



GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS October 8, 2020

Those present at the meeting included

Directors: Lucas Avila, Molly Thurman, Jose Ochoa

Others: Sarah Woolf, Chase Hurley, Brad Samuelson, Brock Lopes, Julia Berry, Michael York, Mark Hutson, Darcy Vlot, Case Vlot, Phil Janzen, Samantha Lopes, and Dale Arthur

Roll Call: President Avila called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM and asked for a reading of participants.

Public Comment

Mark Hutson informed the Board and participants of the ongoing issue of Arundo in the waterways of the Chowchilla Subbasin. The Arundo uses approximately 48 AF/Acre/Year. This is an ongoing problem in the subbasin that the various GSA's should look into partnership options for both eradication and maintenance. The cost of eradication with an excavator is unknown, but Julia Berry offered to find the cost and get the information back to the district. The maintenance through a spray program is estimated to cost \$10/Acre.

Minutes

A motion to pass the Minutes of September 10, 2020 was made by Director Molly Thurman and seconded by Director Jose Ochoa. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Sub-basin Report

The Board took action to approve the preparation of the 2021 Chowchilla Subbasin GSP Annual Report under the existing Cost Share Agreement. Director Molly Thurman made the motion and it was seconded by Director Jose Ochoa. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Brad Samuelson updated the Board of Directors on the Madera County GSA Allocation Program being reviewed by the County Advisory Committee. During the September meeting Board members voiced concern over the lack of tracking of upper and lower aquifer groundwater use through the allocation plan. After discussion with County staff on the best options for ensuring deep aquifer pumping does not cause continued subsidence issues in the Western Management Area, Brad recommends sending a letter from TTWDGSA to the County Advisory Committee supporting the allocation but calling out the annual subsidence numbers generated by US Bureau of Reclamation as a mechanism for monitoring excessive pumping and modifying enforcement as needed.

Darcy Vlot as a member of the Advisory Committee asked if she and other committee members could get some further background information on upper and lower aquifer issues. Sarah Woolf offered to put a meeting together before the next Advisory Committee meeting with members in the Western Management Area.

Directors agreed that they would like to see the letter and submit it to the Advisory Committee before their next meeting. Sarah Woolf will circulate the letter and send out after review.

Other Business



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None

Comments from the Board

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Secretary: Sarah Woolf