



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING and PUBLIC RATES HEARING

Thursday, June 18, 2020 | 1:00 PM
via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING

Mike Mobley, Chair
Susan Rungren, Secretary (arrived at 1:22 p.m.)
Glenn Shephard, Treasurer
Jim Chambers
Conner Everts

STAFF PARTICIPATING

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATING

Burt Handy
Neal Maguire
Eddie Pech, DWR
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
John Lindquist, UWCD
Ambry Tibay, UWCD

CALL TO ORDER 1:01 PM

Chair Mobley called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chair Mobley asked if there were any public comments or questions for the Board. None were offered.

3. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. All directors were present for the meeting, except for Director Rungren who arrived at 1:22 p.m.

4. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ZOOM FEATURES

Chair Mobley provided a short introduction of Zoom features.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Executive Director Bondy advised that Item 9b needs to be rescheduled and requested removal from the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended: Director Shephard; Second, Director Everts. Roll call vote: four ayes (Shepard, Everts, Chambers, Mobley), none opposed, one absent (Rungren). Motion carried 4/0/1.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6a Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the May 21, 2020, Regular Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting.

6b Approval of Warrants

Motion

The Board will 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 month of May 2020.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Director Shephard; Second, Director Chambers. Director Everts stated that he will abstain because he was not present at the May 21 Board meeting. Roll call vote: three ayes (Shephard, Chambers, Mobley), none opposed, one abstained (Everts), and one absent (Rungren). Motion carried 3/0/1/1.

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

7a None offered.

7b Since the previous Board meeting, the Directors reported no time spent on grant eligible activities.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report with the Board. Regarding the new groundwater monitoring well planned under DWR's technical support services (TSS) program, the City of Ventura is working to determine whether a Coastal Development Permit will be required for the preferred location.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9a Groundwater Extraction Fee Payment Status

Information Item

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report with the Board. Executive Director Bondy recommended giving the well operator one month to respond to the certified letter and revisit the issue with the Board at its July meeting.

No Board discussion.

No public comment.

10. MOTION ITEMS

10a **GSP Monthly Update (Grant Category (d), Task 4)** **Motion**

Director Rungren joined the meeting during the item.

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report with the Board.

Burt Handy asked if the MBGSA has investigated use of airborne geophysics to delineate the offshore extent of Mound Basin's aquifers, which he heard was being used in Monterey County. Executive Director Bondy replied that he was not sure whether the geophysical method would work because of the high electrical conductivity of seawater in the Pacific Ocean might overwhelm the signal.

Director Everts asked how the MBGSA could measure its efforts in reaching out to people through email or online with questions. Director Mobley responded that the information will be posted on the website and the individuals can find the data there. Director Everts expressed a concern that some people may not know about the website and questioned if there are any plans for outreach beyond that. Director Mobley suggested adding a notice in the monthly bills to get people to notice and direct them to check out the website.

Executive Director Bondy mentioned Director Rungren offered to include a bill stuffer in the City's water bills and he will follow-up with the City. Director Chambers recommended posting information to the website when there is a notification.

No further comments.

10b **Sustainable Management Criteria Overview and Sustainability Goal Discussion** **(Grant Category (d), Task 4)** **Motion**

Executive Director Bondy provided an overview and proposal for work being done to define the Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs) for the Mound Basin GSA. The SMCs are an important part of the GSP, defining conditions in the basin that are desirable to achieve and what actions to take to sustain those conditions. Executive Director Bondy summarized the key points about SMCs as described in the staff report.

Following Executive Director Bondy's summary, Chair Mobley asked Eddie Pech of DWR if he had anything to add. Mr. Pech responded Executive Director Bondy covered everything thoroughly and in good detail.

Executive Director Bondy then noted that the first step in the process of developing SMCs is for the MBGSA to develop an overall "sustainability goal." He shared a draft sustainability goal (included in the staff report) for the Board of Directors to review and discuss.

Director Everts asked if the sustainable yield of Mound Basin was known yet. Executive Director Bondy stated that a sustainable yield value cannot be determined until SMCs have been established. A big challenge in other basins in their development of GSPs is that stakeholders have often felt that the overall sustainability goal and the SMCs were selected arbitrarily, resulting in lower sustainable yields than might otherwise have been calculated. To avoid that kind of stakeholder frustration, Executive Director Bondy

suggested that it was very important that the SMCs be established before proposing a sustainable yield value for Mound Basin.

Chair Mobley recapped the discussion, asking if his interpretation was correct: first, the Board of Directors should review the draft sustainability goal by the July MBGSA Board of Directors meeting, then revise and share with stakeholders, and potentially adopt it in August. Executive Director Bondy agreed but said that the Board could be flexible on the timing, depending on stakeholder feedback.

Director Chambers mentioned the sustainable yield is just a projection and will need to be adjusted as new data becomes available.

Director Shepard appreciates Executive Director Bondy's work and thorough thoughts on the process. He supports the proposed path for this summer.

No further comments.

Motion to approve the GSP update and the planned process for moving forward with the Sustainable Management Criteria Overview and Sustainability Goal: Director Rungren; Second, Director Chambers. Roll call vote: five ayes (Rungren, Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Shepard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0/0.

10c PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 2020-01: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Fees Against All Persons Operating Groundwater Extraction Facilities Within the Mound Basin for the 6th and 7th Semiannual Billing Periods (July-December 2020-01).

Chair Mobley opened-up the public hearing to discuss the potential extraction fees and invited the public to comment. No public comment or testimony was offered. Chair Mobley closed the hearing and asked the Board if there was a motion to adopt the resolution.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-01: Director Everts; Second, Director Rungren. Roll call vote: five ayes (Everts, Rungren, Chambers, Mobley, Shepard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0/0.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

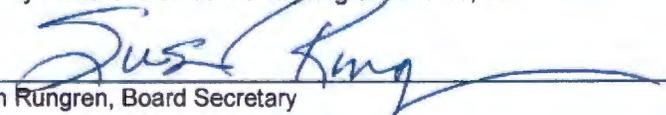
- Mound Basin Study presentation.
- Director Everts will report back to the Board on his attendance of the GDE webinar.

ADJOURNED 1:59 PM

The Board adjourned at 1:59 PM to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on **Thursday, July 16, 2020**, 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 18, 2020.

ATTEST:


Susan Rungren, Board Secretary

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Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board