

A meeting of the GFWD was opened telephonically on March 15, 2021 at 1:30 PM.

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

ABSENT: Ken Basila (Note Ken Basila arrived at 1:55 PM)

PUBLIC: Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting; Chris Montoya - CA Dept of Water Resources; Stephanie Anagnoson - Director Madera County Water and Natural Resources; Sam Cunningham - Madera County Water and Natural Resources

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by M Naito and a second by D Kirk, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2021 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. GSA/GSP (SGMA):
 - a) Garth P reported he had compiled the spring well measurements and forwarded them to Ken Schmidt for his analysis and report. Garth is completing the Annual Report for submittal. He stated the well depths of water rose on average 6 feet from the fall readings. The water level in one well in the southeast corner of the District dropped 2 feet. Some of the elevation changes were nearly a nine foot rise.
 - (b) Don reported he sent the Subbasin Meeting Schedule for posting on the Website. Also sent the schedule to interested parties on email list and advised how they could get direct notifications from Madera County Water and Natural Resources on all meetings and issues on water.
5. WATER SUPPLY: The Bureau has requested water schedules for the 2021 water year: 20% CI 1 & 0% CI 2. This is a "critical dry" year status. It is being compared to the 1977 year where MID growers received a 0.2 AcreFoot allocation with a six-week season.
6. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report.
7. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: At February meeting - Reelected slate of officers - Tom Wheeler, Chair; Carl Jansen Vice Chair
 - Prop 1 - Mountain Counties: North Fork Rec Center Project complete - Sent letter on success story.
 - Valley Counties: Gave an update.
 - Prop 1 - Implementation Grant - DWR combined Indian Lakes, City of Madera, Parkwood & Parksdale project into a single agreement now signed by all parties.
 - Prop 68 Domestic Wells - Two grants (1 for each subbasin). Board of Supervisors signed contact for Madera Subbasin. Chowchilla Subbasin previously signed.

8. SJVAPCD GRANT: Don advised he just received all the requirements for making an application for a New Alternative Vehicle. Don will fill out the application and supporting documents for consideration of possible action at the April Board meeting. Don advised there is a program for growers to acquire this type of vehicle but the financial incentives are not at same level as the District's. Don will send out access to this information to the landowners for their consideration to pursue such purchases.
9. ESJWQC MEMBERSHIP: Don advised the District's current membership status in the East San Joaquin Water Quality coalition does not meet the criteria for required enrollment. The District has the option of either reducing to zero irrigated acres and staying a member for informational purposes at \$50 per year or dropping out completely. After discussion and upon a motion by M Naito and a second by D Kirk, the Board members present voted unanimously to opt for the "informational member" status with dues at \$50 annually.
10. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: Don advised the terms for S Kirk and K Basila expire on December 3, 2021. The District has always previously conducted the election process. The election would be August 31, 2021. The Declaration of Candidacy forms for eligible candidates would be for the period beginning May 10 through June 4, 2021. The election would be in accordance with the California Uniform District Election Law (UDEL) which specifies the dates for the various actions required for this process. Upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Niato, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2021-02 to Conduct Election to Fill Vacancies on the Board of Directors by the following vote:

AYES: D Kirk, M Naito, P Stewart, S Kirk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: K Basila.

Tom C advised this information should be posted on the District's website. Don advised the Draft Resolution was sent for posting as part of the Board Meeting Notification and Agenda. Also the "interested" party list was provided with these documents. The adopted Resolution will be forwarded to all of the above. Legal Notice will be placed in the newspaper and posted at three locations within the District.

K Basila entered the meeting at 1:55 PM.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the March 15, 2021 bills, the March 15, 2021 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the March 2021 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2019, 2020, and 2021. On a motion by D Kirk and a second by P Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the March bills in the amount of \$10,308.23.

12. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT:

Don reported the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Office requested data on By-Laws, Board member names, addresses, email addresses, current term status, Conflict of Interest Forms and some other miscellaneous items. All the information had previously been submitted for their records. I re-sent some items and sent them references on when we had previously provided all the items in question. The County has a new "Clerk of the Board" so the request may have been related to the transition. I also pointed out that the District has not received any official confirmation from the Board of Supervisors on the appointments of latest Directors.

The District received a letter from MID requesting any CEQA or NEPA information on any and all projects by GFWD. This is the second separate request the District has received on this issue. Don questioned if a similar request by GFWD to all entities in the Madera Subbasin would be in order. Tom C advised the District should make such a formal request.

Don advised the District received a "Public Records Request" from info@publiccontractors.com asking for information that is already on the District's Website. Tom C advised the District should respond that all the information requested is available on the GFWD Website. Don will respond accordingly.

Don reminded the Board that 700 Forms are due April 1. They should have received contact from the County.

13. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Next scheduled meeting is for Monday April 19, 2021 at 1:30 PM and will be a Telephonic Meeting due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer