

Minutes

GSA-GSP Meeting

Aliso Water District

Tuesday July 26, 2022

Board members and public present:

President Roy Catania	Secretary Ross Franson	Treasurer Michael Logoluso
Director Jeremy Seibert	Director Bernard Puget	

Audience present or by telephone:

Joe Hopkins	Summer Rooks	Dave Holland	Rick Iger
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President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M.

Approval of minutes of April 26,2022, and Special Meetings of June 1, 2022; June 14, 2022; June 16, 2022; and July 12, 2022.

Several amendments to the minutes were made by staff and President Catania.

M/S Ross Franson and Bernard Puget to approve the minutes as amended.

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

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

Well Construction Policy Update:

Hopkins provided an update to the board summarizing the Governor’s Executive Order N-7-22, purpose of the new Well Construction policy, and the progress to date. Hopkins advised that comments were received from counsel and KDSA that will be incorporated and presented to the board at a future meeting.

Catania mentioned that the District will be in a better position to approve the wells per the Governor’s policy once the monitoring wells for the District are installed. The data will allow us to make the best decisions for the District.

Logoluso agreed that it is inadvisable to limit the growers until more data is collected. Puget asked if the board should wait to approve this policy until the monitoring wells are installed. Holland advised that the District should move forward with this policy when it is ready and it can be revised as needed. Hopkins agreed that although we currently aren't saying no to the wells as presented, we have models and are aware of certain situations that will affect the District's sustainability, and we should begin making the growers aware of those parameters so they do not go beyond them when scoping their wells.

Franson asked if it were best to limit growers with this policy or via the GSP. Hopkins explained that yes, the District could choose to do so, but one of the measures in the GSP is to create policies such as this one to protect the District's sustainability. Additionally, this policy is more easily revised should we need to do so in the future.

Hopkins asked for direction on charging fees for review of well applications. Catania stated he thinks the time should be paid for by the applicants; at least counsel and staff time.

Catania mentioned that we should be requesting the well information from the county application so the grower is not duplicating any work and so we can have more complete records. Hopkins agreed and advised that the policy also dictates that growers enter the new meter into the District's active meter program.

No action taken. A complete policy will be presented to the board for review at a future board meeting.

Water Rights Update with Possible Action:

Joe Hopkins provided summary of current status. Temporary permit was cancelled to avoid a denial. The new 2023 Temporary Permit will be submitted within the next few weeks. Still awaiting feedback on the Water Availability Analysis from SWRCB. Last update from SWRCB requested more information regarding minimum bypass flow studies. Staff have met with FishBio to request a workplan to present to SWRCB regarding these studies.

Staff also met with CDFW to discuss the dismissal terms and to request guidance, but was directed to provide something to comment on; no further direction or insight provided.

Streambed alteration agreement in process. Agreement was drafted—some items conflicted with the AWD water right and comments were provided. No response to comments provided.

Continued Madera County and Triangle T Collaboration.

Hopkins also discussed and presented an engagement letter from Tom Berliner to assist the District with navigating these requirements from SWRCB. The board accepted the letter and requested additional options to vet and discuss with the board. Catania agreed as to the importance of having an expert versed in regulations surrounding the SJRRP. The board will provide recommendations of who to contact to staff. No actions taken.

GSP Implementation Update – Revised GSP Submitted:

Hopkins provided an update regarding the amended GSP. All amended GSPs have been submitted for the subbasin. Hopkins advised there is no timeline for review.

GSP Implementation Update – Grant Update with Possible Action:

Hopkins provided an update regarding the District’s Grant Agreement; Del Puerto is the grant agent.

\$1m for the Chowchilla Bypass Turnout; This funding is designated for construction of the turnout only. Design will be funded differently.

\$50k for GSP revisions; This funding will go to pay for the activities that occurred to update the GSP from March 2022 to present day.

\$134k for Data Gaps (Monitoring Well and videoing). Franson asked if there were any takers previously for well videoing. Hopkins advised no.

\$45k for Composite Well Pumping Study with Ken Schmidt. This would install one, possible two composite wells for study purposes. Hopkins advised that the funding agreement allowing activities to commence may be provided before next board meeting. Should that occur, would the board feel comfortable with the President providing approval to begin the study?

Logoluso asked about the locations for the study and if cooperative agreements would be needed from Landowners. Hopkins advised that the locations are not yet known, however he does not believe they will require landowner cooperation. Logoluso agrees with the need for the data collection and agrees that Ken Schmidt would be the best resource to select the locations.

M/S Bernard Puget and Mike Logoluso to approve the President to provide authorization to staff to begin the constructing new monitoring wells when funding is available and to approve of the locations when identified by KDSA.

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

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

Water Quality Testing in July and Fall Static Water Measurements in October:

Hopkins provided an update regarding water quality testing. All growers have been tested and staff are awaiting results from JMLord.

Other business to come before the Board – None.

Public comment, there was no public comment

Next meeting October 25, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross Franson", written above a horizontal line.

Ross Franson, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roy Catania", written above a horizontal line.

Roy Catania, President