Minutes

GSA-GSP Meeting

Aliso Water District

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Board	mem	bers	pres	ent:
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President Roy Catania Treasurer Michael Logoluso Director Matthew Toste

Director Jeremy Seibert

Board members absent:

Secretary Bernard Puget

Public present or by telephone:

Joe Hopkins Grecia Enns Dave Holland Rick Iger

Matthew O'Neill

1. Call to Order:

President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 2:25 P.M.

2. Approval of minutes of Regular GSA-GSP meeting of October 24, 2023, and Special meeting of December 13, 2023

M/S Jeremy Seibert and Michael Logoluso to approve the October 24, 2023 minutes as corrected.

Director Catania Aye

Director Logoluso Aye

Director Puget Absent

Director Seibert Aye

Director Toste Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

M/S Matthew Toste and Michael Logoluso to approve the December 13, 2023 minutes as corrected.

Director Catania Aye

Director Logoluso Aye

Director Puget Absent

Director Seibert Aye

Director Toste Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

3. Well Permit Verification Status

Joe Hopkins provided a status update on the nine active well permits. One well has provided all the required information and has been accepted. The remaining eight wells have yet to submit post-construction submittals. Staff will continue to follow up monthly with active permits.

4. Water Rights Update

Joe Hopkins reported that the 2023 Flood Diversion Report has been submitted, and that the Temporary Water Right application for 2024 has been submitted to the SWRCB. Currently there is temporary equipment on standby from Rain for Rent to divert floodwater should it be available. Hopkins reported that the District is restarting efforts for the Standard Right as the District lost momentum during the flood year. There is a consultation scheduled with SWRCB on February 7, 2024.

5. Chowchilla Bypass Project Update

Joe Hopkins reported that the design team is in the process of submitting turnout plans to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and Lower San Joaquin Levee District. The District is also currently in the process of securing a roughly \$900,000 grant from the NRCS. The District is trying to satisfy the requirements to secure the funding including easements, and a letter from the IRS indicating the District's Tax-Exempt status.

6. Monitor Well Project Update

Hopkins reported that the District has worked through delays with the grant agency and has issued a notice to proceed and a contract to the contractor. The contractor is waiting for drier weather to begin work. The contractor proposes starting at the North site and is expected to take two weeks before moving to the South site with an expected completion time of one week. Hopkins presented a visual of the project.

7. GSP Implementation Update

Hopkins reported that the subbasin continues to work in good faith toward a Single GSP. The probationary hearing with the SWRCB has been pushed to the 1st quarter of 2025. The subbasin's intention is to complete the GSP in July and potentially avoid a probationary hearing altogether. Various chapters of the GSP have been released for internal review. The Subbasin intends to manage water levels, and not implement a basin-wide groundwater allocation. The SWRCB has indicated to the Subbasin that to be successful, a GSP must have a Well Mitigation Plan, as well as detailed demand management actions.

a. <u>Minimum Threshold Exceedance - Joe Hopkins and Rick Iger provided an update on sustainable management criteria (SMC) created for water levels and subsidence. The Water Level SMC requires that the water levels not exceed the 2015 seasonal low, and that it would be in violation if the exceedance occurred for two consecutive years. The Subsidence SMC requires that the ground surface not exceed 2-feet of subsidence. Hopkins</u>

presented figures that showed the District is in a downward trend. Hopkins recommended a Minimum Threshold Exceedance Action Plan (MTEAP) be developed to correct impending minimum threshold exceedances, should water import not be sufficient. The MTEAP would be prepared with the input of a landowner work group. The Board agreed with the approach. Hopkins will solicit workgroup volunteers and present the members at a special meeting, where action can be taken to approve the workgroup. The goal will be to have a draft plan fully prepared by the April regular GSA board meeting.

 Hopkins requested the board take action on the appointment of a Delta Mendota Coordination Committee Alternate Representative which was vacated at the resignation of Daniel Hartwig. President Roy Catania volunteered to fill the vacancy.

M/S Michael Logoluso and Jeremy Seibert to appoint Roy Catania as the Alternate Representative to the DM Coordination Committee:

Director Catania Aye

Director Logoluso Aye

Director Puget Absent

Director Seibert Aye

Director Toste Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

8. Grant Update

Joe Hopkins presented the status of the DWR Round 1 SGMA grants. The Chowchilla Bypass Project still has the full \$1,000,000 available since the money is allocated for construction only. The Data Gaps Project will begin with the monitor well construction contract that will utilize the \$134,000 grant fund. The GSP Revision funds have a remaining budget of roughly \$17,000 which can be allocated toward the Single GSP. The Composite Well Pumping Study is reliant on the completion of the monitor well project and is awaiting a scope of work from KDSA. Regarding the NRCS Grant, the District can expect a funding agreement for up to \$900,000.

9. Data Collection Efforts

The District is currently requesting Spring static depth to water level data from growers to be collected between February 1 and February 14, 2024.

10. Other business to come before the Board

There was no other business.

11. Public comment

There was no public comment.

12. Next meeting April 23, 2024

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:

Bernard Puget, Secretary

APPROVED BY: DocuSigned by:

Roy Catania

Roy Catania, President