

Minutes
GSA-GSP Meeting
Aliso Water District
Tuesday April 25, 2023

Board members present:

President Roy Catania Secretary Daniel Hartwig Treasurer Michael Logoluso
Director Jeremy Seibert Director Bernard Puget

Public present:

Joe Hopkins Grecia Enns Dave Holland Rick Iger (phone)
Martin Britz John Gaugel Matthew O' Neill

1. Call to Order:

President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 2:29 P.M.

2. Approval of minutes of Regular GSA meeting of January 24, 2023, Special GSA Meeting February 17, 2023, and Special GSA meeting March 20, 2023

M/S Bernard Puget and Daniel Hartwig to approve the minutes.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

3. Well Construction Policy (executive order N-7-22), possible action

A draft policy was presented by Joe Hopkins for direction regarding conditions on new wells in the District in response to Madera County requiring the GSA to verify that a proposed well is consistent with the GSP prior to the County issuing a well permit. After thorough discussion and Joe Hopkins's presentation, the board requested time to review the policy and reconvene in roughly two weeks to discuss any edits and possibly take action.

4. Madera County Well Permit Verifications, possible action

Joe Hopkins presented two well permits (DLM Partners and Riverside Orchards, LLC) for the board to consider providing GSA verification letters so they could obtain County well permits. A discussion ensued regarding what, if any, of the draft well construction policy should be conditioned on this approval. It was determined that much of the information to be requested in the draft policy could be obtained after construction, and that in the indemnity agreement the parties acknowledge that these wells are not exempt from any GSA regulation. Therefore, it was recommended that the GSA allow the wells by executing the GSA Verification Letter, the Indemnity Agreement, and also asking the landowner to provide electric logs and well completion reports after construction. All future requests will abide by the Well Construction Policy. The approval was taken in separate actions.

a. DLM Partners

M/S Daniel Hartwig and Bernard Puget to allow DLM Partners to drill the new well; for the President to execute the Madera County GSA Verification Letter and the Indemnity Agreement; and for the documents be sent to the Landowner and well driller via email with a recommendation that an electric log and well completion report be provided post-construction.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Abstain
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

b. Riverside Orchards, LLC

M/S Daniel Hartwig and Bernard Puget to allow Riverside Orchards, LLC to drill the new well; for the President to execute the Madera County GSA Verification Letter and the Indemnity Agreement; and for the documents be sent to the Landowner and well driller via email with a recommendation that an electric log and well completion report be provided post-construction.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Abstain
Director Bernard Puget	Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

5. Water Rights Update

Joe Hopkins provided the status of the current diversions from the temporary right. To date, 406 AF have been diverted. He discussed that since the flood is forecasted to remain through the summer, his team is looking at ways to reduce the \$/AF costs. He informed the board that he will be working on the 2024 temporary water right this month, and the standard water right permit is moving forward concurrently, but at a slower pace. FISHBIO performed flow measurements during the recession of the first flood event and we need to have follow up discussions to review results.

6. Chowchilla Bypass Project Update

Joe Hopkins reviewed design the design progress to date, and presented exhibits regarding the bypass diversion and pump station, the pipeline alignment, and the recharge basin layout. He informed the Board that the next steps were to get easements and permits, and secure financing.

7. GSP Implementation Update

Joe Hopkins reviewed hydrographs, subsidence maps and discussed the status of Delta-Mendota Committee. He flagged some concerning trends, but noted the current flood will offer some correction. Joe Hopkins updated the board on the Delta-Mendota Subbasins GSP Groups' desire of moving toward a single GSP subbasin. He presented what he felt were the benefits and challenges of such a switch. The board directed Mr. Hopkins to work in good faith toward a single GSP, and direct his effort to protections in the coordination agreement and maintaining authority in the basin.

8. Grant Update

Joe Hopkins presented the status of the Round 1 SGMA grants. The Chowchilla Bypass Project was discussed under agenda item 6, and still has the full \$1,000,000 available since the money was allocated for construction. The Data gaps project is underway, and the next step is to coordinate with the landowners and present exhibits to get access and easements to drill the monitoring wells. The GSP Revision funds have remaining budget that can be allocated to the GSP inadequate response effort. The composite well pumping study fund is awaiting a scope of work from KDSA. Round 2 grant determinations are planned to be released in June.

9. Other business to come before the Board

Joe Hopkins updated the board of a meeting he and Roy Catania had with Sustainable Conservation/ FloodMAR regarding a watershed study. They are trying to find all places to take surplus surface water. Staff will respond to a future request for data identifying projects and potential surface water service areas.

Hopkins informed the board that an email was sent to District growers encouraging their diversion of flood water and compliance with the Governor's Executive Order N-4-23.

Hopkins discussed his intent to notify growers of potential flooding in the area due to Friant flood release, as well as an email updating growers on the status of our temporary water right diversion from the Chowchilla Bypass.

Hopkins noticed the Board that there may be a need for more frequent meetings while responding to the GSP and flood issues, and that special meetings would be called as necessary.

10. Public Comment

No public comment.

11. Next meeting July 25, 2023

12. Meeting adjourned at 4:09 P.M.

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Daniel Hartwig, Secretary

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Roy Catania, President