

A meeting of the GFWD was opened in person and telephonically on June 20, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT: The following persons answered to the roll call:
In person: Seth Kirk, Michael Naito, Nick Davis, and Don Roberts
Call-in: Paul Stewart, Tom Campagne - Legal Counsel

ABSENT: Diane Kirk

PUBLIC: In person: Stephen Dota - Poythress Ranch, Christina Beckstead - Exec Director
Madera County Farm Bureau

Call-in: Will Gleason - West Hills Farms

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by M Naito and a second by N Davis, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 16, 2022 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. GSA/GSP (SGMA): (a & b) Don read the QK report from Garth re activities for the GSA/GSP which is attached to the minutes.

(c) There was discussion on the Governor's Executive Order N-7-22 and the Madera County Environmental Health Division draft for water well permitting "Process for Implementation". Don said he had reviewed both the Madera Irrigation District's response and Mid-Kings River Verification for Well Permits for Kings County. Don will draft a similar "generic" type response to Madera County and forward it to the Board and Counsel before sending it.

(d) Proposition "218" Special Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed Resolution 2022-02 was distributed to all interested parties, the District's website and the Board as part of the Agenda. After discussion and upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito Resolution No 2022-02 Establishing Special Benefit Assessments for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$28.09 per acre was approved by the following vote:
AYES: Directors P Stewart, M Naito, N Davis and S Kirk
NOES: None
ABSENT: D Kirk
ABSTAIN: None
5. WATER SUPPLY: No official changes in supply. Bureau anticipates eliminating Friant releases to serve the Exchange Contractors on July 1st. This could lead to a slight increase in the CI 1 supply for the Friant contractors. Still no CI 2 water.
6. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Don received a preliminary quote on providing meters for the District's canals and in Cottonwood Creek to better measure flows into and out of the District. Don will follow-up on this and provide additional information at the July meeting. W Gleason recommended the District pursue electronic real time measurements for wells and flows in the system.
7. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: Update on status of projects.
8. SJVAPCD GRANT: At the May meeting the Board wanted the following information before taking action on the vehicle acquisition.
 - a) Where would service or repairs take place? Currently at the ZeroNox plant in Porterville.

b) What is the battery life? They expect batteries to last 7-10 years. Comes with a 3 year warranty. An extended warranty for 36 month is \$1,500 per unit and for 84 months is \$2,500 per unit. Declined to give a replacement cost for the future.
After discussion, Board deferred taking action until full Board was present and a cost of battery was available.

N Davis left meeting at 2:15 PM.

9. INVESTMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS:

a) Investment Policy: The Board reviewed the District's Investment Policy and upon a motion by M Naito and a second by P Stewart, the Board members present voted unanimously to make no changes to the current Investment Policy.

b) Discussion and possible action on Investing District Funds: Don advised he was recommending investing \$500,000 of the District funds from the District's Money Market Checking account in either 6 or 12 month government treasury notes. The rates last week were around 2% for 6 month and 2.5% for 12 month periods. The Board felt the rates will likely increase and directed funds be split equally for 6 months and 12 months. Don will coordinate with Raymond James, the firm that is affiliated with Central Valley Community Bank where the District maintains the checking account.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT: (a) The Board was presented with a summary of the June 20, 2022 bills, the June 20, 2022 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the June 2022 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2020, 2021 and 2022. On a motion by M Naito and a second by P Stewart, the Board present voted unanimously to approve payment of the June bills in the amount of \$12,328.29.

11. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT: Don reported the following items were received by the District:

a) Letter from NRDC to the Bureau of Reclamation requesting the Bureau submit a written request to renegotiate the Terms of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contract.

b) Board of Supervisors approval of Property Tax Administration Costs and Fees for FY 2021-2022. Don advised this authorizes the County to charge all the Special Districts their share of the cost of collecting property taxes and assessments for these agencies.

c) The District received notification from Madera County regarding review and possible update on the District's Conflict of Interest Code. The District must file the 2022 Local Agency Biennial Notice to Madera County prior to October 3, 2022. This will be a future Agenda item.

d) August Meeting: Don advised he will be gone when the August meeting would be held. He asked the Board if they had any preferences. The board directed this be an Agenda item for the July meeting.

12. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Next scheduled meeting is for Monday July 18, 2022 at 1:30 PM. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option.



MEMO

Date: June 20, 2022
To: Gravelly Ford WD
From: Garth Pecchenino
Subject: GSA/GSP SGMA
cc: Name or delete

Project No.: 180035

1. Annual Report – The report has been filed on the SGMA portal
2. Domestic Wells – Need to finalize with Don the locations and sample the wells prior to submission of Annual Report to develop the base line for the District.
3. DWR has asked that additional well level data be added to the portal site for the District, I am in the process of adding this data.

End of Report

GAP