

1. A meeting of the GFWD Board was opened in person and telephonically on October 23, 2023 at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT: In person: Michael Naito, Seth Kirk, Paul Stewart, Diane Kirk, and Don Roberts
ABSENT: Nick Davis
PUBLIC: None

CLOSED SESSION: President S Kirk closed the Public Meeting and the Board went into Executive Session at 1:32 PM.

OPEN SESSION: At 2:00 PM the Board reconvened in Regular Session with the following in attendance:

PRESENT: In person: Michael Naito, Seth Kirk, Paul Stewart, Diane Kirk, and Don Roberts
Call-in: Tom Campagne; Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting
ABSENT: Nick Davis
PUBLIC: Call-in: Will Gleason

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: S Kirk stated no reportable action took place in the Closed Session.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (a) On a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2023 were unanimously approved as emailed.
(b) On a motion by M Naito and a second by P Stewart, the Board acknowledged their approval of the cancellation of the regular September 18, 2023 meeting due to lack of a quorum.

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

5. GSA/GSP (SGMA): Garth reported the fall well measurements are being taken and he will provide data after review. He has started working on the 2025 Plan Update.

P Stewart brought up the information request by Public Policy Institute of CA Water Policy Center. He thought we should advise them of the issues between the SGMA legislation and the DWR criteria as well as the Governor's Executive Order on "Flood Water" availability for "free" and this conflict with reality in District's having to pay for the flood water taken and how the credits were not given to those that diverted this water versus those that received benefits. Garth will draft a response on this.

Seth reported he, Don and Garth will be meeting tomorrow with Aliso Water District representatives R Catania, Manager and P&P Engineering to discuss possible upgrades to the Gravelly Ford System to allow conveyance of water for Aliso through the GF System. Aliso had been advised that any joint use had to benefit both Districts and not create delivery issues for GF.

6. WATER SUPPLY: Don advised the following with numbers being rounded:
District diverted 19,200 acre feet from the SJR from January through early August. All this water stayed within the GFWD service area.
For the period of January through April, 2,700 AF was delivered to growers, and our pond area.
From May - August, 2,000 AF was purchased by growers.
Still working on Cottonwood Creek diversions.

7. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: District has been in contact with Cal-West Rain on leak at Rd 21 and Ave 4 ½ . Cal-West is coordinating with N Davis on the schedule.

S Kirk gave a T & M cost estimate from H D Matthews on trash and tree removal in Gravelly Ford Canal as well as cleaning weirs south of Ave 7. Costs are \$1,800/day with an estimate of 4 to 5 days. Extra costs added for hauling and disposal of material. Total would be in the \$15,000 - \$20,000 range.

On a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the channel clearing by H D Matthews for the cost range presented. Work will commence immediately.

8. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: The September meeting had no actions - only update on Reports.

The regular meeting is October 23, 2023 and the major issues on the agenda are still:

- Bylaws update - awaiting Brown Act interpretation from Attorney General. Around the State the IRWVG's are all getting different and conflicting interpretations.
- IRWM Plan Update - So far no information from DWR on any Plan Update requirements and if so what is the new criteria and timeline.

9. ANNEXATION REQUEST: No update on annexation criteria.

10. PROP "218": Garth working on Plan and preliminary amounts needed to meet the goals of the District on Water Purchases, System Maintenance and Local Grant Share Costs.

11. LAIF AUTHORIZATIONS: Don reported the District's change of mailing address and the change in Board members that can authorize account changes needs approval from LAIF. Their criteria requires a Board Resolution for these changes.

On a motion by P Stewart and a second by D Kirk, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-05 by the following vote:

AYES: P Stewart, D Kirk, M Naito and S Kirk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: N Davis

12. BOARD MEETING LOCATION: S Kirk advised starting November 1st the District's current Board meeting location will no longer be available. Seth contacted O'Neill Farm Management about using their office as the District had done before COVID required the the District to move to the present location of G & G Andrew Office. O'Neill Farm Management has agreed to allow GFWD to again meet at their office located at 13991 Ave 7, Madera, CA 93637 starting in November 2023.

On a motion by D Kirk and a second by M Naito the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-06 including Legal Notice by the following vote.

AYES: P Stewart, D Kirk, M Naito and S Kirk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: N Davis

13. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the September 18 2023 bills, the September 18, 2023 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the September 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 September bills in the amount of \$36,791.38.

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14. NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE: The Board members' schedules require a change of date for the November Board meeting. On a motion by D Kirk and a second by P Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to change the November meeting date to November 13, 2023.
15. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT: Don reported he sent out an Information Update on the Board Elections, Water Supply and GSP/SGMA on September 27th to all landowners by mail and all persons on the email list as well as our website.
An Information Message will be sent as soon as District has a plan for the Prop "218" proposal.
16. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
17. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:38 PM.
Next scheduled meeting is changed to November 13, 2023 at 1:30 P.M at O'Neill Farm Management Office. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option.

Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer