

A meeting of the GFWD was opened at O'Neill Agri-Management Office on January 13, 2020 starting at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT: Diane Kirk, Steve Emmert, Seth Kirk, Tom Campagne and Don Roberts
ABSENT: Paul Stewart, Ken Basila
PUBLIC: Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting; Michael Naito - Farmer; Staci Silva - New Current for Westchester Group; Michael Poors - Kaweah Pump (Ref Drilling to Myers Bros Drilling)

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by S Kirk and a second by D Kirk, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2019 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. BOARD REORGANIZATION: Upon a motion by S Kirk and a second by D Kirk, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2020 Proposed Organizational Chart.
5. GSA/GSP (SGMA):
 - a) Proposition 218 - No action taken.
The following FYI's on the "218" Ballots were reported by Don:
 - 1) Two parcel Ballots received by mail on December 16th after Don had left for the meeting voted "Yes".
 - 2) Two parcel Ballots received on Jan 8th voted "Yes".These Ballots did not affect the numbers reported at the December 16th meeting.
 - b) Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan
 - (i) Public Hearing - At 2:00 PM, President S Emmert opened the Public Hearing to receive any testimony for or against the GFWD Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan. No oral or written testimony or comments were received from the Public during the Public Hearing.
The Board was reminded written comments had been received on the District's draft GSP prior to the December 4, 2019 closing of the Public Review Period. These written comments were reported at the December 16th 2019 Board Meeting and are listed below.

Gravelly Ford Draft GSP		
FROM	ADDRESSED TO	DATED
Fresno Irrigation District	GFWD	Dec 2, 2019
North Kings GSA	GFWD	Nov 27, 2019
Madera Subbasin Draft GSP		
FROM	ADDRESSED TO	DATED
Fresno Irrigation District	Stephanie A, Madera County cc GFWD, et al	Nov 8, 2019
North Kings GSA	Stephanie A, Madera County cc GFWD, et al	Nov 8, 2019
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration	Stephanie A, Madera County cc GFWD, et al	Rec Dec 2, 2019

Copies of the above referenced correspondence were again distributed to the Board. President S Emmert declared the Public Hearing for the Gravelly Ford Water District Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan closed at 2:08 PM.

(ii) Comments received on GFWD Groundwater Sustainability Plan - Garth P provided correspondence for the written comments from Fresno Irrigation District and North Kings GSA addressed directly to the GFWD Plan. Garth P also provided correspondence to Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water and Natural Resources for Madera County, for the written comments regarding the draft GSP for the Madera Subbasin from NOAA. Upon a motion by S Kirk and a second by D Kirk, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Garth P to send response letters regarding the GSPs to Fresno Irrigation District, North Kings GSA and Madera County Director of Water and Natural Resources (re: NOAA).

(iii) Upon a motion by S Kirk and a second by D Kirk, the Board approved Resolution 2020-01 which approved the Gravelly Ford Water District Groundwater Sustainability Plan and authorized the submittal of the GFWD GSP to the California Department of Water Resources through the Madera Groundwater Subbasin prior to the January 31, 2020 filing date.

c). Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement - Don reported there had been a meeting at Department of Water Resources in Fresno with all of the members of the Madera Subbasin in attendance. State Water Board and DWR legal and program coordinators participated on call-in as well as Skype. The meeting was called to facilitate resolving issues by Newstone Water District. Several proposals were put forth to try to get Newstone to sign the Cooperative Agreement which is necessary for submittal of the GSP for Madera Subbasin. Jeffrey Lion (Newstone owner) stated that the State has set up the process to induce failure. We're going to sue each other so let's just start now. The State's position is "It's up to us to get an agreement locally." Lion stated he will agree to sign to not pulling out of GSA for 5 years if the Subbasin will get Davids Engineering to change the water budget to agree to Lion's water budget (wherein Lion's would receive an additional approximately 4,000 AF of ground water). This was unacceptable to all the other parties.

