

**Minutes**

GSA-GSP Meeting

Aliso Water District

Tuesday October 25, 2022

Board members and public present:

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| President Roy Catania   | Secretary Ross Franson            | Treasurer Michael Logoluso |
| Director Jeremy Seibert | Director Bernard Puget (by phone) |                            |

Audience present or by telephone:

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| Joe Hopkins     | Summer Rooks   | Rick Iger       | Peter Allbright |
| Matthew O'Neill | Maryse Supiger | Kristi Robinson | John Gaugel     |

President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M.

**Consideration of the adoption of Resolution 2022-06 authorizing use of teleconferencing in compliance with Gov. Code Section 54953(e):**

Catania provided summary of the resolution and read the resolution recommendation into the record. No discussion/questions.

M/S Ross Franson and Mike Logoluso to approve resolution as presented.

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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 President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

**Approval of minutes for the GSA Board Meeting held July 26, 2022:**

No amendments made to the minutes.

M/S Ross Franson and Jeremy Seibert to approve the minutes as presented.

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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 President then publicly announced the motion passed.

**Well Construction Policy Update:**

Joe Hopkins provided an update to the board summarizing the progress made on the Well Construction Policy. Since no permit applications have been received, this policy is not as urgent as originally thought. No action taken. A final recommendation will be provided to the Board at the next meeting.

**Water Rights Update with Possible Action:**

Hopkins provided summary of current status. The temporary permit was filed and noticed. The noticing period ended October 7, 2022. Four protest letters were received. A meeting with Hopkins and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will occur November 2 to discuss the next steps for the temporary permit.

The standard permit application is still in progress. No comments have been received regarding the Water Availability Analysis workplan. Hopkins has engaged FishBio to provide an additional Minimum Bypass Flow analysis and will share the workplan with CDFW and SWRCB prior to moving forward. The additional analysis will require a feasibility phase to ensure the workplan will be successful and has a beginning cost of \$6-8k. Hopkins expressed concern that water will need to be present in order to calibrate the study.

The Lake and Streambed Agreement is also in progress. A draft agreement was provided to the District for consideration, however the terms were duplicative or in conflict with the District's potential water right terms. Comments were provided back to CDFW, however no response has been provided to date.

Hopkins noted that the District is continuing coordination with Madera county and Triangle T to align approaches on bypass water diversions.

Hopkins reviewed the recent Chowchilla Bypass tour held with SWRCB staff on October 11, 2022. A second tour with Flood Board staff will occur November 4, 2022.

Hopkins also discussed an analysis conducted by P&P to assess the readiness of the District to take and use surplus water should it be made available to the District and if the Water Right applications are approved. Hopkins explained the District could temporarily deploy a 5 cfs pump and fish screen for approximately \$200,000 for 30 days—approximately \$700 per acre-foot. Franson advised he would be in favor of deployment to demonstrate it can be done. Board members agreed.

Franson asked about the potential for the District to apply for a 5-year Water Right permit. Hopkins explained it was a possibility, however, currently the diversion period is outside of the District's desired diversion period.

Hopkins also presented the previously discussed engagement letter from Tom Berliner to assist the District with navigating requirements from SWRCB regarding the San Joaquin River Restoration Project. Hopkins advised the board that he and the President met with Berliner and are prepared to move forward with signing the engagement letter. Catania explained Berliner has 16 years of experience with the Exchange Contractors and is actively engaged in the water rights environment.

Franson asked for an overall estimated cost to the District. Logoluso agreed with Franson and Catania and stated that Berliner will be the most efficient resource to help the District in this issue. Hopkins asked the Board if there was a budget that would prohibit hiring Berliner. Franson advised that he is not recommending there is a limitation to move forward, but rather wants an overall budget implication. Hopkins provided the hourly rate and advised an overall budget understanding will be discussed with Berliner prior to starting.

M/S Ross Franson and Mike Logoluso to approve the Board President to sign the Engagement Letter with Berliner pending legal review and budget discussion.

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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 President then publicly announced the motion passed.

**GSP Implementation Update:**

Hopkins provided an update regarding the amended GSP. A comment letter from CDFW was received directed to the District. DWR is expected to accept the revised GSPs in January 2023. A schedule has been created for the 2025 update and the District will need to revisit the coordination agreements within the subbasin once received.

**Grant Update with Possible Action:**

Hopkins provided an update regarding the District's SGMA round 1 Grant Agreement. A special agreement to participate in the grant and share in the grant administration cost was provided to the District by SLDMWA and requires review and signature.

M/S Mike Logoluso and Jeremy Seibert to approve the special agreement as presented.

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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 President then publicly announced the motion passed.

Hopkins advised that one of the grant projects is drilling monitoring wells in the District and required direction as to where they should be drilled. Hopkins reviewed the recommendation from KDSA indicating the District should drill 4 wells—2 in the north and 2 in the south parts of the District east of the Bypass. At this time the District does not have enough grant money to consider all of the wells.

The Board discussed the most advantageous area to build the wells. Hopkins explained that the deep monitoring wells would be most advantageous and would recommend 1 deep well in both the north and south parts of the District, as well as a shallow well in the north for an approximate total of \$160k-\$170k. Hopkins also explained that 4" well casings would be the best for water quality and water level sampling.

M/S Mike Logoluso and Ross Franson to approve the design, bidding, and construction of 3 new monitoring wells—1 deep well in the north, 1 deep well in the south, and 1 shallow well in the north as recommended by KDSA.

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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 President then publicly announced the motion passed.

Hopkins then provided an update on the SGMA Round 2 grant solicitation. Hopkins recommended pursuing additional funding for groundwater monitoring and data analysis. Hopkins also advised the board that the District's cost share would be \$10,000 for the preparation of the grant and a resolution from the GSA would be required to submit the grant application.

M/S Ross Franson and Jeremy Seibert to approve the resolution 2022-07 to submit the SGMA Round 2 grant application and to provide the letter of support as necessary.

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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 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. The District has received data from growers and staff are processing the results.

Surface water credit reports are due to the District by November 30, 2022.

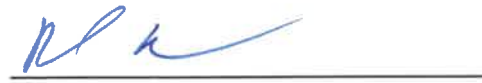
**Other business to come before the Board – None.**

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

Next meeting January 24, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ross Franson, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Roy Catania, President