

**McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency**  
**Board Meeting | March 9, 2017 | 15061 West 'G' Street, Kerman, CA 93630**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency held April 9, 2017 at the Kerchkoff Park Scout Hut, Kerman CA.

1. Call to Order

Augustine Ramirez called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

**Directors Present:**

Brian Pacheco

Earnest Buddy Mendes (alternate)

Don Cameron

Jeevan Singh

Jerry Rai

Matt Abercrombie

**Directors Absent:**

None

2. Introduction of Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors introduced themselves and what agency they are representing.

3. Oath of office

Fresno County Deputy County Surveyor Augustine Ramirez administered the Oath of Office to Directors Brian Pacheco, Earnest Buddy Mendes (alternate), Don Cameron, Jeevan Singh, Jerry Rai and Matt Abercrombie.

4. Election of officers

**Chairman**

Action – Elect Director Don Cameron

Pacheco/Abercrombie

Motion Unanimously Approved

**Vice Chairman**

Action – Elect Matt Abercrombie

Pacheco/Rai

Motion Unanimously Approved

**Treasurer**

Action – Elect Jeevan Singh

Pacheco/Abercrombie

Motion Unanimously Approved

5. Consider and appoint interim legal counsel

Action – Appoint Kevin O’Brien from Downey Brand LLP as Interim legal Counsel  
Abercrombie/Singh Motion Unanimously Approved

6. Consider and appoint interim secretary

Action – Appoint Augustine Ramirez Interim Secretary for the remainder of the 2016-17 fiscal year (June 30, 2017).

Rai/Abercrombie Motion Unanimously Approved

7. Public Comment

Congratulations were offered to the newly seated Board of Directors. Chairman Cameron stated that the McMullin Area has its work cut out as there is no surface water allocation within the area. Director Pacheco agreed but stated that he has had conversations with Fresno Irrigation District who has expressed a willingness to work with the area to find solutions and projects.

8. Director Reports

Chairman Cameron stated that the McMullin Area has its work cut out as there is no surface water allocation within the area. Director Pacheco agreed but stated that he has had conversations with Fresno Irrigation District who has expressed a willingness to work with the area to find solutions and projects.

9. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

Steven Sopp with the Fresno County Department of Public Work and Planning provided an update on Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation efforts within the Kings Subbasin. Information regarding coordination efforts among the GSAs that are being formed was also provided.

10. Consider and take actions relating to groundwater sustainability (GSA) agency formation

Augustine Ramirez provided information regarding what is required to file a Notice of Intent with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to become a GSA.

Action – Set April 5, 2017 at 1:30pm for a public hearing to elect to be a GSA, direct Interim Secretary to take all steps necessary to fulfill statutory requirements.

Rai/Singh Motion Unanimously Approved

11. Adopt 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget

Augustine Ramirez provided information how the total budget amount was determined. Information was provided regarding the breakdown of the proposed budget and where and for what purpose funds will need to be expended.

Action – Approve proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget

Singh/Abercrombie

Motion Unanimously Approved

12. Consider and approve fiscal agent agreement with Kings River Conservation District (KRCD)

Action – Approve Fiscal Agent Agreement with KRCD

Singh/Rai

Motion Unanimously Approved

13. Consider and approve Kings Basin Coordination Contract with Provost & Pritchard

Alternate Mendes commented that this is important because it brings all six of the GSAs together and starts on four tasks out of many that will be required in order to prepare Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Subbasin.

Chairman Cameron stated that the cost for this portion of the coordination effort among the GSAs is being split evenly among the six GSAs and that Provost and Pritchard will have a contract with each individual GSA.

Action – Approve Kings Basin Coordination Contract with Provost and Pritchard Engineering

Rai/Singh

Motion Unanimously Approved

14. Consider and appoint Kings Subbasin Coordination Group representative

Action – Appoint the Chair (Don Cameron) as the representative and the Vice Chair (Matt Abercrombie) as the alternate

Pacheco/Rai

Motion Unanimously Approved

15. Insurance

Augustine Ramirez stated that the group will be working to get a quote and set up insurance for the authority.

16. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment a member of the public asked how the GSAs efforts are being funded. Augustine Ramirez provided information regarding how the participating agencies have agreed to share costs.

Information was provide regarding the purpose of the next meeting and what type of items may be included on the next agenda for the next meeting.

Information was provided regarding where more information regarding SGMA can be accessed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm