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MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

MINUTES

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Mobley, Chair Susan Rungren, Vice-Chair/Secretary Glenn Shephard, Treasurer Jim Chambers Conner Everts

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 Eddie Pech, DWR Dr. Jason Sun, UWCD Ambry Tibay, UWCD

CALL TO ORDER 1:01 PM

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the Board called roll. All five Directors were present (Mobley, Chambers, Everts, Rungren, Shephard).

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5a Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the February 18, 2021, 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 February 2021.

No comments or questions were offered by the Directors.

No public comments were offered.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Director Everts; Second, Director Shephard. Roll call vote: fives ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 6a Director Rungren announced that Ventura Water would be presenting its proposed water and wastewater rates to Ventura City Council on March 22. The other Directors did not have any announcements.
- **6b** Since the previous Board meeting, the Directors reported no time was spent on grant eligible activities.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report with the Board regarding updates on non-GSP items.

Informational item. No 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) <u>Motion</u>

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report with the Board regarding Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development.

Director Chambers said he received feedback on the agricultural pumping rates used in the future projections for the GSP. He said that some of the citrus could potentially be converted to row crops in the future and there is a concern that the pumping estimate would be too low if that happens. Executive Director Bondy explained that the assumed pumping rates are for planning purposes and are not an allocation. He added that the GSPs must be reviewed and updated every five years, so changes in irrigation demand will be accounted for and addressed adaptively as the GSP is implemented.

Director Everts inquired about the timing for release of the City's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. Director Rungren said she would find out (note: later in the meeting Director Rungren said the draft UWMP was scheduled for presentation to the City Water Commission on April 27 and Ventura City Council on June 14).

Executive Director Bondy asked if Director Rungren could confirm whether the UWMP is consistent with the groundwater pumping estimates provided by the City to MBGSA for the GSP. Director Rungren said she would check and get back to him.

No further comments or questions were offered by the Directors.

No public comments or questions were offered by the public.

Motion to receive and file the GSP monthly update, Director Rungren; Second, Director Chambers. Roll call vote: five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0:

Sustainable Management Criteria (Category (d), Task 4) Motion

Executive Director Bondy summarized the recommended Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) discussed prior Board meetings and workshops and recommended that the Board approve the SMC for inclusion in the draft GSP.

Chair Mobley asked if any changes had been made to the recommended SMC. Executive Director Bondy explained that minor changes were made to the SMC for Degraded Water Quality were necessary because United Water Conservation District staff recently changed their interpretation of which aquifer two wells are screened in. The changes are not material.

No further comments or questions were offered by the Directors.

No public comments or questions were offered by the public.

Motion to approve staff to incorporate the proposed SMCs into the draft GSP, Director Shephard; Second, Director Chambers. Roll call vote: five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None were offered.

Director Chambers asked if there is a timeline for increased pumping by the City and inquired about the status of drilling the new (replacement) wells. Director Rungren said construction is in progress and offered to provide an update at the next Board of Directors meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 1:25 P.M.

Chair Mobley adjourned the meeting at 1:25 P.M. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on **Thursday, April** 15, 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 March 18, 2021.

ATTEST:

Susan Rungren, Board Secreta**r**

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