

A meeting of the GFWD was opened telephonically on April 19, 2021 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: None

PUBLIC: Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting; Chris Montoya - CA Dept of Water 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 March 15, 2021 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. GSA/GSP (SGMA):
 - (a) & (b). Garth P reported he had uploaded the District's annual report information to the web site and the Subbasin Point of Contact (Davids Engineering) had submitted this information to the State.
 - The well measurements showed no significant change in water depth. District landowners use over 20,000 AF of water with a zero balance. The measurements showed no deficit. He said our hydrogeologist K Schmidt is evaluating all the data. Garth also participated in several coordination member meetings.
 - Garth asked about availability of water to purchase in 2020 or 2021. Don reported there was some URF available to CI 1 districts last year, but not for districts like Gravelly Ford with a CI 2 only contract.
5. WATER SUPPLY: The Bureau has requested water schedules for the 2021 water year: 20% CI 1 & 0% CI 2. The 20% declaration may not hold up without spring and summer rainfall in the mountains.
6. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report.
7. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: March meeting highlights -
 - As part of the SGMA process, the GSA's are required to address domestic wells. The Madera Subbasin has received \$400,000 for this work and installation of monitoring wells near large clusters of domestic wells. There will be 2 locations in the Madera Subbasin with up to 3 wells at each location to provide for groundwater levels at different underground aquifers and to provide for water quality monitoring. Luhdorff & Scalmanini are the consultants for this work.
 - Prop 1 update - Indian Lakes, Parkwood and Parksdale getting ready to have project bids in about a month.
 - City of Madera working on a RFP to deal with their more complicated metering issues.

8. SJVAPCD GRANT: Don reviewed the proposed grant application and read the proposed Resolution 2021-03 which authorized the District to apply for a grant for one all electric vehicle for ditchtending and maintenance. The Resolution states the District agrees to comply with grant conditions and authorizes the Board President or General Manager to execute any & all documents related thereto.

Upon a motion by K Basila and a second by P Stewart, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 RE: SJVAPCD Public Benefit Grants Program by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT : None

9. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the April 19, 2021 bills, the April 19, 2021 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the April 2021 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2019, 2020, and 2021. On a motion by M Naito and a second by D Kirk, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the April bills in the amount of \$18,777.63.

Six thousand plus of the monthly bills include the District's share for one of the pumps for the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority. There are four pumps and the costs for the other three will be in the next three consecutive years.

The Friant Unit contractors are responsible for a portion of the O & M costs for the Exchange Contractors conveyance system.

10. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT:

Don stated he received an email from the Madera County Auditor-Controllers Office regarding the status of the MID parcel that had been moved from the GFWD to MID. Don advised the County that LAFCo had approved this change and for tax purposes should be treated accordingly.

Don reported he is working on the Annual Water Management Update.

Don reported he is completing the Bureau of Reclamation's request for the 2020 Crop Survey. The Bureau uses this information to compile reports that show the dollar value of Bureau Contract Water for crop production .

11. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:09 PM.

Next scheduled meeting is for Monday May 17, 2021 at 1:30 PM. Depending on the State evaluation for Madera County, the meeting could be a Telephonic Meeting with limited optional in person attendance due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.