

**Minutes**

GSA-GSP Meeting

Aliso Water District

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

**Board members present:**

President Roy Catania      Treasurer Michael Logoluso  
Director Jeremy Seibert      Director Bernard Puget (by phone)      Director Daniel Hartwig

**Public present or by telephone:**

Joe Hopkins      Summer Rooks      Rick Iger      Peter Allbright  
Dave Holland      Martin Britz      Dianna Short      John Gaugel

**1. Call to Order:**

President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 2:36 P.M.

**2. Consideration of the adoption of Resolution 2023-01 authorizing use of teleconferencing in compliance with Gov. Code Section 54953(e):**

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

M/S Jeremy Siebert and Bernard Puget to approve resolution as presented.

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

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Regular GSA-GSP Meeting held October 25, 2022:**

Roy Catania asked to modify on page four, third paragraph add the term “monitoring wells” to the verbiage “construction of 3 new wells”.

M/S Mike Logoluso and Jeremy Seibert to approve the minutes with the amended request.

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

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

**4. Well Construction Policy Update (Executive Order N-7-22):**

Joe Hopkins provided an update to the board summarizing that limited progress has been made on the Well Construction Policy. The new order states that a GSA needs to sign off on new well construction. Aliso Water District (AWD) has not received any requests for new wells, so there is little urgency to complete the policy at this time.

**5. Water Rights Update with Possible Action:**

- a. Temporary:** Joe Hopkins reported that AWD received an approved temporary permit on December 27, 2022, and flood waters started on January 5, 2023. Joe Hopkins updated the Board on the current project materials and what has been acquired.

The District filed an emergency exemption (Fish and Game Code 1610) with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on the Lake and Streambed Agreement (LSA). Comments were provided back to CDFW, however no feedback has been provided to date.

As allowed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), water will be diverted as “flood water” until all current terms and conditions are met, at which time water will be diverted under the permit until March 31. After March 31, AWD will need to present a study to SWRCB that there are flood water triggers. Joe Hopkins explained to new Board member, Daniel Hartwig, that the District will temporarily deploy a 5 cfs pump and fish screen for approximately \$200,000 for 30 days—approximately \$700 per acre-foot.

Mike Logoluso recommended providing a timeline on the AWD website for growers to understand the project and where their monies are being allocated.

- b. Standard:** Joe Hopkins informed the Board that the standard permit application is still in progress. P&P will return to SWRCB with concerns and conditions regarding this permit. Joe Hopkins is working through the requested fishery study with FishBio to provide additional analysis on the water depth for fish to survive. FishBio will come to collect data when the water flows reach between 1,000-2,000 cfs range.
- c. Retention of Special Counsel for Dealing in Water Right Application Process:** Joe Hopkins reported the Board previously discussed engaging Tom Berliner to assist the District with navigating requirements from SWRCB regarding the San Joaquin River Restoration Project. The estimated cost to retain Tom Berliner would be roughly \$20,000, which includes 30 hours of time billed at \$645/hr.

The District discussed project cost sharing with Triangle T. Triangle T requested originally doing a 75/25 split since they are conducting their own evaluation as well. Joe Hopkins will reach out to Triangle T to negotiate the 60/40 split.

**6. GSP Implementation Update:**

Joe Hopkins updated the Board that P&P is processing information for the Annual Reports and waiting on GSP determination by Department of Water Resources (DWR) which is supposed to arrive by March 2023.

Joe Hopkins requested that a new alternative representative be appointed to the DM Coordination Committee; a position formerly held by previous director, Ross Franson. Daniel Hartwig volunteered to be the new alternate representative with no objection from the board.

**7. Grant Update with Possible Action:**

Joe Hopkins provided an update regarding the District's SGMA Grant Agreement Round 1 for the bypass project. Data was gathered on the regional sites for the three 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.

AWD received a \$1 million grant for the design and construction of the permanent turnout structure on the Chowchilla Bypass. P&P presented a proposal outlining design services and the estimated proposed cost is \$133,500.

M/S Daniel Hartwig and Bernard Puget to approve the proposal for the Chowchilla Bypass Project.

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.

Joe Hopkins mentioned that SGMA Round 2 did not put in a request for this project but rather focused on data collection.

**8. Other Business:**

No other business discussed.

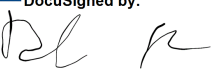
**9. Public Comment:**

No public comment.

10. Next meeting April 25, 2023


11. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 P.M.

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Daniel Hartwig, Secretary

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Roy Catania, President