

SKJPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

5:30 PM

Chairman Kazarian called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Board Members Present: Chairman Kazarian, J. Hurtado, D. Ramirez, T. Pimentel

Board Members Absent: E. Hurtado

Staff Present: David Peters, Josh Rogers

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 *Approve minutes of February 9, 2022 meeting.*

Motion by member D. Ramirez, second by member J. Hurtado. Motion passes unanimously via voice roll call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 *Technical Advisory Committee Meeting / Administrative Committee Meeting*

David Peters reports both the Technical Advisory Committee and Administrative Committee met on April 7th. During each meeting, it was confirmed that each member agency received the Impact Fee Study prepared by GSA and were adopting the fee study and implementing developer impact fees for recharge. Expect the fees to be in place by the end of 2022. Discussed 2022 CID water delivery schedule and sent a letter to CID on March 29th requesting this years' groundwater recharge allotment and indicated SKGSA expects a cumulative amount of 6,000 acre feet in spring 2022. Highly likely this amount will again roll over to the following year, and a new request letter will be sent at that time (for 10,000 acre feet). Don't currently have capacity to accept that amount of water, but a plan is in the works to find a possible solution.

Committees also discussed the Fowler Basin project. The purchase is in escrow, expect to close early summer. No update on North Sanger recharge project. Introduced draft policy for cost sharing of recharge projects to allow for member agencies to pursue projects through their own resources. If projects have approval by GSA board, reimbursement requests can be submitted to GSA upon completion of project.

Josh Roger reports Kings Basin Coordination Group is meeting on a regular basis to make sure all comments from DWR on the Groundwater Sustainability Plans are being addressed. Revisions of the GSPs are due July 27th. The plan is to bring GSP to Technical Advisory Committee in May for review, and to SKGSA board in June, for adoption in July. No public comment period is necessary.

Kings Basin Annual Report was just submitted, and will be available on the SKGSA website. There is also some outreach material for each GSA that can be posted to the website.

An executive order from Governor Newsom relating to ongoing job conditions was released on March 28th. This order requires anyone who wants to drill a well to get approval from GSA to make sure that the well will not negatively impact groundwater.

GENERAL ITEMS

5.1 Adopt Conflict of Interest Code – Oral Report by Michal Linden

Mr. Linden points out that the adoption of a Conflict of Interest Code is called out in the JPA agreement. COI Code governs how Form 700 is filled out. Board directors and alternates have Number 1 disclosure category, while Secretary and Consultant will have a Number 2 disclosure category. Each Form 700 is submitted to SKGSA with original signature, Secretary Peters will make copies to keep on file, and submit each original to Fresno County Clerk to the Board. Mr. Linden will provide the link for Form 700.

Member J. Hurtado makes a motion to adopt the COI Code with the amendment to add consultant as a position that is required to submit Form 700, Member T. Pimentel seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously via voice roll call.

5.2 2022 Recharge Water Request to CID – Oral Report by David Peters

Secretary Peters has already discussed this item during the Technical Advisory and Administrative Committee Report. No additional questions were raised.

5.3 Introduce Draft Member Agency Reimbursement Policy – Oral Report by David Peters

Secretary Peters has already addressed this item during the Technical Advisory and Administrative Committee Report. Chair Kazarian has a question regarding item 2A Operations and Maintenance of Existing Facilities – how are costs associated with operations and maintenance of existing facilities calculated, especially if certain costs (i.e. mowing) would already be incurred? Mr. Peters states that SKGSA will only reimburse costs that are directly related to the recharge project. Member agencies will need to bring their annual reimbursable maintenance costs to the board prior to any work being done. Chair Kazarian raises another question regarding the ownership of the recharge basin - how does the GSA dispose of properties they no longer need for recharge? Secretary Peters will discuss this question with the committee.

5.4 Presentation of Draft 2022-23 FY Budget – Oral Report by David Peters

Secretary presents the draft budget. Expenses: 1) Surface Water Purchase (pay to CID) \$1.15million. 2) North Sanger Groundwater Recharge Project (15-acre basin) \$2.64million. 3) Administrative \$30,000. 4) Well Permit Review/Processing (per Executive Order N-7-22) \$25,000. 5) Member agency reimbursements \$300,000. 6) Insurance \$5,500. 7) Miscellaneous Professional Services (previously \$50k, covers grant applications, compliance requests,

anticipating a financial audit) \$75,000. Still waiting for pumping numbers from a couple of the member agencies, which may cause each member agency's contribution to slightly change. No comments on draft budget.

SECRETARY REPORT

Time & Place for next meeting: May 11, 2022 at 5:30pm via teleconference. No opposition to continuing virtual meetings.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Pimentel thanks Sonia Hall for attending meetings in his place for the last 6 months and thanks the board members for their patience. Secretary Peters mentions that all items on board meeting agendas were also previously discussed during the Technical Advisory and Administrative Committee meetings, and if any board member has questions about an agenda item prior to a board meeting they can reach out to their City Engineer or City Manager, as well as the GSA Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business Chairman Kazarian adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm.