



Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

SALINAS VALLEY BASIN GROUND WATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEETING MINUTES JUNE 8, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened in the Salinas City Council Rotunda, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, at 4 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Member Luis Alejo

Board Member Tom Adcock (Alternate for Brenda Granillo)

Board Member Lou Calcagno

Board Member Janet Brennan

Board Member Bill Lipe

Board Member Michael McHatten

Board Member Colby Pereira

Board Member Adam Secondo

Board Member Ron Stefani

Board Chair Joe Gunter

ABSENT: Board Member Steve McIntyre

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PRESENTATION ON STATUS OF PURE WATER MONTEREY PROJECT

Paul Sciuto, General Manager of MRWPCA, provided a presentation regarding the status of the Pure Water Monterey Project.

Board Members Secondo, Lipe, Adcock, and Brennan asked general questions regarding the presentation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Myrie of San Ardo approached the Board to ask if public input was allowed on action items, Chair Gunter advised public input would be allowed as the items came up on the agenda.

6. APPROVE MINUTES of MAY 11, 2017 MEETING

BOARD ACTION

Upon motion by Board Member Lipe, seconded by Board Member Alejo, the minutes of May 11, 2017 were approved with amendments. AYES: Board Members: Lipe, Alejo, Brennan, Calcagno, Adcock, McHatten, Pereira, Secondo, Stefani, and Chair Gunter. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

7. ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR GENERAL MANAGER POSITION FOR THE SVBGSA – SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE

Gary Petersen provided an update on the RFQ selection process for the General Manager Position.

Board Members McHatten, Alejo, and Lipe had general questions regarding the RFQ process, answered by Gary Petersen

Frank Pierce approached the Board to provide general comments.

8. ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR GENERAL COUNSEL TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES - UPDATE

Gary Petersen provided an update on the RFQ selection process for General Counsel to provide legal services.

9. FINANCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

Gary Petersen advised no RFQ has been issued to provide Financial Services, staff is still working on this item internally.

10. ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Gary Petersen provided an update on the Advisory Committee. The Committee has met and will be meeting again next week, they are looking at applications and ways to broaden the Advisory Committee.

11. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Frank Pierce asked about the meeting location, Gary Petersen advised the meetings will be held at the Monterey County offices on Schilling Place; the SVBSGA.org website provides all meeting locations.

Gary Petersen provided an update on the Executive Committee. The Committee is comprised of Board Members Joe Gunter, Michael McHatten, Colby Pereira, and Steve McIntyre.

Mayor Gunter commented transparency and working with all the different parties involved in this process are two key issues the Executive Committee will be working to accomplish.

12. UPDATE ON STATUS OF GSA NOI FILINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Board considered a request to the State Water Resources Control Board to advise with respect to overlaps with Marina Coast Water District and the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Gary Petersen provided an update on the status of GAS NOI filings; discussion focused on a draft letter being prepared for submittal.

Board members discussed this item in detail.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Rosa (did not provide last name), South County property owner

Pam Silkwood, interim Legal Counsel for Clark Colony Water Company

Mary Learner, Greenfield City Attorney and joint interim Legal Counsel for Arroyo Seco GSA

Tom Virsik, Law Offices of Patrick J. Maloney

Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau

Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower Shipper Association

Frank Pierce, Lee & Pierce Engineers

BOARD ACTION

Upon motion by Board Member McHatten, seconded by Board Member Alejo, staff is authorized to send a letter to the State Water Resources Control Board seeking clarification with respect to overlaps with Marina Coast Water District and the Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency. AYES: Board Members: McHatten, Alejo, Brennan, Calcagno, Adcock, Lipe, Pereira, Secondo, Stefani, and Chair Gunter. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

13. DIRECTION FROM BOARD TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AREAS OF WORK

Board Member Pereira suggested taking information from items brought up by Board Member Lipe on the management areas and passing them along to the Advisory Committee so perhaps they can start some initial work on these items.

Board Member Lipe asked if there were any possibility of getting parties from other agencies, such as Marina Coast Water, to put in applications to be on Advisory Committee. Gary Petersen advised we are looking at two more at this time, one from South County Petroleum and one from the Water Master from Seaside. At this time, we are trying to keep the committee manageable, but we can certainly look at this.

14. PROVIDE DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Member McHatten noted, in regard to the Executive Committee meeting, the Board has discussed bringing educational components to future meetings.

Board Member Lipe noted the Board has talked about other committees the Board would be occupying, such as a Planning Committee and Budget Committee, etc. It would be a good idea to bring forward a future agenda item that laid out the timeline for these committees.

Norm Groot of the Monterey County Farm Bureau approached the Board to comment on the scope of the Advisory Committee and the work that can be done there. They have discussed needing an Advisory Committee to work through some of the sustainability plan development issues, including all the different issues coming up with the sub basins and what is required to manage some of the basins differently than others.

Abby Taylor-Silva approached the Board to commend them for providing educational presentations. These presentations will be key as the Board continues to work through the many issues before them.

15. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Acting Clerk of the Board