



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

was held on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom and
at the City of Ventura Public Works Facility, Assembly Conference Room,
336 San Jon Road, Ventura, CA 93002

MINUTES

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Catherine Keeling, Chair (on-line)
Jennifer Tribo, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Arne Anselm, Treasurer
James (Jim) Chambers
Conner Everts

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Alex Dominguez, Legal counsel (on-line)
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Guzman, UWCD
Burt Handy
Mohammad Hasan, UWCD
Ed Reese, UWCD
Brian Zahn, UWCD

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER 1:00 p.m.

Chair Catherine Keeling called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL

Ms. Lozano called Roll. All Directors were present (in person: Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Tribo; virtually: Keeling).

In accordance with California's teleconferencing rules under AB 2449, Executive Director Bryan Bondy informed the Board of Directors of Director Keeling's need to participate remotely for the reason of "just cause" due to having a contagious illness. She provided advance notice to Executive Director Bondy, Ms. Lozano, and legal counselors Alex Dominguez and Joe Hughes. During this time, she publicly disclosed there was no person 18 years or older present in the room with her. Both audio and visual remained on for the entire meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Director Everts moved for approval of the Agenda; seconded by Director Anselm. Roll call vote: five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0.

5. PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH BONDY GROUNDWATER CONSULTING

Motion

Chair Keeling introduced the motion to the Board for its consideration. Mr. Bondy temporarily excused himself from the meeting and left the room. Agency's legal counsel Mr. Dominguez noted he had nothing to add when asked by the Chair. The Board thanked Mr. Dominguez for his work towards completion of the agreement. No questions or further comments were offered by the Committee. No public comments or questions were offered.

Motion approving the Agreement to Provide Management Consulting Services and Hydrogeologic Consulting Services by and between Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc., and the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Director Everts; Seconded by Director Chambers. Roll call vote: five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0.

Director Tribo located Mr. Bondy who then returned to the meeting room.

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 November 27, 2023, Regular Mound Basin GSA 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 GSA website, Facebook page, and at the City of Ventura regarding the December 21, 2023, Regular Board of Directors meeting.

Director Everts requested an amendment to the Minutes. The last name of one of the public attendees, Susan Everts to please correct to Susan Murves.

6b. Approval of Warrants

Motion

The Board will receive and review a summary report of the December 2023 approved warrants as well as consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices for January 2024.

6c. Monthly Financial Reports

Information Item

The Board will receive monthly profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the months of November and December 2023.

6d. Financial Statement Audit for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23

Motion

The Board will consider receiving and filing the final auditor's report, audited financial statements, and SAS 114 letter from Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Motion approving the Consent Calendar items including the amendment to the November 27, 2023, Minutes as noted above, Director Everts; Seconded by Director Tribo. Roll call vote: five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0.

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Keeling asked if there were any announcements from the Board members.

- Director Anselm mentioned the Ventura County Board of Supervisors will be presenting a motion to approve his reappointment to the Mound Basin GSA for another term.
- Director Tribo announced that the City of Ventura's Mound Basin Well No. 3 is scheduled for startup today.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Information Item

Executive Director Bondy summarized the written staff report highlighting Agency activities since the last regular Board of Directors meeting of November 27, 2023. Director Chambers asked about the Saticoy Lemon Association's well that is no longer in use. Executive Director Bondy provided background information for those who were not familiar with the well. The well is part of the GSP groundwater level monitoring program and the owner intends to destroy the well. However, the owner is open to transferring responsibility for the well to MBGSA if they would like to continue monitoring the well. Executive Director Bondy is investigating what the cost would be for the agency to assume responsibility for the well, which includes eventual destruction costs. The next step will be to determine if a downhole inspection of the well can be performed to assess its condition. If the well is in poor condition, the Agency may need to pass. There were no further questions or comments.

9. MOTION ITEMS

9a. Agency Officer Appointments and Required Bond

Motion

After a brief discussion, there was agreement among the Board members to reappoint the 2023 slate of officers to serve again during the 2024 calendar year.

Motion to approve the Agency Officer appointments for calendar year 2024 (Director Catherine Keeling as Chair, Director Jennifer Tribo as Vice-Chair/Secretary, and Director Arne Anselm as Treasurer), Director Anselm; Seconded by Director Everts. Roll call vote: five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0.

9b. March 2024 Special Board Meeting

Motion

Due to an unavoidable conflict with the regular Board meeting scheduled for March 25, 2024, the Board reviewed and discussed the suggested alternate dates provided.

The Board identified Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to hold its special Board meeting. Director Anselm mentioned he had another meeting that afternoon but would be available until 2:00 p.m. Director Everts notified the Board that he is not available to attend the regular Board meeting scheduled for February 26, 2024. No other comments were provided by the Board. There were no questions from the public.

Motion approving the Special Board Meeting date of Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., Director Anselm; Seconded by Director Everts. Roll call vote: five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0.

9c. Agency Investment Authorization
Motion

As requested by the Directors, Executive Director Bondy provided funding options for the investment of excess Agency funds. He explained the two options and the recommendations to the Board. Attached to the staff report was background information on both. After hearing the pros and cons of each of the options, the Board favored the Ventura County Treasury Investment Pool.

Motion approving the adoption of Resolution 2024-01 authorizing the investment of Agency funds in the Ventura County Treasury Investment Pool, Director Everts; Seconded by Director Anselm. Roll call vote: five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0.

Executive Director Bondy also asked for Board direction regarding the investment amount. It was recommended that the Agency's Treasurer invest up to \$500,000 based on the reserves. The Agency's Treasurer would continue to invest over time when excess funds became available.

Motion approving the Agency's Treasurer to invest up to \$500,000 in the Ventura County Treasury Investment Pool, Director Everts; Seconded by Director Tribo. Roll call vote: five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0.

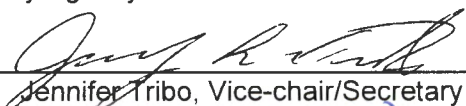
10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

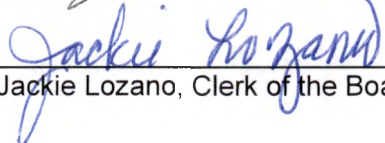
Chair Keeling polled the Director for any future agenda items. Executive Director Bondy mentioned the Groundwater Sustainability Plan annual report would be presented at the next meeting. No other items were offered by the Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Keeling adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m. to the next Regular Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024, or call of the Chair.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of January 22, 2024.

ATTEST: 
Jennifer Tribo, Vice-chair/Secretary

ATTEST: 
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board