

A meeting of the GFWD was opened in person and telephonically on December 19, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

**PRESENT:** In person: Michael Naito, Diane Kirk, Seth Kirk, and Don Roberts  
Nick Davis entered meeting at 1:40 PM.  
Call-in: Paul Stewart, Tom Campagne - Legal Counsel; Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting

**ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC:** Present: Kamaljit Aulakh - Landowner; Abe Aulakh - Landowner; Jack Aulakh - Landowner; Lakhwinder Brar - Landowner; Wyatt Emmert - Landowner  
Call-in: Will Gleason - West Hill Farms; Stephen Dota - Poythress Ranch; Angeles Rojas - Gallo

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 28, 2022 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** No potential conflicts were identified.
4. **GSA/GSP (SGMA):** Garth reported the GSA's met with the Point of Contact and DWR on December 8<sup>th</sup> to continue discussion on the DWR concerns for the Madera Subbasin. Garth advised he will forward his notes from the meeting to the Board.

Garth stated the technical group is to check on the Ground Water Model that was being developed for the Subbasin. The group will try to find out if the Model was even completed and if it was - does it work?

Garth reported all six grant requests were completed and submitted but he was advised we needed to have letters of support plus a Financial Representative separate from GFWD to administer any funds. We had not been advised of this from our POC.

Nick Davis entered the meeting at 1:40 PM.

Garth advised the County would agree to be the financial representative only for our "Data Gap" project. The County felt our other projects could impact the total grant amounts available to the Madera Subbasin.

Garth indicated he will amend the Grant Requests and apply for Water Smart Grants with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Don & Nick have discussed raising the sump discharge box at the SJR by 4 or 6 feet to push additional water through the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile pipeline as an option. Don will provide Garth with the measured elevation differential from the pipeline to box top for a more accurate analysis. Don will obtain a cost for raising the discharge box.

5. **WATER SUPPLY:** Reported that fish flows in the SJR will be increased.
6. **SYSTEM MAINTENANCE:** Don advised the District has received a quote from Pumpsight to provide and install metering equipment for inflow and outflow from the District for \$20,511 plus installation of \$1,500 plus electrician costs. Total expected to be about \$25,000.

Gleason stated that this would provide important and necessary information the District needs for the GSA. After discussion and upon a motion by M Naito and second by P Stewart the Board voted unanimously to proceed with these facilities.. Don will coordinate with Pumpsight.

7. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP:

- The District Budget will go up for a total of \$350 for the proposed dues increase.
- Proposed election of Officers - Chairman Wheeler will be replaced as he is no longer a Supervisor after Jan 1.
- Selected a web master
- Update of status of projects.

8. ANNEXATION REQUEST: The proponents of possible annexation were advised that until the District has more definitive information on available water supply and distribution, no action will be taken on their requests. The Board wants to be assured that annexation would be in everyone's best interest and that existing District lands would not be detrimentally impacted.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT: (a) Don reported the November bills paid were \$10,487.47 since no invoices were received for the DWR Water Rights Fees. Then November Bill Summary has been corrected to reflect this. The December bills also do not reflect any DWR Water Rights Fees as no invoices have been received to date.

The Board was presented with a summary of the December 19, 2022 bills, the December 19, 2022 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the December 2022 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2020, 2021 and 2022. On a motion by D Kirk and a second by M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the December bills in the amount of \$19,584.47.

Don advised that on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, GFWD received a refund for overpayment of water in FY 2019 in the amount of \$64,639.00. It has taken 2 years to obtain these funds.

(b) The Board was provided a copy of the Independent Auditor's Report on GFWD Basic Financial Statements for years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. This will be an Agenda item at the January 16, 2023 meeting for discussion and possible action.

10. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT: Don advised the District received a Certificate of Commendation from our insurance company (JPIA) on zero claims for the previous year.

11. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:20 PM.  
Next scheduled meeting is for Monday January 16, 2023 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