

A meeting of the GFWD was opened telephonically on May 17, 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, and Don Roberts

ABSENT: Tom Campagne - Legal Counsel; Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting

PUBLIC: Alan Reynolds - Gallo Vineyards

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by D Kirk and a second by M Naito, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2021 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. GSA/GSP (SGMA):
(a) & (b). Garth P was unable to attend, but forwarded a written report which Don read. A copy of the report is attached and is made a part of the minutes.
5. WATER SUPPLY: The Bureau has declared that the 5% supply for south of the delta is no longer viable. There is ongoing evaluation if there will be a call on Friant for Exchange Contractor water. This year is parallel to 1977 or worse.
6. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report.
7. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: April meeting highlights:
Update on status of Prop 1 projects; still making progress on all the projects but not ready for contract work yet.
Self Help continuing with outreach on domestic wells.
Forest management - Lawsuit being pushed in Federal Court on "forest management".
If all the proposed studies are done, there will be no need for proposed management as it will be too late to remove dead trees or replant. Brush will have taken over and it will be status quo!
8. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the May 17, 2021 bills, the May 17, 2021 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the May 2021 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2019, 2020, and 2021. On a motion by K Basila and a second by D Kirk, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the May bills in the amount of \$23,249.81.

Don advised that the District received the second payment from the County for taxes and assessments in the amount of \$147,124.51. The County's fee per agreement for collecting the District's funds was \$3,462.19 which shows on the monthly bills and has already been deducted prior to the above disbursement.

9. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT:

Don reported the legal notices for the Board Vacancies were printed in the Madera Tribune and notices were posted at three locations in the District. In addition to the incumbents, there was one additional request for Declaration of Candidacy which was provided.

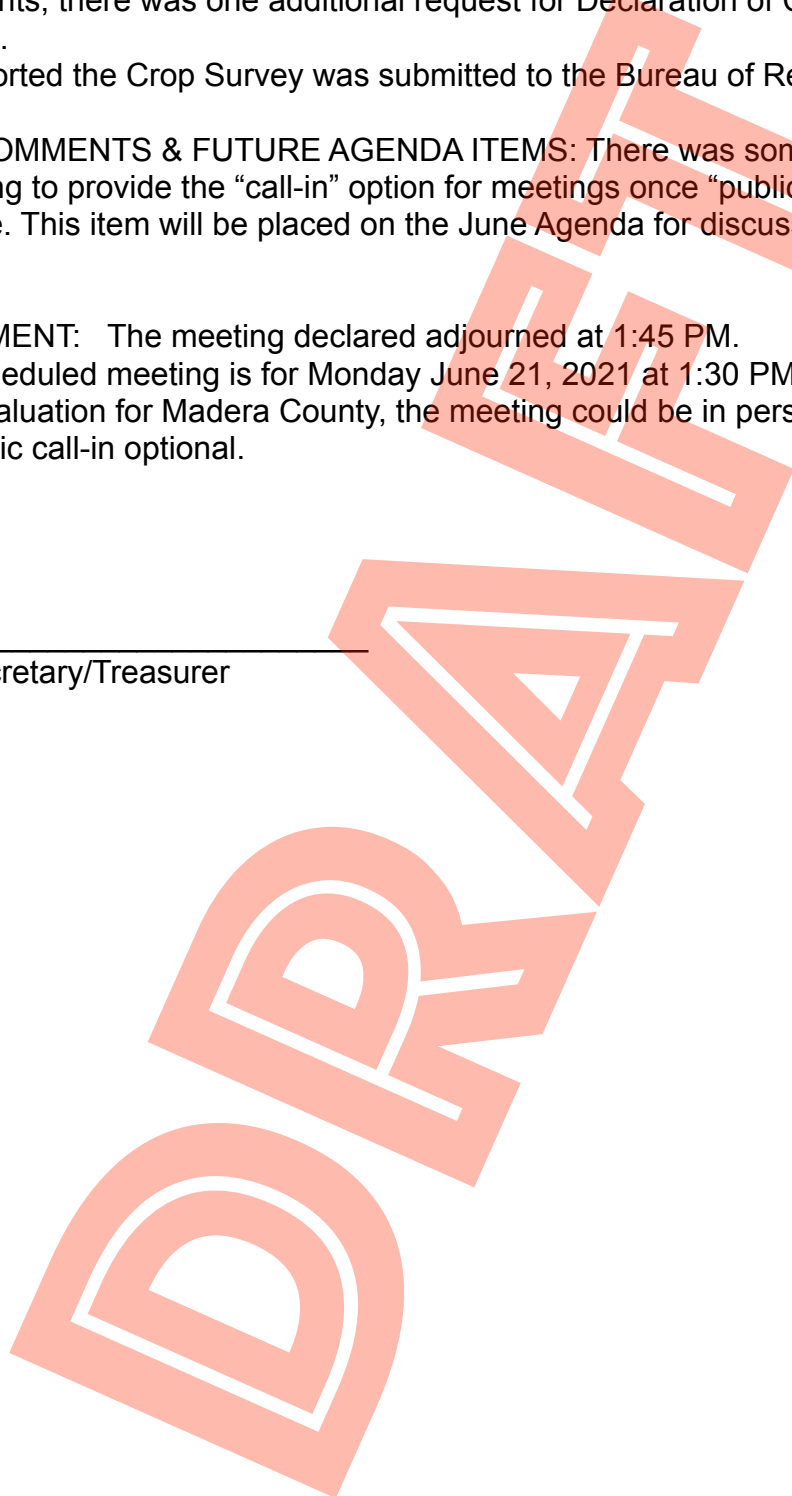
Don reported the Crop Survey was submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation.

10. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: There was some discussion about continuing to provide the "call-in" option for meetings once "public attendance" is available. This item will be placed on the June Agenda for discussion and possible action.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Next scheduled meeting is for Monday June 21, 2021 at 1:30 PM. Depending on the State evaluation for Madera County, the meeting could be in person attendance with telephonic call-in optional.

Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer





Item 4

MEMO

Date: May 17, 2021
To: Gravelly Ford WD
From: Garth Pecchenino
Subject: GSA/GSP SGMA
cc: Name or delete

Project No.: 180035

GSA/GSP Report - This last month had attendance to the Ad hoc committee and the discussion was on the approach to the rural Domestic wells and how to address the potential impacts to the residential wells and what the level of participation would be from each GSA.

Rootcreek WD does not believe they should have or pay for any benefits outside the boundary of their District. This started a discussion about how best to look at this impact and also how best to address the impact. The group agreed to look more into it and discuss at the next meeting. Rootcreek WD plans to provide something they can provide and at what level to address this issue.

The base approach presented at the meeting was based on acreage and that would mean Gravelly Ford WD would have a participation level of 1% and the County would be 70%. The group would also be looking for funding from the State to address this issue, so we could just be looking at a letter of support to apply for funding by the County since they have the largest interest and have all the areas with the residential well that could see any impact from a reduction in the groundwater level.

On June 2 there is a Inter Basin Meeting and each Sub Basin (Chowchilla, Delta-Mendota, Madera, Merced) will make a short presentation on what projects have been completed to date as stated in the Annual Reports and a discussion on Subsidence. Bryan Thoreson the Basin Coordinator for the Madera Basin will send his presentation prior to the date for review by the Ad Hoc group to make comments, so I will be looking for that. The presentation will go to Don as well.

End of Report

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