



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.
via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

MINUTES

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Mobley, Chair
Susan Rungren, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Glenn Shephard, Treasurer
Jim Chambers
Conner Everts

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Burt Handy
Mohammed Hasan, UWCD
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
John Lindquist, UWCD
Daryl Smith, UWCD
Jennifer Tribo, City of Ventura

CALL TO ORDER 1:02 P.M.

Chair Mobley called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. RESOLUTION 2022-02 Finding that the Governor of California issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020, relating to the COVID-19 virus and local officials continue to recommend social distancing measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative body of Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the period of March 17, 2022, through April 16, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions

Motion

The Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano provided a generalized introduction of the motion to the Board members. Legal Counsel Joseph Hughes provided a thorough explanation and added adoption of the Resolution would carry the Agency through to the next meeting and cover the agency for the current meeting.

Mr. Hughes has been staying updated on recent activity on this topic at the state level. There was legislation being proposed to make remote teleconference meetings permanent beyond the state of emergency. He will continue to monitor the pending legislation and keep the Agency informed of any status changes. Director Everts requested the bill numbers. Mr. Hughes to follow-up after the meeting.

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

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-02, Director Everts; Second, Director Rungren. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), 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 Shephard stated that he must leave meeting at 1:30 p.m. Director Rungren moved Agenda approval; Seconded by Director Shephard. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6a. Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the January 20, 2022, 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 months of January and February 2022.

Motion to approve the consent calendar items, Director Everts; Second, Director Rungren. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard). Motion carried 5/0.

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

7a There were no updates provided by the Directors.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Bryan Bondy briefly reviewed the staff report regarding updates on Agency activities since the last Regular Board of Directors meeting. Director Chambers expressed his appreciation of Mr. Bondy's work that was completed on the grant funding.

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

9. MOTION ITEMS

9a. Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Mid-Year Budget Report

Motion

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the staff report regarding the mid-year budget report and recommended budget adjustments. Executive Director Bryan Bondy thanked United Water Conservation District finance department staff Mr. Daryl Smith and Ms. Ambry Tibay for their efforts.

Director Everts asked about the decrease in groundwater extraction/pumping in relation to December being a dry month. Mr. Bondy explained that he had not dug into the data to determine what happened. Director Rungren said that the City of Ventura wells have had some operational issues and have pumped less.

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

Motion to receive and file the second quarter budget report and approve the mid-year budget modifications, Director Everts; Second, Director Rungren. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

9b. Well Access Agreement for Shallow Groundwater Monitoring

Motion

Director Rungren recused herself from this agenda item because it involves the City of Ventura.

Executive Director Bondy explained that the GSP calls for shallow groundwater level monitoring on a limited basis to confirm that pumping from the principal aquifers does not affect shallow groundwater near the Santa Clara River and its estuary. He explained that the City of Ventura has a number of shallow monitoring wells in the area of interest. Some are being monitored by the City and others are not. The proposed access agreement would allow MBGSA to monitor the monitoring wells of interested that the City is not monitoring. UWCD will perform the monitoring on MBGSA's behalf.

Director Chambers thanked staff and the City of Ventura for figuring out how to use existing wells and save costs. Chair Mobley agreed.

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

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Well Access Agreement with the City of San Buenaventura, Director Everts; Second, Director Chambers. Voice vote: Four ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Shephard), none opposed, and one absent (Rungren). Motion carried 4/0/1.

Executive Director Bondy texted Director Rungren and she rejoined the Board meeting.

9c. Mound Basin Annual Report for Water Years 2020 and 2021

Motion

Executive Director Bondy presented a brief overview of the annual report and said that it must be submitted to DWR by April 1, 2022.

Director Rungren said that the City of Ventura's imported water numbers need to be checked. Executive Director Bondy said he would consult with City of Ventura staff prior to submitting the report to DWR.

Chair Mobley inquired as to accuracy of the increase in Casitas Municipal Water District purchases by the City of Ventura. Director Rungren said that those numbers are correct.

Chair Mobley asked for public comments.

Mr. Burt Handy commented on the report charts.

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

Motion to approve the Mound Basin Annual Report for Water Years 2020 and 2021 with Executive Director to consult with the City of Ventura staff prior to submittal to DWR, Director Rungren; Second, Director Everts. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Chambers, Everts, Mobley, Rungren, Shephard), none opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Mobley polled the Directors for any future agenda items. None were offered by the Directors.


ADJOURNMENT 1:32 P.M.

Chair Mobley adjourned the meeting at 1:32 P.M. to the next Regular Board of Directors meeting on April 20, 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 March 17, 2022.

ATTEST: 

Susan Rungren, Board Secretary

ATTEST: 

Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board