

Minutes

GSA-GSP Meeting

Aliso Water District

Tuesday January 26, 2021

Board members present by video-conference:

Director Michael Logoluso	Director Jeremy Seibert	Director Ross Franson
Director Bernard Puget	Director Roy Catania	

Public present by video-conference:

Rick Iger	Sarah Woolf	Joe Hopkins	John Gaugel	Morgan Halpenny
Mike Fariss	Martin Britz	Katie Durham	David Holland	Kristi Robinson

Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 1:56 P.M.

Approval of minutes of October 27th. There was a M/S by Mike Logoluso and Ross Franson to approve the minutes as emailed.

Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye

The President then publicly announced that the motion passed.

Subsidence monitoring update. Rick Iger informed the board that both the Aliso and USBR readings have been taken but the USBR readings haven't been posted on the internet as of today for the Aliso data to be compared too.

Water Rights update. Joe Hopkins informed the Board all deficiencies per our standard water rights application have been address and on time, we are waiting to hear back from the SWRCB per their review. We have received our temporary water rights permit for this year.

Our cost share agreement with TTWD for engineering and consultant work supporting our water rights application has been executed.

Flow meter discussion. Joe Hopkins provided a revised policy for the metering of groundwater extraction within the Aliso Water District. In this policy revision Joe included Madera County metering requirements. During the discussion that followed it was mentioned that since this flow meter policy is so critical to the District the Board needs to take the time and think it through to get it right. Directions given to the Board was to take this Draft metering policy and review with mark ups for discussion at our next Board meeting in April.

Transducer data update from Morgan Hallpenny. Morgan provided a map of the Aliso Water District which identified 4 transducer sites currently being monitored: 2 sites on the Woolf property, 1 site on

the Olam property and 1 site on the ATB property. One transducer site not shown on his map was on the Seanaria property. The map also depicted the range of wireless coverage that his equipment already provides to the District. Morgan was extending an invitation to the other growers in the Aliso Water District who currently don't have any transducers to consider installing a transducer on their property. For a small fee of around \$450.00 for the installation and \$5.00 monthly fee which doesn't include the purchase price of the transducer Morgan would be willing to work with growers to install and monitor a transducer in one of their wells with the idea of covering the entire District. Through their program, that data could then be seamlessly shared with the Aliso Water District. The information attained from these transducers is very important in preparing various monitoring reports along with mapping information for the Aliso Water District.

GSP implementation update. A well inventory grant of \$15,000.00 has been awarded to the Aliso Water District to be used to document perforation locations in wells. Since there are a lot of composite wells in the District documentation of perforations above and below the Corcoran clay is important to the District in helping to understand any subsidence issues and how to mitigate any impacts.

Joe Hopkins also brought to the Boards attention of revising our GSP's water quality objectives. Currently we monitor for nitrates, EC, and chlorides. In an effort to reduce duplication and since the nitrates are already being monitored by the Water Coalitions it was recommended to discontinue nitrate monitoring. Joe was asked to check with Ken Schmidt's on the chloride issue and we will continue with the EC monitoring. If this revision to our water quality monitoring impacts our GSP the Board will have to decide if this is in the best interest of the District.

The District's annual report is in progress which is due in April and waiting on some surface water information.

There was also some discussion on the CIMIS weather station West of Firebaugh not being able to provide ET data. There was some talk about installing another weather station in the Aliso Water District.

The Consulting Services Contract for the Cottonwood Recharge Project was presented to the Board by Joe Hopkins. After explaining these consulting services to the Board there was a M/S by Bernard Puget and Ross Franson to accept the consulting services for the Aliso Water District GSA Chowchilla Bypass Recharge Project.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

There was a brief discussion on how to fund this project, cash flow it, Bank Loan, private landowner financing, etc. Michael Logoluso has previously looked into Bank financing but that was before our 218 election, this may still be a possibility. Ross Franson said he would look into funding options. David Holland suggested we seek financial institutions with public agency experience.

The DWR grant 68 update for the District's recharge project is the grant that has been submitted and we are waiting to hear if we are successful. The grant award could be worth between \$400,000.00 up to \$1mil to the District.

A meeting will be scheduled to move forward with Aliso's conveyance agreement with the private property owner.

The Board was reminded of the District's lease payment obligation to Farmland Management due May 1st.

Other business to come before the Board:

Dave Holland briefed the Board on the California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance next legal move to appeal the lower court's decision of change of venue to the State Supreme Court. David thinks the chances are small that the State Supreme Court will hear this appeal.

There is the static water monitoring event due between February 1st and the 15th.

There is also a reminder that all surface water diversions for 2020 are due to the District.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Next meeting April 27, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 P.M.