



Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

SALINAS VALLEY BASIN GROUND WATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEETING MINUTES MAY 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened in the Monterey County Government Center Board Chamber, 168 W. Alisal Street, 1st Floor, Salinas at 4 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Member Luis Alejo – *arrived at 4:05 p.m.*

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 Steve McIntyre

Board Member Colby Pereira

Board Member Adam Secondo

Board Member Ron Stefani

Board Chair Joe Gunter

PUBLIC COMMENT

Received general public comment.

Approve Minutes of April 20, 2017

BOARD ACTION

Upon motion by Board Member Alejo, second by Board Member McHatten, the minutes of April 20, 2017 were approved with amendments. AYES: Board Members: Alejo, Calcagno, Adcock, McHatten, McIntyre, Pereira, Secondo, Stefani, and Chair Gunter. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Board Members: Brennan and Lipe.

Issuance of Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications for General Manager Position for the SVBGSA – Selection Process

Gary Petersen provided an update on the RFQ selection process for the General Manager Positions. RFQ's have been issued and following submittal, a subcommittee will be appointed to review the proposals and conduct interviews with the top ranking firms/individuals.

In response to Board members, Mr. Petersen clarified that the RFQ was issued via the SVBGSA

website and the City of Salinas' RFQ site as well. He added that the due date is outlined in the RFQ and clearly outlines requirements upon submittal in order to be considered for the position. Mr. Petersen stated that a selection committee will select three or four proposals that will be presented to the Executive Committee for review prior to final action and approval by the Board.

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

Mr. Petersen provided his report, which is filed with the Clerk as the official record.

Mr. Adcock recommended adding a requirement for some knowledge of Prop 218.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Norm Groot

Tom Versik

In response to Board members, Mr. Petersen stated that Prop 218 and water rights will be covered in the RFQ as a requirement for legal services as recommended by the Board.

BOARD ACTION

Upon motion by Board Member Lipe, second by Board Member Pereira, the SVBGSA Board approved Resolution 2017-004 authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Qualifications to provide Legal Services for the Salinas Valley Basin Ground Sustainability Agency. AYES: Board Members: Adcock, Alejo, Brennan, Calcagno, Lipe, McHatten, Pereira, Secondo, Stefani, and Chair Gunter. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None

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

Mr. Petersen report that the NOI has been filed with the state and added that Clark Colony and the City of Greenfield also filed an NOI. He added dialogue has continued with the Marina Coast Water District.

Board Member McIntyre recommended staff collaborate with Clark Colony and the City of Greenfield in efforts to move this project forward more efficiently.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Nancy Iaskson

Roy Lowry

Direction from the Board to Advisory Committee on areas of work

Mr. Petersen stated that the Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on May 18, 2017. He added that there has been some interested in filling up the remaining Advisory Board seats and increasing the Committee membership to 25. Mr. Petersen requested the Board provide direction on items and areas of work to be referred to the Advisory Committee.

Board Member McIntyre recommended the Committee consider a collaborative working group to focus on agricultural related legislation.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Frank Pierce
Norm Groot
Robin Lee

Mr. Petersen clarified that the Advisory Committee appointments can be completed via an appointment process or an established application process.

Board Member Brennan stated that the Environmental Caucus made two recommendations at the last meeting and have not been presented to the board for approval.

Board Member Lipe stated he would like to have a representative at the next meeting and requested a report from the Advisory Committee regarding their opinion on the two other GSA's that have filed a NOI and their input regarding Marina Coast Water District and Clark Colony. He also requested consideration to establish a GSP.

BOARD ACTION

Upon motion by Board Member Lipe, second by Board member Pereira, motion to agendaize a report on Brown Act, Conflict of Interest Code/Political Reform Act Regulations to include Form 700 and other administrative procedural items at the next Advisory Committee meeting was approved. AYES: Board Members: Adcock, Alejo, Brennan, Calcagno, Lipe, McHatten, Pereira, Secondo, Stefani, and Chair Gunter. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None

Presentation on Draft 2017/18 Fiscal Year Budget

Mr. Petersen provided a report on the draft FY 2017/18 Budget which is filed with the Clerk as the official record.

