

A meeting of the GFWD was opened in person and telephonically on July 25 , 2022 at 3:30 PM.

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

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC: Call-in: Representative - Westchester Group

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 June 20, 2022 were unanimously approved as emailed.

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

4. GSA/GSP (SGMA): (a & b) Garth indicates there were no updates on the GSA/GSP
(c) Discussion on the proposed letter to Madera County Environmental Health on well permits relating to the State of California Executive Order N-7-22. Don read the proposed letter as well as District Resolutions 2019-03 and 2019-04 relative to groundwater and possible requirements relating to wells and prohibition of exporting groundwater beyond the GFWD GSA boundary. Reviewed the Madera Irrigation District letter to the County on this matter as well as the MidKing River requirements. Tom C brought up AB 2021 and advised that if this passes it would require Public notice posting on GSA websites for 30 days before taking action as well as certification by a licensed professional engineer stating the proposed well is not likely to interfere with existing nearby wells or cause subsidence. After additional discussion, Don was directed to modify the proposed letter and include footnotes referencing the District's Resolutions and AB 2021. Don will send proposed draft to Tom C for review.

Don advised we had recently received another email from the Department of Water Resources regarding Action 13 of the March 28, 2022 Drought Executive order N-7-22. This directive advised that DWR had developed a "self-certification" form to allow local agencies to submit their proposed recharge projects to DWR that the project is eligible for the CEQA suspension. Don said he reviewed the form and it would only apply if the District is proposing some new groundwater recharge project.

Don also advised he will be meeting on Wednesday with the State Water Board on a "Mandatory" visit to collect information on the District's diversions.

5. WATER SUPPLY: Don reported the Bureau of Reclamation has declared an increase in the CI 1 water supply from 20% to 30% effective July 20th. URF water will be available to CI 1 contractors at \$188.87 per acre foot. The money is to go to the Restoration Fund. Don mentioned that in the past, monies paid to the Environmental Fund and the Restoration Fund never found their way there. We were told all monies collected will go to the Federal General Fund and have to be reallocated by Congress to end up where originally intended. The Bureau stated there will be no restoration flows through September.

South of Delta there will be 75% supply for Exchange Contractors and Refuges. Zero for ag users.

6. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Don advised he is still working with Pumpsight on metering flows into and out of the District.

7. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: Meetings were held in June and July since our last Board meeting. Basically the reports were updates on the existing Grants and project status. The biggest problems are obtaining parts for the projects and paperwork details on the Grants.

They are working on selecting sites for the monitoring wells. Don reminded the Board that Madera Subbasin was penalized \$100,000 on our grant from DWR because of the delay in getting a Coordination Agreement. Madera has more domestic wells and larger clusters that need monitoring, but we are getting less money than Chowchilla Subbasin. Tom C said the mediator brought this up during the settlement conference as a potential claim to make the Subbasin whole if something like this happened. Don advised no one seems to be taking issue at this time.

8. SJVAPCD GRANT: Discussion on possible purchase of the electric vehicle. Board felt with 1) the lack of surface water for the last two years, 2) the problem of storage at some place other than the District Office which is 20 miles from the distribution system and 3) since it would not be allowed to use public roads, it was in the best interest to not pursue the vehicle acquisition at this time. Don will notify the vendor and the SJVAPCD of our position.
9. BIENNIAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE: Tom C advised the Board that the District needs to amend its C of I Code to comply with changes in the law as well as changes in the District. This will be on the August Agenda for review and possible action.
10. AUGUST BOARD MEETING DATE: Don advised the Board he would be out of town on the regularly scheduled August 15th meeting date. After discussions and upon a motion by M Naito and a second by D Kirk, the Board unanimously voted to change the August meeting date to Monday August 22nd at 1:30 PM.
11. FINANCIAL REPORT: (a) The Board was presented with a summary of the July 25, 2022 bills, the July 25, 2022 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the July 2022 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2020, 2021 and 2022. On a motion by P Stewart and a second by D Kirk, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the July bills in the amount of \$25,833.91.
12. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT:
 - (i) FWA & SLDMWA correspondence on OM&R costs for SJR releases to Mendota Pool. FWA questioning legitimacy of charges. Discussion ongoing.
 - (ii) State Water Board - Mandatory visit to GFWD on diversion locations. Meeting July 27th at 2:30 PM. Don to notify Garth on meeting location.
 - (iii) Proposition "218" Assessment data due to County by August 10th for collection on behalf of District. Don advised he signed agreement with County to charge the District fees for collecting these assessments.
 - (iv) Initial inquiry by 3 landowners in the GFWD sphere of influence about Annexation to the District. They were provided with a copy of District Resolution 2016-07 which established the conditions of Annexation.
 - (v) District received a letter from Stoel Rives with a form they want to send to MetLife requesting confirmation of matters pertaining to certain property in the District. Don feels the items requested are beyond the normal scope of confirmation. He will send a copy of the District's normal response to lenders to Tom C for review before responding the the request.
13. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 4:15 PM.
Next scheduled meeting is for Monday August 22 2022 at 1:30 PM. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option.

Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer