



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.
via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

MINUTES

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Burt Handy
Mohammed Hasan, UWCD
Shawn Kelly
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
John Lindquist, UWCD
Daryl Smith, UWCD
Ambry Tibay, UWCD

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. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the Board called roll. All five Directors were present (Anselm, Chambers, Cooper, Everts, and Mobley).

3. Adoption of Alternative Teleconferencing Requirements Under AB 361

Motion

Following discussion, on motion of Director Everts, seconded by Director Cooper, the Board made the determination that, due to continuation of the Governor's Executive Order and the imminent risk to health and safety, the Board will continue with the previous teleconferencing determination under AB 361, on the following roll call vote: Five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Cooper, Everts, Mobley); none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

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

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

6a. Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the August 18, 2022, Regular Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting and the October 6, 2022, Special Board of Directors meeting. A meeting cancellation notice was emailed to the Board of Directors and interested parties list as well as posted to the Mound Basin website and Facebook page regarding the September 15, 2022, Regular Board of Directors meeting.

6b. Approval of Warrants

Motion

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

6c. Monthly Financial Reports

Information Item

The Board will receive monthly profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the months of August 2022 and September 2022.

After the Board's review of Consent Calendar items, Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano mentioned to Director's Chambers and Everts that since they were absent from select Board of the Directors meetings (Director Chambers absent August 18, 2022; Directors Everts absent October 6, 2022), when motioning for minutes approval, to please refrain from approving the minutes for the date they were absent. Executive Director Bryan Bondy said the legal counsel had previously advised that an absence does not affect approval of the minutes. Directors who were absent are approving the action of adopting the minutes not necessarily the content of the minutes. It was Ms. Lozano's recommendation to the Directors to follow legal advice.

There were no comments or questions from the Board. No comments were offered from the public.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with a note that Director Everts was absent on October 6 and Director Chambers was absent on August 18, Director Everts; Seconded by Director Chambers. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Cooper, Anselm); none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no updates provided by the Directors.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Information Item

Executive Director Bryan Bondy reviewed the staff report regarding updates on Agency activities since the last Regular Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Bondy publicly thanked the City of Ventura for the loan to get the Agency started on the groundwater sustainability plan, which was recently paid back. The Board asked miscellaneous questions regarding the Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant and shallow groundwater monitoring.

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

9. MOTION ITEMS

9a. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Report

Motion

Mr. Bondy summarized the year-end budget report. He mentioned income expenses were in the 90 to 100% range. The Agency has a good cash position and was able to pay off the City of Ventura loan. Overall, he stated the Agency was in good standing heading into next year. Senior Accountant Ambry Tibay of United Water Conservation District (UWCD) agreed. Director Chambers and Chair Mobley thanked staff.

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

Motion to receive and file the year-end budget report for fiscal year 2021-2022, Director Everts; Seconded by Director Anselm. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Anselm, Cooper, Everts, Mobley); none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

9b. Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023

Motion

Staff presented to the Board for review and approval the proposed Board meeting dates for calendar year 2023. Upon Board discussion, Director Anselm mentioned he had a conflict with the third Thursday of the month and asked the Board to consider other options that would be more accommodating for their schedules. After a brief discussion of schedules and the status of AB 361, Chair Mobley requested staff to poll the Board and bring the item back at the next meeting.

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

9c. Intera Work Order No. 10 for Water Year 2021/2022 GSP Annual Report Preparation

Motion

Mr. Bondy summarized the Motion for the Directors. The Annual reports are required pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The purpose of this item is to authorize professional services by Intera, Inc. to assist Mr. Bondy with completion of the annual report. Chair Mobley asked when the deadline was to

submit the report. Mr. Bondy said the deadline is April 1, 2023. He added that significant lead time is needed to gather the data for the report.

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

Motion to approve Intera, Inc. Work Order No. 10 for preparation of the GSP water year 2021/2022 annual report for an amount not to exceed \$35,456 and \$3,500 in contingency to be authorized at the discretion of the Executive Director (\$38,956 total authorization), Director Everts; Seconded by Director Cooper. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Cooper, Everts, Mobley), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Mobley polled the Directors for any future agenda items.

Mr. Bondy mentioned that a Resolution and SGMA Implementation Grant would be presented to the Board that would require a quorum during next month's meeting. Director Everts replied, although he would be attending another meeting the same day, he would make himself available.


Director Chambers would love to hear the analysis on the latest test well information. Mr. Bondy responded, once DWR provides that information to him, he would be happy to give an update.

ADJOURNMENT 1:29 p.m.

Chair Mobley adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m. to the next Regular Board of Directors meeting on November 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. or call of the Chair.

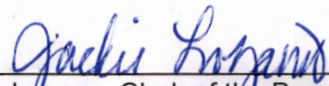
I certify that above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of October 20, 2022.

ATTEST:



Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper, Vice Chair/Secretary

ATTEST:



Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board