Board Member Calcagno commended that depending on the Executive Officer selection outcome, some of the projected budget allocations may not be required if there are overlapping expertise. He recommended working below the allocated budget for legal counsel services.

Board Member Brennan commented that the allocation for computers and technology seem to be under estimated. Mr. Petersen clarified that the technology support and funding allocation is minimal but can be amended as needed at mid-year.

Board Member Alejo commented that the General Manager salary and benefits seem higher than that of the County of Monterey Chief Administrative Officer and the Salinas City Manager. He asked for clarification as to how the salary will be appropriated. Mr. Petersen clarified that the estimated salary and benefits budget allocations are based on the County's current full salary and benefits schedule. He added that the salary and positions could be negotiated.

Board Member McIntyre asked what percentage was used for overhead and if there is a separate line item for workshops. In response, Mr. Petersen clarified that he used an 30% overhead margin and clarified that workshops fall under the conferences and training/facilitation line item.

Board Member Lipe recommended the City or County consider live streaming the meetings and archiving them as needed.

Board Member Adcock asked for clarification regarding possible grant funding opportunities,

facilities, and collection fee/bad debt. In response, Mr. Petersen clarified that there are a number of grant funding opportunities available for SVBGSA and staff will continue to seek those funds rigorously. He added that the line item for facilities is not uncommon and stated that SVBGSA will be required to pay rent to the City or County for facility use as needed. Mr. Petersen stated that the \$25,000 allocation for collection fee/bad debts will be removed for the first year as SVBGSA is a collaborative process.

In response to Board Member Secondo, Mr. Petersen clarified that the FY 2019/2020 budget will reflect whatever process the GSA elects to use to create a self-funded JPA at any time.

Board Member McHatten asked if the JPA is eligible to join pool of liability programs. Mr. Petersen stated that it is an option.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Norm Groot

Frank Pierce

Eric Tyanan

Board Member Calcagno stated that if the Prop 218 process is implemented, the tax would be collected and distributed by the County. He added that if the County is willing, SVBGSA can work side by side with the Water Resource Agency as a cost saving measure and avoid hiring consultants.

Board Member Lipe recommended keeping cost down by implementing a low efficiency model. He added that SVBGSA can establish operational fees as an alternative to develop a sustainable agency and avoid using the Prop 218 process.

Board Member Brennan recommended a mid-year budget review and encouraged staff to find efficiencies in efforts to develop self-sustainability of the JPA.

MOTION

Board Member Alejo made a motion to approve the budget as presented with the exception of the line item allocation of \$25,000 for collections of fee/bad debt. Motion was second by Board Member Secondo.

BOARD ACTION

Upon motion by Board Member Alejo, second by Board member Secondo, the Draft FY 2017/18 Budget with the exception of the line item allocation of \$25,000 for collections of fee/bad debt was approved. AYES: Board Members: Adcock, Alejo, Brennan, Calcagno, Lipe, McHatten, Pereira, Secondo, Stefani, and Chair Gunter. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None

Receive a report and provide direction on future agenda items

Mr. Petersen reported that the RFQ/RFP for financial service is being scheduled for Board consideration on June 8, 2017. He added that the computer modeling for the *basin plan* will be presented at a future meeting as well.

Chair Gunter requested a presentation from the Marian Coast Water District and requested continued dialogue with Clark Colony and the City of Greenfield.

Board Member Calcagno recommended future educational presentations to the Board surrounding water issues in the Salinas Valley.

Board Member Lipe stated that education on the complexities of the basin is a critical component of the SVBGSA Board. He requested formal appointments to the Planning Committee and the Budget and Finance Committees be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

Board member McIntyre requested future consideration of selecting and appointing permanent Board Members.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, Interim Clerk of the Board