



**THE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

was held on Monday, June 24, 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  
James Chambers  
Conner Everts

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director  
Alex Dominguez, Legal Counsel  
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Sara Guzman, UWCD  
Burt Handy  
Zachary Plummer, UWCD

**OPEN SESSION**

Chair Catherine Keeling called the meeting to order at 1:00 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, Chambers, Keeling, and Tribo). Director Everts arrived at 1:05 p.m. during Item No. 7.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

None were provided.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

Action: M/S/C (Anselm, Chambers) to approve the June 24, 2024, agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Anselm, Chambers, Keeling, and Tribo; Noes: None; Absent: Everts.

**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**

Review and approve the Minutes from the May 23, 2024, Regular Agency Board meeting.

**5b. Approval of Warrants**

**Motion**

Review and consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices for June 2024.

**5c. Monthly Financial Reports**

**Information Item**

Review the profit and loss statement, and balance sheet for the month of May 2024.

Action: M/S/C (Anselm, Tribo) to approve the May 23, 2024, Regular Agency meeting minutes, Warrants for June 2024, and file the May 2024 Financial Reports.

Vote: Ayes: Anselm, Chambers, Keeling, and Tribo; Noes: None; Absent: Everts.

**6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None were provided.

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

**Information Item**

Executive Director Bondy summarized the written staff report describing Agency activities since the last regular Board of Directors meeting of May 23, 2024.

Executive Director Bondy reviewed a map showing property ownership and easements in the vicinity of the area identified for groundwater Monitoring Well B construction (Attachment B of the staff report). Executive Director Bondy explained that further review is needed to identify a preferred location.

Director Everts inquired about the Executive Director's attendance at the SGMA Implementation Summit in June. Executive Director Bondy briefly summarized the conference and said it was helpful to engage with staff from other groundwater sustainability agencies. He noted that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) was largely absent due to budget restrictions prohibiting payment of conference fees. This was disappointing to many attendees because engagement with the DWR

SGMA staff is a key reason to attend. Director Everts stated he would mention this to Secretary for Natural Resources Crowfoot.

Director Chambers asked about the cost for the downhole inspection of well 02N22W16K01S. Executive Director Bondy said the inspection cost would be approximately \$5,000. The well owner will pay for the inspection. If the well is ultimately transferred to MBGSA for continued monitoring, there may be a negotiated reimbursement.

**8. MOTION ITEMS**

**8a. Board Reappointment of United Water Conservation District Representative Catherine P. Keeling**

**Motion**

The Board acknowledged and accepted United Water Conservation District's (UWCD) reappointment of Catherine P. Keeling as its Member Director to the Agency's Board.

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Chambers) to approve UWCD's reappointment of Catherine P. Keeling as its Member Director to the Agency's Board for the term of June 14, 2024, through June 13, 2026.

Vote: Ayes: Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8b. Board Reappointment of City of San Buenaventura Representative Jennifer L. Tribo**

**Motion**

The Board acknowledged and accepted the City of San Buenaventura's (City) reappointment of Jennifer L. Tribo as its Member Director to the Agency's Board.

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Anselm) to approve the City's reappointment of Jennifer L. Tribo as its Member Director to the Agency's Board for the term of June 14, 2024, through June 13, 2026.

Vote: Ayes: Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8c. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Resolution 2024-04 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 14th and 15th Semiannual Billing Periods (July-December 2024 and January-June 2025).**

**Motion**

Chair Keeling opened the PUBLIC HEARING at 1:21 p.m. to discuss potential extraction fees, based on the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget and the updated five-year financial projection which had been posted on the Agency's website.

The Chair asked if any members of the public wished to offer comment or testimony regarding the proposed groundwater extraction fees to the Board. None were offered. The Clerk provided that no written testimony or e-mails were received from the public to the Board relating to the proposed groundwater extraction fee.

Chair Keeling, having received no request to provide public comment or testimony, closed the PUBLIC HEARING at 1:22 p.m.

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Tribo) to adopt Resolution 2024-04 establishing groundwater extraction fees within the Mound Basin for the 14th and 15th semiannual billing periods (July-December 2024 and January-June 2025).

Vote: Ayes: Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8d. Summary of Meeting with the CA Department of Water Resources Concerning the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Recommended Corrective Actions**

**Motion**

The Executive Director briefed the Board on his June 4, 2024, meeting with DWR concerning the GSP Recommended Corrective Actions (RCAs) included in DWR's GSP approval letter.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing the RCAs pertaining to the Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water sustainability indicator. DWR agrees with MBGSA's conclusion that undesirable results for this sustainability indicator are not likely because the estimated depletion rate is very small. However, because there is some non-zero amount of estimated depletion, the GSP will need to be updated to include a qualitative explanation as to why it is insignificant. The GSP will also need to include a discussion of conditions that would trigger adding sustainable management criteria for this sustainability indicator in the future.

Executive Director Bondy was asked about the timing for updating the GSP. He replied that it will be addressed as part of the five-year GSP assessment process, which must be completed by January 2027. Executive Director Bondy said that the Agency may need to reengage the biology consultant to help frame the issues.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Executive Director Bondy for coordinating and attending the meeting with DWR.

No action was taken.

**8e. Approve Transfer of Website Hosting and Maintenance Services to CV Strategies**

**Motion**

Executive Director Bondy summarized this request to the Board. No questions or comments were offered.

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Tribo) to approve the transfer of website hosting and maintenance services to CV Strategies and authorizing the associated professional services.

Vote: Ayes: Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Keeling polled the Directors of any agenda items they would like to hear about in the future. None were offered.


Legal Counsel answered questions regarding future remote participation by Board members and Brown Act compliance.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Keeling adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m. The next regular Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 22, 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 June 24, 2024.

ATTEST:   
Jennifer Tribo, Vice chair/Secretary

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Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board