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MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.
via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

MINUTES

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Mobley, Chair
Jim Chambers
Conner Everts

DIRECTOR ABSENT

Susan Rungren, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Glenn Shephard, Treasurer

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Mohammed Hasan, UWCD
Katherine Kuepper, UWCD
Steve Slack, CDFW
Jennifer Tribo, City of Ventura

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. Three Directors were present (Chambers, Everts, Mobley) and two Directors were absent (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 Chambers moved agenda approval; Second, Director Everts. Roll call vote: three ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley), none opposed, two absent (Rungren, Shephard). Motion carried 3/0/2.

5. MOTION ITEM

5a Rincon Consultants, Inc. Master Services Agreement and Work Order No. 1 for GSP Development Support (Grant Category (d), Task 4)

Motion

Executive Director Bryan Bondy provided a summary of the motion item for the Board. Due to the significant number of draft GSP comments received relating to groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs), the GSP Development Team is recommends adding a member to the GSP team who has the expertise in biology and understands GDEs and surface water issues ecology.

Usually, this would go through the Agency proposal process, but due to time constraints, Executive Director Bondy recommends Rincon Consultants based on the competitive process that led to their selection by the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency. Rincon Consultants has extensive experience working in the Santa Clara River.

Director Chambers was hoping to hear from Director Rungren because the City of Ventura has a lot of experience working with Rincon Consultants but appreciates Mr. Bondy's experience with them as well. Director Chambers also commented he would like to keep this on pace and liked to hear from Director Everts to inquire if he is familiar with Rincon Consultants work. Chair Mobley commented that personally he is aware of their work, and they are a top-notch consulting company. Rincon Consultants has worked for United Water Conservation District.

Public Comment: Jennifer Tribo said the City of Ventura supports the staff recommendation.

Director Everts mentioned that he and Mr. Bondy are meeting with the environmental coalition to talk with them about their comments next Friday. Director Chambers was in support of their meeting. Director Mobley said the Agency needs Director Evert's help to flush out the environmental community's concerns. There is limited time to work through issues and quickly move ahead with GSP. Director Chambers would like a briefing of the meeting during the next regular Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Bondy responded that he would include the information in his GSP monthly update. The Board was in full support of the motion.

No further comments or questions were offered by the Directors. No further comments were offered from the public.

Motion to authorize the Executive Director and Agency Counsel to negotiate and execute a master services agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc., and issue Work Order No. 1 for GSP development support for an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000, Director Everts; Second, Director Chambers. Roll call vote: three ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley,) none opposed, two absent (Rungren, Shephard). Motion carried 3/0/2.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None were offered.

ADJOURNMENT 1:17 P.M.

Chair Mobley adjourned the Special meeting at 1:17 P.M. to the next Regular Board meeting on Thursday, September 16, 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 Special Board of Directors meeting of September 2, 2021.

ATTEST: 
Chair Mike Mobley
Substitute for Board Secretary Susan Rungren

ATTEST: 
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board