

Omochumne Hartnell Water District

Staff Report August 20, 2019

1. Financial Report
 - a. We received income from SAFCA to pay the bills due for the Groundwater Recharge Project
 - b. We have not received reimbursement from DWR recently
2. SGMA compliance
 - a. Sacramento Valley - South American Sub Basin (5-21.65)
 - i. Resolution on Points of Agreement with SCGA
 1. The bilateral negotiations have reached a point where there needs to be direction from OHWD board on the next step. Director Kautz, Director Stretars and I believe OHWD has been able to negotiate the District's position to the point that an MOU should be drafted by legal counsel to further the discussion. The main points of the agreement include:
 - a. SCGA will remove its overlapping GSA designation in OHWD's boundaries
 - b. SCGA will request a change in the Joint Powers Agreement to exclude OHWD's jurisdiction area from the Joint Power Authority
 - c. OHWD will no longer have a seat on SCGA board (requires an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement)
 - d. OHWD, SCGA and the County will work cooperatively together along with other GSA's in the basin to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)
 - e. OHWD will help pay up to 20% of the development of a GSP – this figure is based on acreage, population and water use.
 - f. OHWD will participate in a working group to develop the GSP
 - g. OHWD has ultimate authority within their jurisdiction to accept the GSP or develop its own GSP.
 2. **Staff recommendation: Adopt the resolution to direct the South American Basin negotiating team and staff to develop a draft MOU between SCGA and OHWD based on the current Principles of Agreement.**
 - ii. Resolution requesting Sloughouse RCD remove overlapping GSA designation in OHWD jurisdiction
 1. Sloughouse RCD also has an overlapping GSA designation in OHWD boundaries; SRCD Board members

indicated at the time of the designation that it would assist in SCGA negotiations.

2. Sloughhouse RCD originally participated in SCGA negotiations, but was not part of more recent SCGA/County/OHWD trilateral negotiations. In order to move forward with SGMA planning, overlap issue needs to be resolved; Staff is not aware of any opposition by SRCD to removal once SCGA overlap is resolved.

3. Staff Recommendation: Adopt the resolution to request SRCD to remove its overlapping GSA designation in OHWD boundaries.

- b. San Joaquin Valley Cosumnes Groundwater basin
 - i. The working group will meet on August 21st. Please see attached meeting notes from previous month's meeting.
 - ii. SAFCA is supportive of a Prop 68 Grant Application and is willing to fund up to \$25,000.
 - iii. Working Group's intention is to have EKI develop a grant application, with funding support by SAFCA and application oversight/administrative by OHWD.
 - iv. The Working group will meet on August 21st to decide if the group will move forward with the Prop 68 grant application
 1. **Staff recommendation: Adopt the resolution to direct staff to do the necessary action to develop a contract with EKI if the Cosumnes Working group agrees to move forward with the Prop 68 grant and have OHWD administer the contract for the application.**

3. Groundwater recharge Project

- a. Construction has been completed.
- b. DWR will come out to do an inspection 8/20/19.
- c. The final report to will be submitted within the next couple of weeks

4. District office location

- a. Staff has discussed the possibility of moving the office to a space that would be more accessible and have a larger meeting space
- b. Staff looked for areas within the district that could accommodate the office and a board room, but there was not any suitable facility.
- c. Sacramento County Farm Bureau has office space to rent and a board room for \$200 a month. There is Wi-Fi and high speed internet OHWD will have access for use. Staff will establish a VoIP phone line with voice mail that goes to email.
- d. **Staff recommendation: Adopt the presented resolution to enter into a rental agreement with Sacramento County Farm Bureau for office and board meeting space.**

5. District Director Elections

- a. 4 people have submitted their candidates form for the 3 spots on the District board.

- i.** Kurt Kautz – incumbent
 - ii.** Mark Wilson – incumbent
 - iii.** Susanne Pecci
 - iv.** Paul Hensleigh
- b.** Staff and counsel will proceed with the necessary steps to have an election in November for 3 positions up for election on the OHWD board