

KINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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: Barry McCutcheon, Ernest Taylor,
Steven P. Dias, Michael Murray (phone)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Joseph Freitas

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Mills, General Manager
Ray Carlson, Attorney (phone)
Shawn Corley, LIWD (phone)
Sebastian Silveira (phone)
Johnny Gailey, DVWA

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETINGS

Manager Mills explained that he had not yet completed the minutes for the regular meetings of October and November 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Mills reported on discussions with Jared Little of Little Land Company regarding their late payment for surface water used this past season. Mr. Little is questioning the amount of the invoice.

GENERAL MANAGER

DUTRA PROPERTY UPDATE

- Car on the property - getting towed
- Sheep coming to the property soon
- Realtors - Kyle Orth and Robb Stewart so far

DWR SGM IMPLEMENTATION, RND 2 GRANT - TLS UPDATE

- Planned submittal next week
- Total application for \$10.50 million

- Admin Efforts for \$1.75 million
 - GSP 2025 Update
 - GW Model Update
 - Domestic Well Registry Program
- KCWD North Hanford Basins Project included with \$4.25 Million budget
 - One 20 acre basin, one 40 acre basin
 - 1.5 miles of new canal
 - Associated structures and turnouts
 - Design, CEQA, grant admin, bidding, plan set, contracting, construction management
- SFK Well Meter Project for \$1.70 million
- Monitoring Network Enhancement Project for \$3.05 million

GRISWOLD BASIN PROJECT - P&P PROPOSAL

- Original project budget was \$200,000 in the Fall of 2021
- Recently updated proposal is for \$244,600 excluding Construction Management. Proposal includes permitting, CEQA, design, plan development, bidding, and contracting.
- Construction Inspection will be necessary, but is very hard to estimate without a better understanding of how the contractor will approach the construction. Current estimate is \$185K, but would not be authorized at this time.
- Manager Mills asked the Board to consider authorizing the proposal execution after final staff review.
- Vice-President Dias made a motion to authorize execution of the proposal execution pending final staff review. Director Taylor seconded the motion and President McCutcheon called for a vote. The vote of all directors was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Joseph Freitas

FY 22-23 BUDGET / SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

Manager Mills reported that he was not ready to discuss this with the Board, and hoped to present this at the January meeting.

LAST CHANCE SIDE DITCH MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

- Manager Mills reported on discussions at the Last Chance Board meeting. There is movement from landowners to address issues.
- Manager Mills relayed plans to move forward with the Independent Ditch canal easement effort.
- Manager Mills relayed plan to discuss Independent Ditch flume modifications with Summers Engineering.
- Manager Mills relayed plan to investigate Hardwick/First Side Ditch on Diversion Structure project.

GREATER KAWEAH GSA UPDATE

- Manager Mills reported Mark Larsen had recently been made the agencies Interim General Manager.
- Mr. Larsen has tried to setup a monthly standing date for TAC meetings. I provided my availability but have not heard anything back since.

MID-KINGS RIVER GSA UPDATE

Manager Mills reported on:

- A meet & greet he had with the Kings County Grand Jury.
- New Approved Policies for well registration and flow meters.
- KCWD Monitoring information submitted to DWR for Fall 2022.
- Several requests for information from LSCE to support GW Model revisions.
- Hanford request for presentation to City Council on SGMA, as there are three new Council members after election.

ON-GOING EFFORTS

Manager Mills reported on:

- Ditch Company supplies are very low given deliveries last summer. More rain will be needed to develop enough to run.
- SWK GSP Approval:
 - Discussions with Mike Nordstrom in mid-November about resolving the issue with of evaporated groundwater in shallow basins from the previous approving resolution. He indicated there may be a potential to resolve the matter.
 - SWK GSA is considering a new resolution to approve Revised GSP. If approved it might resolve the current issue with the State Board.
- Kings Co. GW Export Ordinance:
 - Board of Supervisors approved the Export Ordinance despite significant comments by local agencies.
 - Ordinance will go live in January.
 - Several parties have reached out to ask for help developing "fixes" to the adopted ordinance. Manager Mills has provided his thoughts in an attempt to help.
- DWR Grant opportunity called LandFlex may be made public soon. Sounds like there will be a public comment period through end of the Calendar Year and grant will come out early in 2023.
- Work with Auditor for KCWD on FY 2022
- Work with Auditor for MKR GSA on FY 2019

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

President McCutcheon asked if there was a motion to transfer \$300,000 from the District's LAIF account to the District's General Union Bank. Vice-President Dias made a motion to transfer \$300,000 from the District's LAIF account to the District's General Union Bank. Director Taylor seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the transfer of \$300,000 from the District's LAIF account to the District's General Union Bank. 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 January 12, 2023 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 there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills
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