



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

**1:30 P.M. Board Convenes**

**Kerman Community Center  
15101 W. Kearney Blvd.  
Kerman CA, 93630**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

#### **Directors Present:**

Brian Pacheco  
Jerry Rai  
Don Cameron  
Jeevan Singh  
Matt Abercrombie

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

#### **3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action – Approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

Singh/Abercrombie

Motion Unanimously Approved

#### **4. DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Each Director will have the opportunity to report on meetings and other events attended during the prior month on behalf of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MAGSA). No action is necessary.

Director Abercrombie reported there was an outreach meeting on June 14th with about 30 attendees (approximately 600 growers were invited). The GSA is looking forward to more attendance at the future meetings.

Director Cameron reported that LAFCo wants to be involved with GSAs. Their concern is that municipalities' growth is coordinated with the GSAs. The six GSAs in the Kings Subbasin continue to meet on coordination issues. Current efforts are related to determining the specific yields for each GSA. The modeling efforts will continue to be ongoing. The Kings Subbasin will also pursue a \$1.5 million DWR grant for the development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans. It is anticipated if the grant is awarded it will be divided equally among the six GSAs (approximately \$250,000 for each GSA).

#### **5. CONSIDER AND APPOINT NEW INTERIM SECRETARY**

Recommendation to appoint Randy Hopkins of Provost & Pritchard as Interim Secretary. This is an action item.

Action – Appoint Randy Hopkins of Provost & Pritchard as Interim Secretary

Rai / Singh

Motion Unanimously Approved

#### **6. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE**

The Board will receive a report regarding current activities related to SGMA. No action is necessary.

Mr. Sopp (Fresno County) reported that a seventh GSA is being considered for the Kings Subbasin, within the proposed Central Kings GSA. It consists of the cities of Fowler, Sanger, Parlier, Kingsburg and Selma. If the overlap is not resolved it could result in the Kings Subbasin being placed into probationary status. Mr. Jimenez (Fresno County) reported there are meetings planned between the Central Kings GSA and the proposed GSA to resolve potential boundary overlap issues.

#### **7. RECEIVE AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE REGARDING SELECTION OF GENERAL COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES**

The Board will consider selection of a firm for General Counsel Legal Services from

response received to a Request for Proposal.  
This is an action item.

Mr. Sopp and Directors Rai and Abercrombie reported on the solicitation process. One response from Downey Brand was received. However, after submission Downey Brand respectfully withdrew their proposal due to a proposed conflict. The Ad Hoc committee will continue searching for potential candidates for legal counsel.

**8. RECEIVE AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE REGARDING SELECTION OF TECHNICAL ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES**

The Board will consider selection of a consultant for technical engineering and consulting services among responses received to a Request for Qualifications. This is an action item.

Mr. Sopp. A similar RFQ process was performed to solicit technical services for engineering and consulting services. Two responses were received from Lytle Water Solutions and Provost & Pritchard. The Ad Hoc committee reviewed the statements of qualifications and recommended the GSA contract with Provost & Pritchard.

Action – Accept Provost & Pritchard proposal

Singh / Abercrombie

Motion Unanimously Approved

**9. CONSIDER 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

The Board will discuss and consider approving a budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year.  
This is an action item.

The budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year was presented by Mr. Sopp.

Action – Approve 2017-18 fiscal year budget

Singh / Abercrombie

Motion Unanimously Approved

**10. RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING SGMA OUTREACH EFFORTS**

The Board will receive a report regarding outreach efforts to landowners within the MAGSA.

Ms. Tufenkjian (KRCD) reported on the recent and upcoming outreach meetings. As reported by Director Abercrombie, approximately 30 people attended the outreach

meeting in Kerman. There will be one outreach meeting in Raisin City and another via a web-based format. Ms. Tufenkjian also reported on recent statistics related to the website traffic. Director Cameron encouraged those in attendance to help spread the word about the meetings and encourage their neighbors to be involved.

The Directors also asked Ms. Tufenkjian to look into preparing some information for the commodity associations and Farm Bureau to include in their mailings or to handout at their meetings.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Director Cameron adjourned the meeting at 2:04 pm.