

A meeting of the GFWD was opened in person and telephonically on March 20, 2023 at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT: In person: Michael Naito, Seth Kirk, Nick Davis, Paul Stewart; Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting and Don Roberts
Call-in: Tom Campagne
ABSENT: Diane Kirk
PUBLIC: Present: Lakhwinder Brar - Landowner; Wyatt Emmert - Landowner
Call-in: Will Gleason - West Hills Farms

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by N Davis and a second by M Naito, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2023 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. GSA/GSP (SGMA): Garth reported the Technical Group looked at the 6 subbasins that were approved and the 6 subbasins that did not receive approval. Basins receiving approval went with 2015 water levels and a goal of zero subsidence in 2040.

Also need a domestic well program. Needs to be a criteria for assistance on failed pumps and wells. The expected useful life of wells and pumps needs to be part of the evaluation process.

There needs to be a comparison of real data to the basin wide model. GFWD has to state the difference between the model numbers and the real data within GFWD. The Board was having difficulty in accepting the numbers from the modeling and projections as these do not seem to match what we have found to be true.

Garth advised this is what we are doing: coordinating within our group, providing data and stating the difference between the perceived and reality.

Garth indicated that he has the following items to review, revise and/or make comments on:

1. Check on "Projected" table numbers in proposed amendment of Coordination Agreement
2. Review table with Ken Schmidt
3. GFWD be the last to sign the amendment
4. Develop a flyer to the Growers, requesting information on their farming operation and requesting total annual pump ground water
5. Add footnote to Table as Minimum or revise numbers

Garth indicated no action was needed on the Domestic Well Mitigation Program at this time as this will be part of the 2025 update goal.

After more discussion, Garth was authorized to "upload revised GSP response" with the Coordination Amendment under review.

5. WATER SUPPLY: Don gave an update on the 2023 water supply. The Bureau is evaluating the potential runoff from the above average snowpack and the possible supply is changing weekly. It is anticipated the District will have some type of water into July and quite possibly beyond. The Governor issued an Executive Order which would give "flood flows" to everyone under certain conditions. Madera County Flood Control and Water Conservation Agency sent out a "notice" about "free" water based on the Governor's Order. MID went from charging \$10.00/af for their water to free water even though they have to purchase the water from the Bureau as does Gravelly Ford. We are continuing to supply "free" water to growers and recharging as much as possible.
No action was taken regarding a charge for water. This will be considered at the April meeting.

6. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Don contacted Cal-West Rain regarding pipeline repairs. There was a mix up at their office, but they are making USA notice and will excavate the various locations to evaluate what material will be needed with work to start thereafter.
7. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: Don advised this group is also meeting today because of a conflict on the usual 4th Monday date. It will be mostly an update the project status as well as future meeting frequency and locations. Don advised the District needs to add another project to the Group List. Because of the lack of a regular supply from MID in Cottonwood Creek as a result of SGMA, the District needs to install a pipeline from the GF Canal at Rd 19 to the Mid-line in Rd 20 to provide service to the 5 turnouts on Rd 20. We would relocate the existing pumps from CWC for conveyance.
8. ANNEXATION REQUEST: Don reported the proponents were all provided with copies of the materials that were used in the recent annexation to and detachment from GFWD. Both MID and the Madera County Water Resources Agency had been notified of the possible parcel inclusions to the District and had been asked for any comments or issues that may be applicable. MID asked about water service connections and the County did not see any issues with the qualifiers that they could not speak for the Board of Supervisors or LAFCO.
9. FINANCIAL REPORT: (a) The Board was presented with a summary of the March 20 2023 bills, the March 20, 2023 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the March 2023 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2021, 2022 and 2023. On a motion by M Naito and a second by P Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the March bills in the amount of \$16,014.45.

(b) 2022 Year End Financial Report of Income and Expenses - Don advised the only difference in 2022 Income from the Dec 2022 report was Interest from LAIF and Central valley Community Bank.
10. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT:
11. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 3:00 PM.
Next scheduled meeting is for Monday April 17, 2023 at 1:30 PM. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option.

Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer