

A meeting of the GFWD was opened telephonically on June 15, 2020 at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT: The following persons answered to the call-in roll:
Diane Kirk, Paul Stewart, Ken Basila, Seth Kirk, Michael Naito, Tom Campagne and Don Roberts

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting; Will Gleason - West Hill Farm Services; Staci Silva - New Current for Westchester Group; Jacob Roberson, MRWG Coordinator; Jerome Keene - QK Consulting

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by K Basila and a second by D Kirk, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2020 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. BOARD REORGANIZATION: Don advised the Proposed Board Reorganization reflects the change in Officers made at the March meeting and the addition of M Naito as a Director concurrent with Board action at the May meeting. Don also advised there was the addition of Representation to Friant Water Authority from action at the may meeting. The Reorganization also proposed having M Naito replace S Emmert as the District's representative to the various entities.
5. GSA/GSP (SGMA):
 - a) Proposition 218 - The Board was advised the District needed to establish the Proposition 218 Special Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The Engineer's Report recommended the Special Benefit Assessment Rate for expenses for various related SGMA related matters for the Fiscal Property Tax Year 2020-2021 be established in the amount of \$26.74 per acre.

Upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by K Basila, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2020-05 which authorized the collection of Special Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Property Tax Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$26.74 per acre by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors K Basila, M Naito, P Stewart, D Kirk, S Kirk
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

J Keene advised he will provide the approved resolution and landowner attachments to the Madera County Tax Collector and Madera County Auditor-Controller.

Don will send a notice to the District's landowners and other interested parties to give them a heads up/reminder of the "218" Tax Rate and its purpose.

b) Groundwater Sustainability Plan - Don advised he was contacted by the State who wanted to have a "Zoom" conference towards the end of this month to discuss some areas of our Plan. Don requested a list of issues so the meeting would be more productive. Both Garth and Ken S may need to be on the call. Don has yet to receive a response.

c) Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement - Tom C reported the Subbasin members participated in the "Mediation Conference" on June 12th where an "agreement" was reached. Still waiting for official approvals by the participants. Further discussion on Coordination Agreement will be deferred to the closed session for this item.

6. WATER SUPPLY: The Bureau has increased the CI 1 allocation to 65% with zero CI 2. Bureau is offering more URF water to CI 1 contractors only. Don has sent correspondence to all GFWD landowners, farm managers and other interested parties advising of the zero water supply for 2020.
7. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report.
8. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: Highlights of RWMG meetings were: Indian Lakes received a grant for smart meters for \$551,000+ and the City of Madera, Parkwood and Parksdale awarded \$1,689,000 for water system projects. The Group's new coordinator Jacob Roberson advised that any group applying for Grant Funds needs to be on RWMG project list. Forms have been sent out with an August deadline to be put on the Project List. This includes any SGMA projects.
9. ANNEXATION: The LAFCo process is now complete and the District has received the confirmation letter with a copy of the Recorded Documents certifying the actions. Don will notify the proponents and forward them an invoice showing total costs for reimbursement to the District.
10. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY: Don reported he advised FWA of the District's acceptance of a one (1) year trial no-cost membership. A letter was received from FWA legal counsel requesting authority of GFWD formation. This information was provided. We just received a Letter of Agreement and the By-Laws from FWA. Don felt that action should be deferred until the July meeting to give everyone an opportunity to review all the documents before taking action. The Board concurred.
11. DISTRICT STORAGE FACILITY: Seth advised he made contact with a supplier of cargo containers. A 40 foot unit would be in the \$3,800 range. The Board said to go ahead. Seth will order the unit, pay for it and bill the District for the cost. The unit will be placed on one of Seth's ranches for convenience of accessibility. Don advised we will need to purchase 10 heavy duty plastic sealable containers for the paperwork records. Don will obtain these.
12. DISTRICT AUDIT: Don has obtained the name of a local (Fresno area) firm that performs public agency audits. Don will contact them to verify services provided and associated costs.
13. BANK SIGNATURES AUTHORIZATION: Don sent forms to M Naito and P Stewart to forward to the bank so the account authorization will be ready for signatures.
14. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the June 15, 2020 bills, the June 15, 2020 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the June 2020 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2018, 2019, and 2020. On a motion by D Kirk and a second by M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the June bills in the amount of \$14,402.27.
15. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT: Don reported he picked up the legal records from our previous legal counsel, Gary Sawyer. Don reported he sent out a memo to landowners, farm managers and interested parties advising the Water Supply is zero, the status of the GSP (lack of a coordination agreement) and the Board member change (M Naito replacing S Emmert due to Steve's passing away).
16. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

17. CLOSED SESSION: Meeting telephonically, President S Kirk declared the Public portion of the meeting over at 2:12 PM and advised that the Board would be going into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (Litigation Exposure) regarding SGMA Legal matters and Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement. The Public left the meeting.

At 2:15 PM, S Kirk advised the Board was in Closed Session with the following in attendance: S Kirk, K Basila, D Kirk, P Stewart, M Naito, T Campagne, D Roberts and G Pecchenino.

Board reconvened in Regular Session at 3:00 PM.

18. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: Legal Counsel T Campagne reported that in the Closed Session, the Board was advised the Mediation Settlement to obtain a Coordination Agreement was successful. Tom C advised the Board they needed to adopt Resolution 2020-06 authorizing the General Manager, Don Roberts, to sign the Coordination Agreement as amended by the Dispute Resolution of the Mediation Process.

Upon a motion by K Basila and a second by M Naito, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2020-06 authorizing the General Manager, Don Roberts, to sign the Amended Coordination Agreement as amended by the Mediation Settlement of June 12, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors K Basila, M Naito, P Stewart, D Kirk, S Kirk

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

19. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 3:05 PM.
Next scheduled meeting is for Monday July 20, 2020 at 1:30 PM at the O'Neill Agri-Management Office.

Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer