



Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

SALINAS VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2017

Call to order

The meeting convened in the Salinas City Hall Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call

Present:

Board Member Tom Adcock
Board Member Luis Alejo
Board Member Janet Brennan
Board Member Calcagno
Board Member Bill Lipe
Board Member Michael McHatten
Board Member Steve McIntyre
Board Member Colby Pereira
Board Member Adam Secondo
Board Member Ron Stefani
Board Chair Joe Gunter

Public Comment

Received public comment.

Approve Minutes of July 13, 2017 meetings

BOARD ACTION

Upon motion by Board member McIntyre, second by Board member McHatten, the minutes of July 13, 2017 were approved. AYES: Board Members: Alejo, Brennan, Calcagno, Lipe, McHatten, McIntyre, Pereira, Secondo, Stefani, and Chair Gunter. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Board Member Adcock.

Presentation on the Seawater Intrusion in the Salinas Valley Basin – Tamara Voss, M.S. Associate Hydrologist Monterey County Water Resource Agency

Tamara Voss, Associate Hydrologist for the Monterey County Water Resource Agency provided her report highlighting the Seawater Intrusion (SWI) in the Salinas Valley Basin. She described the various levels of seawater intrusion, which include lateral migration and vertical migration. The Agency's monitoring program requires annual monitoring of the basin followed by an analysis, data evaluation and a data development process. Seawater intrusion cannot be eliminated; however, it may be lowed and reversed over time through the natural hydrology process of approximately ten years. She reported that in the 180-ft Contour, the rate of SWI continues to decrease with minimal advancement and minimal lobe broadening. In the 400-ft Contour, the rate of SWI is advancing

with lobe broadening and intrusion in the water quality in the 50-mg/L Contour.

The following audience members commented on the presentation:

Margie Cannon

Resolution Authorizing the SVBGSA Board to enter into an agreement with Regional Government Services to provide Management Services for the Agency.

a. Appoint of Board Chair to support selection of General Manager

Interim Director Gary Petersen provided his report, which is filed with the Clerk of the Board as the official record.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Tom Versik

BOARD ACTION

Upon motion by Board member McHatten, second by Board member Alejo, the SVBGSA adopted **RESOLUTION 2017-006** authorizing the Board Chair to sign an agreement on behalf of the Board of Directors of SVBGSA to enter into an agreement for services with Regional Management Services.

AYES: Board Members: Alejo, Brennan, Calcagno, Adcock, Lipe, McHatten, McIntyre, Pereira, Secondo, Stefani, and Chair Gunter. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Update on Issuance of Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications for General Counsel to provide legal services.

Mr. Petersen reported that the Requests for Proposals have been received for General Legal Services. He requested the Board Chair appoint three Board Members to serve on an Adhoc Committee to evaluate the proposals and proceed with the interview process and final approval during the September Board meeting.

Board Chair Gunter appointed Board Member Pereira and Board Member McHatten to serve with him on the Adhoc committee that will assist with the review and interviews of the Request for Proposals received for General Counsel.

Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Petersen reported that the Advisory Committee has not met since the last meeting. Any agenda items can be forwarded for discussion at the September.

Update on Status of GSA NOI filings with the Department of Water Resources

a. Meeting in Greenfield –Issue Identification

Mr. Petersen reported that a second meeting was held with the City of Greenfield and a request was received from the Marina Coast Water District requesting its desire to negotiate a cooperative agreement. In response to the letter from MCWD, Interim Legal Counsel has advised to wait for a response from the State of California regarding the status SVBGSA Notice of Intent before moving forward with any negotiations.

b. Water Shares Presentations – Provide Direction to Staff

Mr. Petersen provided his report recommending the development of a sustainable model for groundwater quality and quantity to include the development of a groundwater sustainability framework, and continue with evaluation of other groundwater sustainable models within a 90-day period.

Board member McIntyre expressed concerns regarding accelerated plans and recommended the Board focus on projects that can be implemented or developed to limit Seawater Intrusion. He recommended further monitoring programs.

Board Member Brannon stated she is not prepared to make a recommendation at this time. She recommended the Board read the LegalPlanet article she shared regarding managing groundwater prior to taking any formal action on this matter.

Board Member Pereira recommended looking at a broader system beyond the U.S. and looking at other global systems such as those in Australia and Israel.

Board Member Adcock also expressed concerns regarding staff's recommendation due to the current interim status of the existing board and recommended deferring the matter the permanent board once appointed.

Board Member Secondo expressed concerns regarding staff's recommendation given that the boundaries for the other GSA's have not been established.

Board Member Lipe also expressed concerns regarding the recommendation and added that taking action on this matter is premature. He requested a full written report from staff prior to making a recommendation or taking action.

Board Chair Gunter recommended tabling this matter until the permanent board is appointed and the subject matter has been fully vetted.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Tom Versik

Ann Wagner

Norm Groot

BOARD ACTION

This item was tabled.

Provide direction on future agenda items.

Board Member Brannon requested additional information regarding the primary elements and requirements of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Board Member McHatten commented that the Board was tasked with building the infrastructure for the SVBGSA and commended the board for its success thus far.

Board member McIntyre recommended moving forward with an agreement with the Monterey Water Resource Agency.

Mr. Norm Groot recommended the Board consider directors and officers insurance and recommended an update or a plan in place for the new Board.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, Interim Board Clerk