

**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEETING
HELD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019 AT 8:30 A.M.**

The *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Exchange Contractors GSA)* met on Friday, October 4, 2019 at the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's* office located at 541 "H" Street, City of Los Banos, County of Merced, State of California. The following persons were present:

Central California Irrigation District (CCID):

James O'Banion, Chairman; Jarrett Martin, Manager

San Luis Canal Company (SLCC):

David Pruitt, Alternate Director; John Wiersma, Manager

Firebaugh Canal Water District (FCWD):

Mike Stearns, Director

Columbia Canal Company (CCC):

Randy Houk, Manager/Alternate Director

STAFF MEMBERS:

Chris White, Executive Director; Steve Chedester, Director of Policy & Programs; Joann White, Director of Finance and Administration; Darlene O'Brien, Administrative Assistant; and Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist

PRESENT:

Paul Minasian, Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper LLP; Mike Henry, Consultant; Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group; Nikki Griffin, Landowner; Michael Peters, Kaweah Pump & Well Drilling; and Danielle Duncan, Wonderful Orchards (arrived 8:35 a.m.)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson O'Banion called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked Randy Houk to lead meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Director White reported that since the posting of the agenda, an action item has been brought to his attention, and requested to add agenda the following agenda item 8) "Board to consider approval of a San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority Prop 1 and Prop 68 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program Proposal Application of the Delta-Mendota Sub-basin."

Director Stearns made a motion to add the proposed Agenda Item 8. The motion was seconded by Alternate Director Houk and unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. White presented the unapproved minutes from the July 12, 2019 Exchange Contractors GSA meeting. Following a correction by Manager Martin, a motion was made by Director Stearns to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Alternate Director Houk and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Executive Director asked for self-introductions by all attendees.

BOARD TO APPROVE JULY-SEPTEMBER 2019 EXPENDITURES:

Upon presentation of the Expenditure List for July-September 2019, a motion was made by Director Stearns to approve the Expenditure List. The motion was seconded by Alternate Director Houk and unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Joann White referred to the Exchange Contractors GSA Budget Comparison and reported to date, the budget reflects 50% revenue versus 95% expenses. She then continued to review the July-September 2019 financial information that included the Budget Comparison and Cash Activity Report.

Director Stearns made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Alternate Director Houk and passed unanimously.

Joann White next presented the audit proposal received from Cuttone & Mastro Certified Public Accountants (CPA) for a three-year term, ie., 2019, 2020, and 2021. She said that the proposed fee for each year was \$6,825. A motion was made by Director Stearns and seconded by Alternate Director Houk for approval of the proposal from Cuttone & Mastro CPA. The motion was unanimously carried.

Executive Director White presented the proposed 2020 Budget and a brief discussion followed outlining the anticipated grant funds to be received in addition to the ones obtained earlier in 2019.

The July 8, 2019 Finance Committee minutes were included for informational purposes.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION:

Manager Martin reported that all the GSA partners have formally submitted their notice of a public hearing to adopt the GSP. The public hearings will take place in November and December. The GSP is complete and just waiting for the final dates from the others' hearings to be included into

the plan. After meeting with the Chowchilla and Madera Sub-basins to discuss boundary conditions and sustainable management criteria, Dr. Kenneth Schmidt provided an analysis on their progress. There will be a follow up workshop scheduled with Chowchilla and Madera to discuss the analysis and work with them regarding the potential impacts.

PROP 1 AND PROP 68 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM PROPOSAL APPLICATION OF THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUB-BASIN:

Executive Director White presented a letter from San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority with an agreement to apply for additional grant funds under Prop 1 and Prop 68. The additional funds will assist with the annual reporting of the GSP. Mr. White asked for authorization to sign the agreement for participation in this funding opportunity.

Director Stearns made a motion to approve the authorization of the Prop 1 and Prop 68 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program Proposal of the Delta-Mendota Sub-basin. The motion was seconded by Alternate Director Pruitt and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

JAMES O'BANION, CHAIRPERSON

Attest a true record of proceedings had
And taken at the foregoing meeting, our
Presence thereat and our consent thereto.

CHRIS WHITE, SECRETARY

RANDY HOUK, ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

DAVID PRUITT, ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

MIKE STEARNS, DIRECTOR