Tom C stated the Board previously authorized signing of the November 28th draft Coordination Agreement subject to Tom's approval of any minor changes. The agreement requires a POC from the District and the Board consensus was Don would be the representative and Garth P of QK would be the alternate. Based on nothing new to discuss, Tom C said there was no need for a "Closed Session". No action was taken.

6. DITCHTENDER: Joe Buentello has resigned from the ditchtender position effective December 31, 2019. There was some discussion on possible options. No action was taken.
7. WATER SUPPLY: There is no change in the Bureau's allocation for the 2019 water supply. Water supply is still 100% CI 1 and 0% CI 2.
8. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: The following meters have been repaired or replaced in 2019: D Kirk, K Basila, Andrew, Pamma (Davis), Bolderoff, and Toor. Currently working on meter at El Peco. Gallo is installing 2 new turnouts on GF Canal. Sergio's Welding to fix gate frame at north end of GF Canal. Don will contact contractors for the pipeline repair and gate installations at Ave 4 ½ & Rd 21.
9. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: No meeting in December. Nothing to report.
10. ANNEXATION: LAFCo has scheduled the GF Annexation Hearing for January 22nd. MID advised LAFCo the annexation should be approved subject to MID's 411 acre parcel within GFWD being detached as part of this action. Don said he advised LAFCo that any action on the MID parcel should be a separate issue.

After discussion and upon a motion by S Kirk and a second by D Kirk, the Board voted unanimously to advise both LAFCo and MID: If MID wants to pursue detachment from GFWD, then MID should file an application to LAFCo for such action. GFWD feels that such a proposal needs to be a separate action from GFWD's Annexation Process currently before LAFCo. GFWD would require a pipeline easement across the MID property to allow for possible future service to land within GFWD. Further, if MID would withdraw its condition that may delay GFWD Annexation, then GFWD would not have any objections to the MID proposal for a detachment request at a future date.

Don reminded the Board there is a 111 acre island adjacent to MID and GFWD which is owned by a landowner within GFWD. This landowner has advised us of the desire to annex this property to GFWD. The Board indicated that the property owner needs to file an application to LAFCo for consideration. Don will advise the landowner on this matter.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT: a) The Board was presented with a summary of the December 28, 2019 Supplemental Bills. (This was necessary to allow financial payments for Joe Buentello to be completed in 2019.) On a motion by D Kirk and a second by S Kirk, the Board voted unanimously to approve the payments of the December 28th Supplemental Bills in the amount of \$375.96.
b) The Board was presented with a summary of the January 13, 2020 bills, the January 13, 2020 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the January 2020 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2018, 2019, and 2020. On a motion by S Kirk and a second by D Kirk, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the January bills in the amount of \$29,751.66.
c) 2019 Year End Financial Summary - Still awaiting information from Raymond James Co. Don advised the CD which matured in December has been reinvested as noted on the Temporary Investments Summary.
12. CORRESPONDENCE: Parks & Rec grant funds from the State of California Natural Resource Agency are available for agencies that had voted for Park Enhancement projects between November 1, 2012 and November 30 2018.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Don advised the Board the District has a small rental storage unit at Safeguard Storage South. The unit is now exceeding practical capacity. In addition, Don is storing meters, boards and small tools and Steve is storing our spare 50 HP motor, board hooks, trash rakes and construction cones. The District needs to make arrangements to have all the District records, parts and tools at a single location. It was suggested the District invest in a compartment shipping container. No action was taken but options will be evaluated in the future. Don advised the Board that O'Neill Agri-Management Office would be closed on February 17th which is the next scheduled meeting date. Upon a motion by D Kirk and a second by S Kirk, the Board voted unanimously to change the February meeting date to February 10, 2020 at 1:30 PM at the O'Neill Agri-Management Office. Don will send out an immediate change of date notice.

13. BOARD COMMENTS: None
14. CLOSED SESSION: On advise of legal counsel T Campagne, no closed session was held.
- 15: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: There was nothing to report as there was no closed session.
16. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 3:10 PM.
Next scheduled meeting is for Monday February 10, 2020 at 1:30 PM at the O'Neill Agri-Management Office.