

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MADERA WATER DISTRICT
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

April 14, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Madera Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the “GSA”) held a meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 by conference call due to COVID-19.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at approximately 10:12 a.m. Directors in attendance via telephone were Phil Janzen, Kevin Herman, Tony Canales and Carl Johnson. Others in attendance were John Gies (“Manager”), Melanie Aldridge, Michelle Errecart, Chris Montoya, Angelica Hernandez, Samuel Cunningham, Kenneth Bowman, Gurjit Gosal, Ben Jertberg, Jeannie Habben, Linda Arroyo, Jan Clayton and other members of the public. When asked if anyone else was present on the conference line, no additional persons responded.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GSA MATTERS. There were no members of the public present who wished to comment on GSA matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Board reviewed the minutes of the GSA board meeting held on March 10, 2021. Director Janzen moved to approve the minutes as correct and Director Canales seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of the attending directors.

Roll call vote:

Yes – Canales, Johnson, Janzen, Herman

No – None

Abstain – None

Absent – Henry

COORDINATION AMONG BASIN. Ms. Aldridge reported there had been some meetings between the Madera Subbasin and the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, but she has not attended the meetings because the District GSA is so far from the Delta-Mendota Subbasin boundary.

GSP ANNUAL REPORT. Ms. Aldridge reported the annual report has been submitted but not circulated to everyone. The Manager said the Board’s concern about well monitoring issues was discussed with Mr. Montoya of the DWR. Ms. Aldridge said she will draft a letter to other GSAs and Mr. Montoya followed up with the GSAs of the County and MID. Mr. Montoya reported MID and the Madera County GSA are not the only GSAs discovering they cannot access the monitoring wells they have identified in their GSPs. The DWR decided to have GSAs with these issues include a discussion about the problem with their annual reports, including an explanation of how the GSAs intend to remedy the issue. Mr. Montoya said the MID and County GSA reports have a lot of information about why they cannot access all identified

monitoring wells and, considering this is the first year of annual reports, DWR will be understanding for now but the issue will be monitored moving forward.

GRANT WRITING. Ms. Aldridge said the Manager and Mr. Abrahamsen of Provost & Pritchard will discuss grant writing at the May meeting.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS – GSA MATTERS. There were no additional comments from the directors.

ADJOURNMENT. The GSA meeting was adjourned at approximately 10.18 a.m. The next meeting of the Board of the District GSA will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 immediately following the regular meeting of the District’s Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Henry, Secretary