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MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, December 17, 2020 | 1:00 PM
via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

MINUTES

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Mobley, Chair
Susan Rungren, Secretary
Glenn Shephard, Treasurer
Jim Chambers

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Dan Detmer, UWCD
Burt Handy
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
John Lindquist, UWCD
Steven Slack, CDFW
Jason Sun, UWCD

CALL TO ORDER 1:03 PM

Chair Mobley called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the Board called the roll. Four Directors were present (Mobley, Chambers, Rungren, Shephard) and one Director was absent (Everts).

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chair Mobley asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5a Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the November 19, 2020, Regular Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting.

5b Approval of Warrants

Motion

The Board will consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices.

5c Monthly Financial Reports

Information Item

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

No comments or questions were offered by the Directors.

No public comments were offered.

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

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

6a Since the previous Board meeting, no updates were offered from the Directors on matters not on the agenda.

6b Since the previous Board meeting, the Directors reported no time spent on grant eligible activities.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report with the Board. The Board discussed the penalties and interest for late payments. The Board requested that staff send a penalties and interest statement with a letter explaining that the operator may request Board consideration of a waiver.

Regarding the proposed groundwater monitoring well, Executive Director Bondy said that he has scheduled a call with DWR's drilling contractor to confirm that the proposed drilling area has sufficient space for construction. Once the confirmation is received, he will submit the "step 2" application to DWR for funding. He added that the Coastal Development permit is almost ready for submittal. The permit application will require a signature by the City of Ventura as the property owner. He asked Director Rungren to let him know who would be signing. Director Rungren said she will find out.

No further comments or questions were offered by the Directors.

No public comments were offered.

8. MOTION ITEMS

8a GSP Monthly Update (Grant Category (c), Task 3 and Category (d), Task 4)

Motion

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report with the Board and provided additional information concerning the latest status of modeling for the GSP. He reported that remaining contingency in the GSP development schedule has been used and that any further modeling delays will impact the already tight schedule for presenting information to the Board and stakeholders, making decisions, and writing the GSP itself. He said that he is working with UWCD staff to find the most efficient path forward.

Chair Mobley requested United staff to respond. Dan Detmer, UWCD, said that UWCD staff has been working full time to complete the modeling and apologized because it is impacting the GSP schedule. He explained that the first model run showed groundwater levels in the Oxnard Forebay that were higher than expected, unrealistically so. Time is needed to understand why and make appropriate adjustments before using results for the GSP. Dr. Jason Sun, UWCD, said that they want to ensure the results are correct. He added that the first run is always takes the longest and he believes the other simulations will take less time.

Dan Detmer said that UWCD staff plan to deliver revised results of the first simulation by Friday. The Directors expressed their appreciation to UWCD staff for their diligence in looking the quality of the data and for their hard work.

No further comments or questions from the Directors.

No additional public comments were offered.

Motion to receive and file 8a the GSP monthly update, Director Chambers; Second, Director Shephard. Roll call vote: four ayes (Chambers, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), none opposed, one absent (Everts). Motion carried 4/0/1.

8b Degraded Water Quality Sustainable Management Criteria

Motion

Executive Director Bondy described the rationale for the proposed sustainable management criteria (SMC) for the degraded water quality sustainability indicator, as presented in the written staff report. He walked the Board through the staff report and attachments, which detail the proposed SMC.

Director Shephard suggested showing key information for the narrative on the graphs to make it easier to follow.

A question was asked about management actions to address water quality. Executive Director Bondy said that the GSA could collaborate with the County of Ventura ensure that abandoned wells that may be creating conduits are properly destroyed. He added that the GSA should review the County well sealing requirements to ensure that any new wells drilled are sealed properly to prevent downward movement of poor quality water from the shallow zone into the principal aquifers. There are measures that will be described in the GSP for future implementation. Dan Detmer, UWCD, provided additional information to the Board as to the construction integrity of the wells in the basin and historical well data.

Chair Mobley asked about next steps. Executive Director Bondy said that, barring objections from the Board, he intends to present the proposed water quality SMC at an upcoming workshop. Pending public comments, the proposed SMC would then be included in the draft GSP. Director Rungren said she would like to review the data with her staff. Chair Mobley asked that the City's comments be presented at the next meeting.

No further comments or questions from the Directors.

No comments or questions were offered by the public.

Motion to receive the staff report, Director Chambers; Second, Director Shephard. Roll call vote: four ayes (Chambers, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), none opposed, one absent (Everts). Motion carried 4/0/1.


9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

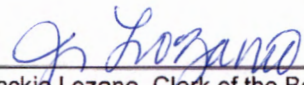
- Identify 2021 Special Board of Director meeting dates and/or GSP workshops.

ADJOURNMENT 2:06 PM

Chair Mobley adjourned the meeting at 2:06 PM to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on **Thursday, January 21, 2021**, 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 December 17, 2020.

ATTEST: 
Susan Rungren, Board Secretary

ATTEST: 
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board