

MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, June 17, 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
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Detmer, UWCD
Burt Handy
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
Mohammed Hasan
Jason Sun, UWCD
Ambry Tibay, UWCD

CALL TO ORDER 1:00 PM

Chair Mobley called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, 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

Director Everts moved agenda approval. Seconded by Director Rungren. Roll call vote: five ayes, none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5a Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the May 20, 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 May 2021.

**5d Second Reading of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget and Multi-Year Budget Projection
Motion**

The Board will consider approving Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget and multi-year budget projection.

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: five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Rungren, Shephard, Mobley), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

6a Director Rungren mentioned the City of Ventura Water Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, June 22.

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 written staff report regarding updates on non-Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) matters. He added that there has recently been some confusion about alternate directors. He explained that the Joint Powers Authority agreement and bylaws do not provide for alternate directors. He requested that Chair Mobley's clarify that with United Water Conservation District.

Informational item. No 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 written staff report regarding GSP development and grant status. The focus has been on completing the preliminary draft of the GSP. Ambry Tibay of United Water Conservation District noted that payment for the most recent grant invoice has not been received yet. Mr. Bondy said payment should be received before the end of the fiscal year.

No further comments were offered by the Directors. No public comments were offered.

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

**8b Review of Preliminary Draft GSP, Schedule Draft GSP Public Comment Period, and Schedule GSP Workshop (Grant Category (d), Task 4)
Motion**

Executive Director Bondy provided a brief overview of where the Agency currently is based on the GSP schedule. He explained that the Board asked for an opportunity to review the draft GSP before opening the public comment period. He said draft GSP was posted on the website on June 3 for this purpose.

Executive Director Bondy suggested that the Board go through the document by section. Director Rungren said she needs more time to review but does not want to delay the comment period. The other directors concurred. Executive Director Bondy said that he can prepare a newsletter and that the public comment period could be initiated next week. He also recommended to the Board to hold a public workshop concerning the draft GSP during the July 15 Regular Board meeting. The Directors supported Executive Director Bondy's proposal.

Motion to receive and file the Preliminary Draft GSP, open the 60-day GSP public comment period beginning June 23, 2021, and to hold the third GSP public workshop as part of the regular Mound Basin Board of Directors meeting on July 15, 2021, at 1:00 pm, Director Everts; Second, Director Shephard. Roll call vote: five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

8c PUBLIC HEARING
Resolution 2021-01

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 8th and 9th Semiannual Billing Periods (July-December 2021 and January-June 2022).

Executive Director Bondy briefly summarized the motion for the Board which would establish a new groundwater extraction rate of \$59.00 beginning next fiscal year. He explained that the fee is based on the budget adopted by the Board.

Chair Mobley opened the public hearing at 1:32 p.m. and asked if there were any public comments. No public comments were offered. Executive Director Bondy referred the Board to a comment letter included in the agenda packet supporting the fee adoption. Chair Mobley closed the public comment period and hearing at 1:34 p.m.

Director Chambers commented that there were concerns among his group on the increase. He also understands how the Agency arrived at the proposed groundwater extraction rate and appreciates any research in alternative funding methods going forward which could positively influence future groundwater rates. Executive Director Bondy explained that the prior fee projections were low because they did not include GSP implementation costs and historical fees have been subsidized by a grant. He added that the Agency will pursue grants going forward and said that the State has already agreed to pay for one of the monitoring wells.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-01, Director Everts; Second, Director Rungren. Roll call vote: five ayes (Rungren, Shephard, Everts, Chambers, Mobley), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

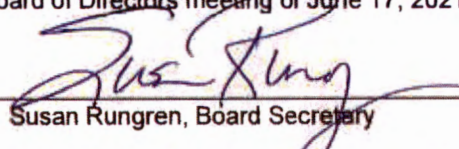
Director Chambers asked about the City of Ventura water and wastewater rates. Director Rungren said the new rates were approved and will become effective July 1 and the billing frequency will change from bi-monthly to monthly. Chair Mobley asked if there is a process for lowering the basis for the sewer fees for agricultural properties because the irrigation water is not going into the sewer. Director Rungren said the sewer fees are capped and said ratepayers with concerns can call the customer care line at 805-667-6500.

ADJOURNMENT 1:45 P.M.

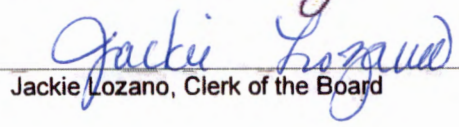
Chair Mobley adjourned the meeting at 1:45 P.M. to the next Board Meeting and GSP Workshop on Thursday, July 15, 2021, or call of the Chair.

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 June 17, 2021.

ATTEST:


Susan Rungren, Board Secretary

ATTEST:


Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board