



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

held on Monday, September 25, 2023, 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 (Jim) Chambers
Conner Everts

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Guzman, UWCD
Mohammed Hasan, UWCD
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
John Lindquist, UWCD
Ed Reese, UWCD
Brian Zahn, UWCD

CALL TO ORDER 1:00 p.m.

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

1. Oath of Office

The Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano administered the Oath of Office to the returning Member Director Jennifer Tribo. The Board and staff welcomed her back to serve on the current Board of Directors.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the Board called roll. All five Directors were present (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo).

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

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

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Director Everts moved 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.

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 Consent 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 June 26, 2023, Regular Board of Directors meeting and Public Hearing. A meeting cancelation 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 July 24 and August 28, 2023, Regular Board of Directors meetings.

6b. Approval of Warrants

Motion

The Board will receive and review a summary report of the July and August approved warrants as well as consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices for September for the Mound Basin GSA.

6c. Monthly Financial Reports

Information Item

The Board will receive and review the monthly profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the months of June, July, and August 2023, for the Mound Basin GSA.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items, Director Everts; seconded by Director Chambers. 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 Everts mentioned he had attended a Groundwater Resources Association meeting in Sacramento. He will review his notes to see if there was anything of interest to report to the Board at the next Agency meeting.

Director Chambers had a question for Director Tribo on the progress of the WaterPure project. She responded that the project is moving along through the process and the design request for proposals would be closing soon. More to come as information becomes available. He also asked about the shallow monitoring of the Agency's wells and was wondering if the wells were artesian. Executive Director Bryan Bondy mentioned he had not reviewed the data but indicated the Agency's wells were not artesian. UWCD Hydrogeologist Kathleen Kuepper confirmed Mr. Bondy's response and that the well was not artesian the last time she visited the well.

There were no further announcements, comments, or questions from the Directors.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Information Item

Executive Director Bryan Bondy summarized the written staff report concerning Agency activities since the last Regular Board of Directors meeting of June 26, 2023. He announced the Agency received notification from the California Department of Water Resources that the grant was formally closed out and the Agency received a perfect score on the grantee review. Chair Keeling, along with the Board, congratulated and thanked Mr. Bondy on the outstanding work he put forth. Mr. Bondy expressed his thanks to all those who contributed to the project.

Informational item. There were no questions or further comments from the Directors. No comments or questions were offered by the public.

9. MOTION ITEMS

9a. Reappointment of Stakeholder Directors

Motion

Chair Keeling briefly summarized this motion for the Board. Approval of this motion would reappoint the Agriculture and Environmental Stakeholder Directors for a new one-year term (August 2023-August 2024). On behalf of their stakeholders, both Directors Everts and Chambers happily accepted their reappointment to the Agency's Board of Directors.

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

Motion to approve reappointing Director Conner Everts to serve as the Agency's Environmental stakeholder and Director Jim Chambers to serve as the Agency's Agriculture stakeholder for a new one-year term (August 2023-August 2024), Director Tribo; seconded by Director Anselm. Roll call vote of Member Directors: three ayes (Anselm, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed. Motion carries 3/0/0.

9b. Board Appointment of a City of San Buenaventura Representative

Motion

Chair Keeling briefly summarized this motion for the Board. Approval of this motion would accept the City of San Buenaventura's appointment of Jennifer L. Tribo as its Member Director to the Agency's Board of Directors for the remainder of the two-year term through June 13, 2024.

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

Motion to approve appointing Jennifer L. Tribo as the City of San Buenaventura's member Director to the Agency's Board of Directors for the remainder of the two-year term through June 13, 2024, Director Anselm; seconded by Director Everts. Roll call vote: four ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling); none opposed; one abstained (Tribo). Motion carries 4/0/1.

9c. Agency Officer Appointment

Motion

It was recommended by Chair Keeling that the Board consider appointment of Director Jennifer Tribo as the vice chair/secretary for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year to fill the vacant position.

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

Motion to approve the Agency officer appointment of Director Jennifer Tribo to serve as vice chair/secretary for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year, Director Everts; seconded by Director Anselm. Roll call vote: four ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling); none opposed; one abstained (Tribo). Motion carries 4/0/1.

9d. Resolution 2023-05 Honoring Elizabeth (Betsy) Kingery Cooper

Motion

At the Board of Directors request, it was recommended that the Agency adopt Resolution 2023-05 recognizing Director Betsy Cooper for her dedication and service having served as a member Director representing the City of San Buenaventura and for her numerous contributions as Board vice chair/secretary for the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

There were no questions or comments from the Directors. No public comments were offered.

Motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2023-05, Director Everts; seconded by Director Chambers. Roll call vote: five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0.

9e. Resolution 2023-06: Approving an Amendment to the List of Authorized Signers for the Agency's Bank of the Sierra Account

Motion

Due to a recent change to the Agency's member Directors, an amendment to the list of authorized signors for the Bank of Sierra account became necessary. It was recommended that former Board member Elizabeth Kingery (Betsy) Cooper be removed and add new Board member Jennifer Lynn Tribo as an authorized signatory by adopting Resolution 2023-06 as required by the bank.

There were no questions or comments from the Directors. No public comments were offered.

Motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2023-06, Director Anselm; seconded by Director Everts. Roll call vote: five ayes (Anselm, Chambers, Everts, Keeling, Tribo); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0.

9f. Modification of the Existing Contract to the Agency's Bank of the Sierra Account

Motion

Chair Keeling introduced this motion to the Board. Director Anselm provided a further explanation for the Board's awareness. The Agency's Bank of the Sierra account balance exceeded the contracted permissible limit for its depository, and therefore, a ratification of the contract is being recommended to the Board for approval. It was also mentioned by Executive Director Bondy that staff would come back to the Board with future investment options for reserves.

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

Motion to approve the modification of the existing depository limits from \$700,000.00 to the new limit of \$1,000,000.00, 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 asked if there were any suggested topics the Board would like to address at future meetings. They are noted below:

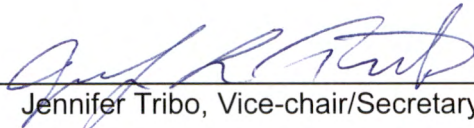
- Fiscal year-end 2023-24 budget report to be presented at next Agency meeting.
- Investment opportunities as requested by Director Anselm.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Keeling adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. to the next Regular Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023, or call of the Chair.

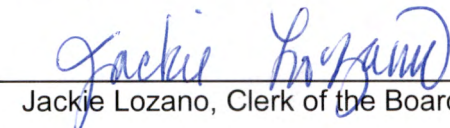
I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of September 25, 2023.

ATTEST:



Jennifer Tribo, Vice-chair/Secretary

ATTEST:



Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board



MOUND BASIN GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Monday, September 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

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