

**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEETING
HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M.**

The *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Exchange Contractors GSA)* met on Friday, January 8, 2021 at the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's* office located at 541 "H" Street, City of Los Banos, County of Merced, State of California. The following persons were present:

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REPRESENTATIVES:

Central California Irrigation District (CCID): James O'Banion, Chairman

STAFF MEMBERS:

Chris White, Executive Director; Joann White, Director of Finance and Administration; Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist; and Darlene O'Brien, Administrative Assistant

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order (N-29-20) and the declared State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, the following members of the Exchange Contractors' Board of Directors and staff, and members of the public participated via teleconference:

REPRESENTATIVES:

CCID: Jarrett Martin, Manager

San Luis Canal Company (SLCC): James Nickel, Director (8:35 a.m.); John Wiersma, Manager

Firebaugh Canal Water District (FCWD): Mike Stearns, Director; Jeff Bryant, Manager

Columbia Canal Company (CCC): Kimberly Brown, Director; Randy Houk, Manager

OTHERS:

Andrew McClure and Paul Minasian, Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper LLP; Chris Cardella, CCC Director; Antonio Bejarano, Westlands Water District and Mike Henry, Consultant

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson O'Banion called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked Darlene O'Brien to lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The unapproved minutes from the October 2, 2020 Board meeting were presented. A motion was made by Director Stearns and seconded by Director Brown to approve the minutes as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were no public comments presented.

BOARD TO APPROVE OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 2020 EXPENDITURES:

Upon presentation of the Expenditure Lists for October-December, 2020, a motion was made by Director O'Banion and seconded by Director Nickel to approve the Expenditure Lists. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Joann White presented the GSA Financial Report for October-December, 2020.

Director Brown made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Steans. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was passed by 4-0 vote.

The September 29, 2020 Finance Committee minutes were included for informational purposes.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01:

Executive Director White presented the Resolution to Adopt the Annual Statement of Investment Policy and Guidelines for 2021.

Director Stearns made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-01, Adopt Annual Statement of Investment Policy and Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Director Nickel. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02:

The Executive Director presented the Resolution Authorizing and Directing that Application be made to Obtain a Grant Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Implementation Grant – Round 1 and to Enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to Receive a Grant for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSP Implementation Proposal and Authorizing Related Actions.

Director Stearns made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-02, Authorizing and Directing that Application be made to Obtain a Grant Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Implementation Grant. The motion was seconded by Director Brown. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

INFORMATIONAL:

Legal Counsel Andrew McClure gave a status report on the CALSpa Litigation, the judge agreed with the motion to change venue and made a ruling but stayed her order for 60 days to give the plaintiff an opportunity to file a petition for consolidation which would allow one judge in a

neutral county to hear the multiple cases. The plaintiff is appealing the court's decision in which we will be responding.

CLOSED SESSION:

There being no further business, Chairman O'Banion adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

JAMES O'BANION, CHAIR

Attest a true record of proceedings had
And taken at the foregoing meeting, our
Presence thereat and our consent thereto.

CHRIS WHITE, SECRETARY

KIMBERLY BROWN, VICE-CHAIR

JAMES L. NICKEL, DIRECTOR

MIKE STEARNS, DIRECTOR