

A meeting of the GFWD was opened in person and telephonically on November 15, 2021 at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT: The following persons answered to the roll call:

In person: Diane Kirk, Seth Kirk, Michael Naito, and Don Roberts

Call-in: Paul Stewart, Tom Campagne - Legal Counsel, Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting

ABSENT: Ken Basila

PUBLIC: In Person: Stephen Dotta; Call In: Will Gleason - West Hills Farms, Chris Montoya - DWR

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by P Stewart and a second by D Kirk, the minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 2021 were unanimously approved as emailed.

On a motion by M Naito and a second by D Kirk, the Notice of Cancellation of the September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting due to lack of a quorum; the Notice of Cancellation of the October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting due to COVID restrictions and a lack of a Board quorum including the Notice the next Board Meeting scheduled for November 1, 2021; the Notice of Cancellation of the November 1, 2021 due to COVID restrictions and lack of a Board quorum including the Notice the next Board meeting will be on the regularly scheduled date of November 15, 2021; were all unanimously approved as emailed.

3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.

4. GSA/GSP (SGMA):

Garth P reported that the District is measuring depth to water twenty plus ag wells. Plan to do this for 5 years to get a solid base of data. Will access the results and select representative wells for future measurements. Have 4 left to measure. They were running or locked out. Garth will give Don the locations for followup.

Garth reported we are still working on water quality testing.

Garth reported subsidence survey has been completed with the range being from approximately ¾" to approximately 3 ½" over 2 years. Garth emailed this information to the Board this morning.

Discussed the proposal from LSCE on well measurements and water quality testing. The proposal did not include any water quality testing in GFWD. The response from the County was they did not know how many wells we would be using. The proposal included 4 wells for depth, but no water quality testing on the 4 being measured. Not much point in joining in.

Paul S reported DWR rejected the proposed voluntary San Joaquin River flow releases. The proposed voluntary flow releases for the Sacramento was accepted by DWR.

5. WATER SUPPLY: Bureau went from 20% CI 1 to 25% CI 1 effective 11/01/21. Carryover will be the lesser of unused CI 1 as of Oct 31 or 10% of CI 1 contract quantity. No water for CI 2 districts like GFWD.
6. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Don will have Madera Pumps service District pumps in December in anticipation of possible water availability.
7. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: Proposed 2022 budget for dues will be \$2,500 per member group. This will be the same as last year. Don advised he planned to vote yes on this amount.  
Garth will provide Don with a brief summary of the status of the District's GSA. Madera Chowchilla RCD made a presentation on Healthy Soils. Don sent a link to everyone on GFWD email list.  
There was an update on project status. There has been lots of outreach on domestic wells.
8. SJVAPCD GRANT: Don reported he signed the grant contract effective September 13, 2021. The District has 12 months from that date to purchase the equipment and submit a claim for payment. Don reminded the Board we need to have a secure location for the vehicle and a charging station.  
Don advised there is a new grant available for on-road vehicles, but the District cost would be substantially higher. There was no interest in pursuing this option.
9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS STATUS: Don reported on November 2, 2021 the Board of Supervisors were to have appointed Seth K and Kenneth B to new four year terms effective December 3, 2021. Don advised that Kenneth is resigning his office effective the end of this term. Don advised there will be an agenda item at the December meeting to take action to fill this vacancy by appointment. There will be the required legal notices and posting of notice vacancy within the District.
10. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the September 20, 2021 bills, the September 20, 2021 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the September 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 M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the September bills in the amount of \$13,643.43.

The Board was presented with a summary of the October 18, 2021 bills, the October 18, 2021 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the October 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 M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the October bills in the amount of \$13,221.82.

The Board was presented with a summary of the November 15, 2021 bills, the November 15, 2021 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the November 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 M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the November

bills in the amount of \$23,744.19 with the stipulation that the payment amounts to the CA Dept of Tax and Fee Administration for DWR Water Rights Fee for Cottonwood Creek (estimated at \$800) and for the Bureau of Reclamation (estimated at \$16,000) would be made upon receipt of the actual invoices which were CWC \$794.01 and B of R \$17,234.14. These changes made the final November 15, 2021 bill total \$24,972.34.

11. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT: Don reported he sent a letter of support on behalf of Madera Irrigation District for their Water Smart Grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation.
12. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:15 PM.  
Next scheduled meeting is for Monday December 20, 2021 at 1:30 PM. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option.

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Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer

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