

KINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, the public was able to participate through a conference call. Directors could choose to meet with Staff in the Board Room or participate through a conference call. President McCutcheon called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Steven P. Dias (phone), Michael Murray (phone),  
Barry McCutcheon, Ernest Taylor

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Joseph Freitas

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dennis Mills, General Manager  
Ray Carlson, Attorney (phone)  
Geoff VandenHuevel, Milk Producers Council (phone)  
Johnny Gailey, Delta View WA (phone)  
Shawn Corley, Lakeside IWD (phone)  
Sebastian Silveira, Griswold LaSalle (phone)

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

It was determined that a quorum was present at the meeting.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY DECEMBER 30, 2021 MEETING**

Manager Mills explained that he was still developing the minutes for the regular December Board meeting, but that the minutes for the emergency December 30 meeting had been developed. President McCutcheon asked if there was a motion regarding the minutes of the December 30 Board meeting. Director Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the emergency December 30, 2021 meeting. Vice-President Dias seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the emergency December 30, 2021 meeting. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Joseph Freitas

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **GENERAL MANAGER**

### **GRISWOLD BASIN EFFORTS**

Manager Mills reported that design efforts continued on the Griswold Basin project. In the past month staff had worked with P&P in Visalia to revise the previous earthwork concept for the basin to make recharge possible across the entire site. Revised project development costs had been estimated as well as a new conceptual grading plan.

### **TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN SGM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION**

Manager Mills reported that the Tulare Lake GSA managers had met with the Subbasin's Consultant. The initial scoring of submitted projects appeared to indicate that the Griswold Project was one of the highest scored projects. Project selection for funding was very likely, but further work by the Subbasin consultant and the GSA managers was necessary before a final decision was made. The scoring committee was also evaluating a number of study efforts that would benefit the Subbasin.

### **DELTA VIEW PHASED PROJECT DISCUSSION**

Manager Mills reported that efforts to further develop the Delta View Phased Project continued over the last month. He reported that initial contact with a few landowners about potential efforts on their properties had begun.

### **KAWEAH SUBBASIN SGM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION**

Manager Mills reported that efforts in the Kaweah Subbasin to select projects were developing slowly. There was an effort underway to have the Subbasin's consultant evaluate projects based on DWR's criteria, but that appeared to yield very little meaningful information on how to select projects. Also, some projects appear to have been allowed to be submitted with no information on anticipated benefits, or even were submitted late. The three GSAs in the Subbasin appear to have agreed to apply for \$1 million in study efforts, and then equally split the remaining \$6.6 million. Manager Mills is trying to stay engaged in the process, but given limited availability, it has been difficult to understand the thinking of the group.

### **LAND IQ CROPPING INFORMATION UPDATE**

Manager Mills briefly reported that the recent monthly data had been received from Land IQ.

### **GSA RELATED TOPICS**

Manager Mills reported that he continues to understand that DWR would issue a letter on GSP issues sometime soon.

### **ON-GOING EFFORTS**

None.

## **EXPENDITURE LIST APPROVAL & FINANCING STATEMENT ACCEPTANCE**

On a motion by Vice-President Dias, with a second by Director Taylor, it was unanimously approved by the Board that the expenditure list and financial statement be accepted as submitted. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Joseph Freitas

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Manager Mills reported that a transfer of \$1,000,000 from County Fund #6104 to the Union Bank General Account and then \$850,000 from Union Bank General Account to the L.A.I.F. Account was needed. On a motion by Vice-President Dias, with a second by Director Taylor, it was unanimously approved by the Board to transfer \$1,000,000 from County Fund #6104 to the Union Bank General Account and then \$850,000 from Union Bank General Account to the L.A.I.F. Account. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Joseph Freitas

**BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

None.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular Board of Directors meeting was set for February 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.9 (A) AND 54956.9(D)(1)**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Following the Closed Session, President McCutcheon reported that the following action out of Closed Session. Manager Mills had presented the Board Resolution 2022-1, a resolution consenting to borrow from Farm Credit West, and authorizing Manager Mills to sign loan documents on behalf of the District in conformity with the District's governing documents, and all applicable state laws relative to the District's recent accepted offer on the Dutra Ranch and associated Peoples Ditch Stock in preparation for the eventual purchase and payment at the end of Escrow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills  
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