



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.
via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

MINUTES

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Mobley, Chair
Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Arne Anselm, Treasurer
Jim Chambers
Conner Everts

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Mohammed Hasan, UWCD
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
John Lindquist, UWCD
Daryl Smith, UWCD
Ambry Tibay, UWCD

Directors Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper and Arne Anselm were sworn in before the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER 1:01 P.M.

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 (Anselm, Chambers, Cooper, Everts, and Mobley).

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; Seconded by Director Cooper. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Cooper, Everts, and Mobley), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5a. Citing Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Resolution 2022-03 (adopted May 19, 2022) Authorizing the Use of Teleconferencing for Public Meetings Under AB361

Motion

The Board will, as provided in Resolution 2022-03, make the findings that the requisite conditions continue to exist authorizing the Board to meet via teleconference under AB 361's modified meeting requirements.

5b. Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the May 19, 2022, Regular Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting.

5c. Approval of Warrants

Motion

The Board will review the warrant payment registry for previously paid invoices and consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices.

5d. Monthly Financial Reports

Information Item

The Board will receive monthly profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the month of May 2022.

5e. Board Reappointment of UWCD Representative Michael W. Mobley

Motion

The Board will acknowledge, receive, and accept UWCD's reappointment of Michael W. Mobley as UWCD's member Director to the Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors for the period June 14, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

5f. Board Appointment of City of Ventura Representative Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper

Motion

The Board will acknowledge, receive, and accept the City of Ventura's appointment of Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper as the City of Ventura's member Director to the Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors for the two-year term June 14, 2022, through June 13, 2024.

5g. Board Appointment of Ventura County Representative Arne Anselm

Motion

The Board will acknowledge, receive, and accept the County of Ventura's appointment of Arne Anselm as Ventura County's member Director to the Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors effective June 1, 2022, for the balance of the two-year term ending June 13, 2023.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar except Item 5b, Director Everts; Second, Director Chambers. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Cooper, Everts, and Mobley). Item 5b (May 19, 2022 meeting minutes) was voted on separately because Directors Anselm and Cooper were not Directors as of May 19, 2022. Motion to approve Item 5b, Minutes from May 19, 2022, meeting, Director Everts; Second, Director Chambers. Roll call vote: Three ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley); none opposed; two abstain (Anselm, Cooper). Motion carried 3/0/2.

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Everts mentioned he attended the 30th Annual Groundwater Resources Association of California Groundwater Summit the week of June 6, 2022. There was a good attendance and lots of information sharing.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Bryan Bondy briefly reviewed the staff report regarding updates on Agency activities since the last Regular Board of Directors meeting. Highlighted was the completion of the first of three monitoring wells at the City of Ventura Water Reclamation Facility. He reviewed pictures showing the different phases of construction and described the construction challenges that were overcome. Executive Director Bondy thanked the City of Ventura for providing access and for their cooperation. Chair Mobley thanked the City of Ventura for their cooperation with the Agency and asked Director Cooper to please pass that message along to Vince Ines at the Water Reclamation Facility.

Informational item. No questions offered and no further comments by the Directors. No public comments were offered.

8. MOTION ITEMS

8a. Agency Office Appointments and Required Bond

Motion

By recommendation of the Executive Director Bryan Bondy, the Board agreed to appoint a vice chair/secretary and a treasurer to serve during the remainder of the calendar year 2022, due to recent changes in the Member Director representatives. Also, it was determined by the Board that the treasurer's bond was adequate and did not require modification at that time.

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

Motion to appoint Director Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper to serve as vice chair/secretary and Director Arne Anselm to serve as treasurer for the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors for the remainder of the calendar year 2022, Director Everts; Second Director Chambers. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Anselm, Cooper), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion to maintain the current \$5,000 treasurer bond, Director Everts; Second Director Chambers. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Anselm, Cooper), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

8b. Resolution 2022-04: Approving an Amendment to the List of Authorized Signers for the Agency's Bank of Sierra Account

Motion

By recommendation of the Executive Director Bryan Bondy, the Board agreed to adopt Resolution 2022-04, amending the Agency's list of authorized signatories for its Bank of the Sierra account which would remove former Board members Glenn Shephard and Kevin Brown and add new Board members Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper and Arne Anselm as authorized signatories.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-04 approving an amendment to the list of authorized signers for the Agency's Bank of Sierra account, Director Everts; Second, Director Chambers. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Cooper, Anselm), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

8c. Resolution 2022-05: Honoring Director Susan Rungren

Motion

As presented by Chair Mobley, the Board agreed to adopt Resolution 2022-05, recognizing Director Susan Rungren's dedication of more than three years of service to the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency in her role as Vice Chair/Secretary representing the City of San Buenaventura. The Board was grateful for her service.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-05 recognizing Director Susan Rungren for her dedication and service to the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Director Everts; Second, Director Chambers. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Cooper, Anselm), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

8d. Resolution 2022-06: Honoring Director Glenn Shephard

Motion

As presented by Chair Mobley, the Board agreed to adopt Resolution 2022-06, recognizing Director Glenn Shephard's dedication of more than five years of service to the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency in his role as Treasurer representing the County of Ventura. The Board recognized Director Shephard's significant contributions to the Board since its formation. Many thanks were expressed by the Board.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-06 recognizing Director Glenn Shephard for his dedication and service to the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Director Everts; Second, Director Chambers. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Cooper, Anselm), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

8e. PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 2022-07: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Determining and Establishing a Groundwater Extraction Fee Against All Persons Operating Groundwater Extraction Facilities Within the Mound Basin for the 10th and 11th Semiannual Billing Periods (July-December 2022 and January-June 2023).

Motion

Executive Director Bondy briefly summarized the motion for the Board which would establish a new groundwater extraction rate of \$62.00 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 1:25 p.m. and welcomed public comment and testimony regarding the proposed groundwater extraction fee. No public comments were offered. Executive Director Bondy referred the Board to a comment letter included in the agenda packet supporting the fee adoption.

Director Cooper noted a numbering error on page 2 of the resolution. Director Chambers asked about the \$800,000 expenditure showing in fiscal year 2025 of the budget. Executive Director said that expenditure is for a monitoring well. Chair Mobley noted the City of Ventura loan repayment fiscal year 2023.

Chair Mobley closed the public comment period and hearing at 1:31 p.m.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-07, Director Anselm; Second, Director Cooper. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Cooper, Anselm), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Mobley polled the Directors for any future agenda items. Director Chambers asked for a summary of the monitoring well information after all of the wells have been constructed.

ADJOURNMENT 1:35 p.m.

Chair Mobley adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m. to the next Regular Board of Directors meeting on July 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. 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 16, 2022.

ATTEST: Betsy Cooper
Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper, Vice Chair/Secretary

ATTEST: Jackie Lozano
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board