

A meeting of the GFWD was opened in person and telephonically on December 20, 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: None

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 November 15, 2021 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. BOARD MEMBER VACANCY: The resignation by Kenneth Basila as a Director and Vice President of the GFWD Board was circulated to the remaining Board Members. Upon a motion by D Kirk and a second by M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to accept Basila's resignation and to fill the Director vacancy by appointment by the District Board in accordance with CA Water Code Section 34797 and CA Government Code Section 1780.
A Notice of Vacancy will be posted in the District, placed in the Madera Tribune, sent to the District website and sent to the email distribution list and the District landowners. Don will provide notification to the Madera County Clerk/Recorder and the Clerk of the Madera County Board of Supervisors.
It is anticipated the appointment of a replacement Director will take place at the February Board meeting.
5. BOARD REORGANIZATION: S Kirk opened the nominations for the office of Vice President. D Kirk nominated P Stewart. M Naito seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. The nominations were declared closed. Since there was only a single nominee, Paul Stewart was declared Vice President elected by acclimation. The Board reviewed the 2022 Proposed Organizational Chart along with the 2021

Adopted Chart. The following changes were proposed:

Vice President - Paul Stewart
Madera Ranch Oversight - Deleted
ACWA-JPIA - Diane Kirk

On a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the 2022 Organizational Chart was adopted (subject to filling the Vacant Director's Position) was unanimously approved as amended.

6. GSA/GSP (SGMA): Don reported on the Madera Subbasin zoom meeting on Domestic Wells. Highlights of the meeting were:
- Big issue from DWR is mitigation and assistance to well owners on aquifer problems that occurred after submittal of the GSP Jan 2020. Similar comments to this from DWR in letters to GSP's already released to public.
 - Approximately 5,800 domestic wells are in Madera Subbasin. Estimated \$47 M to mitigate domestic well issues due to drop in aquifer. Don believes domestic well issues that occur in GFWD belong to the land owner (agricultural) as there are no real non-ag land domestic wells in the District.
 - Group advised that Merced, Chowchilla and San Joaquin Subbasins all received letters of rejection - read as sort of positive (conclusion DWR wants a cookie cutter solution for every subbasin that will meet DWR criteria). Delta-Mendota received a more negative letter.
 - The two DWR approved subbasins has the major issue of saltwater intrusion. Dealing with this issue negated the domestic well issues. The subbasins solution was to form a committee to come up with a plan to keep salt water intrusion from getting worse.
 - Subbasin to schedule future meetings to discuss next steps on domestic well mitigation. Issues will include age, depth of wells, pumps, etc.

Garth P reported well measurements have been completed for the fall except for 4 wells that were running or not accessible. Garth said no major changes in depths. Will be looking at Fall to Fall and Spring to Spring data. After a few years of measuring the vast majority of the ag wells, the District will select representative wells throughout the GSP that could reduce the number of measurements. Still need to get water quality data. Garth to provide Don with information needed. Don will contact landowners to see if he can get data from them. Garth has updated and reported the available data.

7. WATER SUPPLY: Don reviewed the Friant Water Authority alert that indicated Shasta and Friant are both currently on a "Dry" year status which could require some release from Friant to serve the Exchange Contractors. The Bureau's meeting on water supply was cancelled. They appear to be waiting to see the results of this week's storms first.
8. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Don has contacted Madera Pumps to service District pumps as soon as possible.
9. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: There is no meeting scheduled for December. The November meeting was generally an update of the ongoing issues. There was a field trip in December to visit the Creek Fire area to view the conditions.
10. SJVAPCD GRANT: Discussed the time sequence involved in accepting Grant. Board consensus was to proceed. Don to provide S Kirk with vehicle dimensions and charging criteria. Seth will report on a possible storage area and electrical requirements. Plan to make a decision in the next few months.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the December 20, 2021 bills, the December 20, 2021 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the December 2021 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2019, 2020, and 2021. On a motion by P Stewart and a second by D Kirk, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the December bills in the amount of \$12,695.45.
12. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT: Don reported QK Inc has provided nice calendars for the District's use. A thank you was extended to Garth P of QK Inc. Tom C reported the County's attorney called to advise of the litigation by M.I.D. and by landowners in the County's GSA/GSP area.
13. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:50 PM. Next scheduled meeting is for Monday January 17, 2022 at 1:30 PM. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option.

Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer

