

SKJPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 16, 2020

6:00 PM

Chairman Kazarian called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Chairman Kazarian, Dix, Pimentel, Gonzalez, Ramirez

Board Members Absent: N o n e

Staff Present: David Peters, Michael Linden, Josh Rogers

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Member Pimentel made a motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Member Ramirez, and carried with a unanimous voice vote of all other members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

Rogers reports TAC has been working with P&P to keep an eye on availability of Prop 68 funding. There is \$5mil available to each groundwater basin to use for projects in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. GSA's were asked to turn in project lists in 1 ½ weeks' time, and if they were not shovel ready, had to be able to be developed on a limited timeline, be low cost, listed in GSP, and support a disadvantaged community.

GENERAL ITEMS

5.1 SKGSA Proposition 68 Grant Application – Oral Report by David Peters

A potential project for submission has been identified - North Sanger Recharge Basin, which has a storage capacity of 1,120 acre feet annually. Total project cost is \$1.3mil, with a \$300k local match, which will be split between agencies based on pumping percentages. Member Pimentel makes a motion, Ramirez seconds motion. Motion passes to include the North Sanger Recharge Basin project in the Kings Basin Prop 68 funding grant application.

5.2 Policy & Cost Sharing for Short-Term Recharge Projects – Oral Report by David Peters

TAC has discussed how to pursue cost sharing and structuring for future recharge projects in SKGSA. Smaller projects within each agency that would provide the most short-term storage to accept allocated water from CID have been identified. TAC has had discussions about the

possibilities of pursuing projects either as a whole GSA versus as individual agencies. A few points of discussion have been:

- Would a recharge credit system be setup if agencies use their own funds to develop projects. If GSA pursues projects, member agencies chip in to fund the projects, but the credits would be for the GSA, not each agency.
- Once projects are developed by GSA, how are they maintained? By agency where project is located with reimbursement by GSA or split between all member agencies?

Chairman Kazarian supports GSA centered approach for project development – potentially run by administrative committee.

Member Dix also supports GSA centered approach.

Member Ramirez supports GSA centered approach because of costs associated with developing projects on their own as a small town.

Member Pimentel is also afraid of the costs for small towns to develop projects on their own.

Peters states costs to agencies are probably very similar if agencies develop projects on their own versus as a GSA.

Javier Andrade (staff engineer for City of Parlier) brings up the possibility of Parlier developing their own projects because of qualification for grants based on their economic status, which would not be available if projects developed as a GSA. Kazarian states that even if GSA takes the lead, Parlier developing projects and pursuing grants individually is still an option. Rogers states GWR is heavily weighted toward helping disadvantaged communities and underrepresented communities.

Member Pimentel states that while Parlier supports a GSA joint approach to project development, they would like to secure their own funding, if possible.

5.3 Formation of Administrative Committee

TAC has had 3 discussions about developing an administrative committee, which would evaluate and make non-binding recommendations on policy decisions. The board may assign tasks to Administrative Committee along with durations for completion. Consist of city managers/general manager,

Motion made by Pimentel, seconded by Ramirez. Motion to adopt Resolution 20.01 to form the Administrative Committee passes.

5.4 Proposed Co-Op Agreement Modification – Oral Report by David Peters

Council has made modifications by taking out all parts relating to groundwater recharge, but keeping parts related to storm water discharges to CID facilities. Currently under review by CID attorneys. Once template is finalized, it will be shared with all other agencies.

SECRETARY REPORT

Prior to tonight's meeting, Peters received a task order from P&P to prepare grant application discussed in 5.1. Previous task orders did not cover actual preparation of grant application. Because

this is a time sensitive item, Peters will be asking Chairman Kazarian to approve this task order under his authority and will bring it at the next meeting for discussion and approval.

Time & Place for next meeting: December 9th at 6pm via Zoom

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business Chairman Kazarian adjourned at 6:48 pm. Pimentel motions to adjourn meeting, Member Ramirez second. Meeting adjourned.