

MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

was held on Monday, February 26, 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
Jennifer Tribo, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Arne Anselm, Treasurer
Conner Everts (on-line)

DIRECTOR ABSENT

James (Jim) Chambers

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
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
Zachary Plummer, UWCD
Brian Zahn, UWCD

OPEN SESSION

Chair Catherine Keeling called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Keeling led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL

Four directors were present (Anselm, Keeling, Tribo; virtually: Everts), and one director was absent (Chambers).

In accordance with California's teleconferencing rules under AB 2449, Executive Director Bryan Bondy informed the Board of Directors of Director Evert's need to participate remotely for the reason of "just cause" (A) need to care for a spouse. He provided advance notice to Executive Director Bondy, Ms. Lozano, and legal counselors Alex Dominquez and Joe Hughes. During this time, he publicly disclosed there was no person 18 years or older present in the room with him. Both audio and visual remained on for the entire meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

None were offered.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Director Everts moved approval of the Agenda; seconded by Director Anselm. Roll call vote: four ayes (Anselm, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed; one absent (Chambers). Motion carried 4/0/1.

5. 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)

5a. Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the January 22, 2024, Regular Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting.

5b. Approval of Warrants

Motion

The Board will review and consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices for February 2024.

5c. Monthly Financial Reports

Information Item

The Board will receive monthly profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the month of January 2024.

5d. Agency Required Bond

Motion

The Board will confirm the existing Treasurer bond is sufficient or provide direction concerning obtaining a new bond for the Treasurer.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items with confirmation that the existing Treasurer bond is sufficient, Director Everts; Seconded by Director Tribo. Roll call vote: four ayes (Anselm, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed; one absent (Chambers). Motion carried 4/0/1.

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were provided.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Information Item

Executive Director Bryan Bondy summarized the written staff report highlighting Agency activities since the last regular Board of Directors meeting of January 22, 2024. Mentioned, he would continue to pursue reaching out to the well owner as referenced in item 4.d. of the staff report.

8. MOTION ITEMS

8a. Annual Report for Water Year 2022/2023

Motion

Motion to approve the Water Year 2022/2023 Annual Report for submittal to the Department of Water Resources, Director Everts; Seconded by Director Anselm. Roll call vote: four ayes (Anselm, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed; one absent (Chambers). Motion carried 4/0/1.

8b. Monitoring Well B Right-of-Way Research Services

Motion

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to procure professional surveyor services from Encompass Consulting Group in an amount not-to-exceed \$8,825 and \$1,175 of contingency to be authorized at the Executive Director's discretion (\$10,000 total authorization) to conduct right-of-way research for Monitoring Well Site B, Director Everts; Seconded by Director Tribo. Roll call vote: four ayes (Anselm, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed; one absent (Chambers). Motion carried 4/0/1.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


No items were offered by the Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Keeling adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m. to the next regular Board of Directors Meeting that is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2024, or call of the Chair.

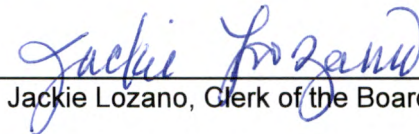
I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of February 26, 2024.

ATTEST:



Jennifer Tribo, Vice-chair/Secretary

ATTEST:



Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board