

Minutes

GSA-GSP Meeting

Aliso Water District

Tuesday April 26, 2022

Board members and public present:

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| Secretary Ross Franson          | Treasurer Michael Logoluso | Director Jeremy Seibert |
| By Phone: President Roy Catania | Director Bernard Puget     |                         |

Audience present or by telephone:

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| Joe Hopkins     | Summer Rooks | Dave Holland   | Rick Iger   |
| Martin Britz    | John Gaugel  | Maryse Supiger | Mike Fariss |
| Teresa Buchanan |              |                |             |

Ross Franson called the meeting to order at 2:07 P.M.

**Consideration of the adoption of resolution authorizing use of teleconferencing in compliance with Gov. Code Section 54953(e):**

Dave Holland provided summary of the resolution and read the resolution recommendation into the record. No discussion.

M/S Mike Logoluso and Jeremy Seibert to approve the minutes as mailed.

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| Director Mike Logoluso  | Aye |
| Director Ross Franson   | Aye |
| Director Jeremy Seibert | Aye |
| Director Roy Catania    | Aye |
| Director Bernard Puget  | Aye |

The Secretary then publicly announced the Board approved the motion

**Approval of minutes of January 25,2022.**

M/S Mike Logoluso and Roy Catania to approve the minutes as mailed.

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| Director Mike Logoluso  | Aye |
| Director Jeremy Seibert | Aye |
| Director Ross Franson   | Aye |
| Director Roy Catania    | Aye |
| Director Bernard Puget  | Aye |

The Secretary then publicly announced the motion passed.

**Water Rights Update:** Joe Hopkins provided summary of current status. Temporary permit required renoticing—no new comments received. Still awaiting feedback on the Water Availability Analysis—no update provided by SWRCB.

Streambed alteration agreement in process. Agreement was drafted—some items conflicted with the AWD water right and comments were provided. Terms may drive Bypass project (item #7).

Continued Madera County Collaboration.

**SGMA GSP Deficiency:** Joe Hopkins provided an update regarding SGMA efforts. GSP deficiency response period ends July 20, 2022. Continued meetings with DWR and coordination committee. Still negotiating common nomenclature for the water budget, definitions. Seepage and subsidence concerns have arisen and are being investigated.

Ross Franson asked if there was a possibility of approving separate GSPs apart from the larger subbasin effort. Dave Holland advised no.

Joe Hopkins advised a hearing will need to be held prior to 7/20/22 (late June, early July) regarding the amended GSP.

**SGMA Grants, Essential Well Construction Reports:** Grant has been awarded to the District; awaiting funding agreement.

Mike Logoluso asked about the accounting practices required for grant reporting and payments. Joe Hopkins advised that a new project will be established and will require the District to be reimbursed for any grant eligible activities.

**SGMA Annual Report:** Basin report was submitted April 1, 2022. Joe Hopkins provided an update of the findings from the April 1 report. The Board requested more context be provided on future graphical visualizations.

**Consider policy in connection with Governor’s Order N-7-22 on District’s Process. Consider request from County of Madera regarding GSA approval of well “22-0119-WELL WONDERFUL POMEGRANATE ORCHARDS, LLC – 042-171-003-000 – New Well” (Anthony J Prieto, Water Well Drilling Inc.**

Joe Hopkins and Dave Holland provided summary of Order N-7-22 and the responsibility of the District. The order requires GSAs to provide written verification that the request for a new well is not inconsistent with the GSA’s Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Dave emphasized the importance of ensuring the District is not seen as the permitting agency. Joe Hopkins recommended considerations that could be incorporated into a District-wide Well Design Standards Guide.

In addition to the summary of the Order, Joe Hopkins presented the District’s first request for a new well from Wonderful Pomegranate Orchards. John Gaugel provided public comment, advising the well is a replacement in-kind for an existing well.

M/S Roy Catania and Mike Logoluso directing staff to compose a letter acknowledging the District’s approval of request 042-171-003-000-New Well and to write a new District Well Standard for consideration.

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| Director Mike Logoluso  | Aye |
| Director Jeremy Seibert | Aye |
| Director Ross Franson   | Aye |
| Director Roy Catania    | Aye |
| Director Bernard Puget  | Aye |

The Secretary then publicly announced the motion passed.

**Chowchilla Canal Bypass Project:** Joe Hopkins provided an update to the Chowchilla Canal Bypass Project. The grant has been awarded. Design of the fish screen may be shifting from the previous temporary solution to a more permanent solution due to the LSA. May be cost prohibitive; an analysis is recommended.

Mike Logoluso provided a reminder that the lease payment for the Farmland Mgt. Recharge Pond is due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Other business to come before the Board:**

No CalSpa Update—the matter is still in abeyance.

Data collection of February static water levels is complete, however they are still some differences due to timing of the collection.

A reminder that water quality sampling will be requested in June.

**Public comment, there was no public comment**

Next meeting July 26, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 P.M.