

**McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Meeting | April 5, 2017 | 15101 W. Kearney Blvd., Kerman, CA 93630**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency held April 5, 2017 at the Kerman Community Center, Kerman CA.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Directors Present:

Brian Pacheco

Don Cameron

Jeevan Singh

Jerry Rai

Matt Abercrombie

Directors Absent:

None

2. Public Comment

A question was received regarding how the public can find out when the subsequent Board meetings will be held. It was communicated that the information would be discussed later in the meeting.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes

Action – Approve minutes from the March 9, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

Rai/Abercrombie

Motion Unanimously Approved

4. Consider and take action to adopt a resolution to elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for a portion of the Kings Groundwater Subbasin

Chairman Cameron opened the public hearing to consider and take action to adopt a resolution to become a groundwater sustainability agency. Director Pacheco asked if counsel had reviewed the resolution provided. Augustine Ramirez responded that interim counsel had reviewed the resolution. No other questions or public comment were received. Chairman Cameron closed the public hearing.

Action – Adopt resolution to elect to become a GSA for a portion of the Kings Groundwater subbasin and direct the secretary to submit a Notice of Intent to the Department of Water Resources.

Abercrombie/Singh

Motion Unanimously Approved

5. Directors Reports

Chairman Cameron reported on the coordination efforts for all GSAs within the Kings Subbasin. Provost and Pritchard continues to work on four tasks that were agreed upon by the group to complete. The six GSAs within the subbasin continue to meet regularly.

6. Review and consider a Request for Proposal (RFP) for general counsel legal services and authorize the secretary to release/public notice RFP by April 12, 2017 with a response deadline of May 12, 2017. Consider and take action to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to interview/review response received and provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors prior to the June 2017 Board meeting

Action- Motion to approve release of the RFP for general counsel legal services and establish an Ad Hoc Committee to interview/review response received and provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Rai/Abercrombie

Motion Unanimously Approved

Directors Abercrombie and Rai were chosen to participate on the Ad Hoc Committee.

7. Review and consider a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for technical engineering and consulting services and authorize the secretary to release/public notice RFQ by April 12, 2017 with a response deadline of May 12, 2017. Consider and take action to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to interview/review response received and provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors prior to the June 2017 Board meeting

Action – Motion to approve release of the RFQ for technical engineering and consulting services and establish an Ad Hoc Committee to interview/review response received and provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Singh/Rai

Motion Unanimously Approved

Director Singh and a County representative were chosen to participate on the Ad Hoc Committee.

8. Consider adoption of resolution 2017-02 regarding bank signatories

Action – Motion to adopt resolution 2017-02 regarding bank signatories.

Abercrombie/Singh

Motion Unanimously Approved

9. Consider and take action to approve the website for the McMullin Area GSA

Cristel Tufenkjian with the Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) provided a presentation and walk-thru of the website to the Board.

Action – Approve the website for the McMullin Area GSA and direct staff to launch the website for access and use by the public.

Singh/Rai

Motion Unanimously Approved

10. Consider and take action to approve MAGSA SGMA Outreach Strategy

Cristel Tufenkjian with KRCD provided a presentation regarding the proposed outreach strategy for the McMullin Area GSA. Immediate outreach will be focused toward landowners and will occur approximately in June. Future outreach will then focus on communities and businesses. Key messages will include information on what SGMA is, what MAGSA is, how landowners can participate, what costs may be incurred.

Action – Approve the proposed MAGSA SGMA Outreach Strategy as recommended.

Abercrombie/Rai

Motion Unanimously Approved

11. Consider and take action to set next meeting date and approve 2017 calendar

Direction Received – Establish monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. Set the June meeting for Thursday the 15th with following meetings to be the first Wednesday of the month.

12. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment a member of the public asked how the GSAs efforts are being funded. Director Pacheco stated that to this point efforts are being funded by contributions from the member agencies but that future costs will likely have to be paid by landowners. Augustine Ramirez stated that discussions regarding how to pay for GSA efforts and the possibility of establishing fees will be brought before the Board at future meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm