CHG
Executive Director
MBGSA
805-212-0484

6.3.4 One (1) **Agricultural Stakeholder Director** unanimously selected by the Member Directors from a list of one or more qualified nominees submitted by the MBAWG, or the Farm Bureau if the MBAWG is unwilling or unable to nominate potential directors. The MBAWG, or the Farm Bureau, shall submit its nominee(s) to the Member Directors pursuant to a process specified in the Bylaws, unless directed otherwise by the Member Directors until such time as the Bylaws have been adopted. The Member Directors shall consider the nominee(s) at a regular meeting and at that meeting shall approve and appoint the Agricultural Stakeholder Director. In the absence of a unanimous vote of approval and appointment by the Member Directors, the Member Directors can request different nominations.

Bryan Bondy

From: E.J. Remson <eremson@TNC.ORG>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Bryan Bondy; connere@gmail.com; Shephard, Glenn
Cc: Ron Bottorff; Bruce Schoppe; prettycheapjewelry; Jason Weiner; Paul Jenkin; Erynn Smith; ed@CFROG.org; jeff@LPFW.org; Alasdair Coyne; candicemeneghin@gmail.com; rmarlow@caltrout.org; connere@gmail.com; Charles Lester (clester@santaclarariver.org); merrill berge
Subject: Re-nomination of Conner Everts as the Mound Basin GSA Environmental Stakeholder Director

Chairman Mobley and Directors of the Mound Basin GSA,

The Santa Clara River Environmental Groundwater Committee voted to re-nominate Mr. Conner Everts for the upcoming term as the Mound Basin GSA Environmental Stakeholder Director. There was no opposition.

The organizations listed below cast votes:

1. Friends of the Santa Clara River
2. CalTrout
3. The Nature Conservancy
4. Sierra Club
5. Audubon
6. Santa Clara River Conservancy
7. Wishtoyo
8. Surfrider
9. Keep Sespe Wild

In addition there was one abstention and two groups did not cast a vote.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this nomination.

E.J.

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