

Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

Board Meeting March 16, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

Meeting held by teleconference and video conference due to COVID-19

Call to Order: 10:03 am

1. Introductions
2. Determine if quorum is present
 - a. Directors Mark Wilson, Mark Stretars, Ken Mitchell, and Paul Hensleigh, and Kurt Kautz were in attendance.

Public comments – No public comments at this time.

Action Items:

1. Consent Items: a.b.c. i.ii. Review and approve agenda: A motion to approve Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2021, made by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Mitchell. Roll call vote: Stretars; Aye, Wilson; Aye, Hensleigh; Aye, Mitchell; Aye. Motion passed. 5/0/0
The Minutes from the Board Meeting of March 16, 2021 were reviewed. Review of all balances, accounts payable, and receivables to the District. A motion to file and accept the Meeting Minutes for the meeting on March 16, 2021, and to receive and file the monthly financial statement, made by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Mitchell. Roll call vote: Mitchell; Aye, Stretars; Aye, Wilson; Aye, Hensleigh; Aye, Kautz; Aye. Motion passed. 5/0/0
2. SGMA Compliance:
 - a. Sacramento Valley – South American Groundwater Sub Basin (5-21.65) (The portion of this groundwater basin within OHWD lies within Cosumnes Watershed) –
 - i. Update on Meetings – Mr. Wackman reviewed basin setting portion of the South American Subbasin GSP and explained the current status within the area. Meetings have been held regularly and discussing thresholds and modeling. Board discussed overdraft and what it will take to get it back into stable conditions.
 - ii. Financing and Governance -
 1. Rate Study for OHWD – Mr. Wackman reviewed Rate Study per year and tables from Rate Study Report. Mr. Wackman shared preliminary numbers for estimating costs for contributions. Budget committee will meet to discuss in detail. Irrigated acres and what other basins are using for per parcel fees. Direction from the Board for Budget Committee to meet and work through numbers and bring back to the Board for action. No action at this time.
 - b. San Joaquin Valley – Cosumnes Groundwater Sub Basin (5-22.16)
 - i. Working Group Meeting update – Mr. Wackman reviewed process and similar process to South American Groundwater Sub Basin. Mr. Wackman reviewed the numbers that will be brought in front of the working group at tomorrow's meeting, April 21, 2021. The Cosumnes Basin is looking to do things jointly with contributions. No action taken at this time.
 - ii. Financing and Governance
 1. Basin wide assessment – Rate Study - Basin wide assessment was looking to be done by Sacramento County. Each individual GSA will have to then adopt their own assessment. SGMA does prevent fees under de minimis users and extractors. Fee options for regulatory issues, and parcel base fees were the focus of discussion. No decisions made at this time. Public comments were addressed.

2. Long Term Governance – the Cosumnes basin is discussing forming a new Joint Powers Authority or using the existing Southeast Sacramento Agricultural Water Authority as the governing body to administer the GSP. A draft JPA has been developed and being reviewed by the Cosumnes Working Group.
3. MOU between SSCAWA and OHWD for funding of Watershed Coordinator – Mr. Wackman reviewed funding for Watershed Coordinator position from grant funding and SAFCA. OHWD and SSCAWA have an MOU stating where the money is coming from and going to SSCAWA. A motion to approve MOU between SSCAWA and OHWD for funding of the Watershed Coordinator made by Mr. Stretars, second by Mr. Hensleigh. Roll call vote: Mitchell; Aye, Stretars; Aye, Wilson; Aye, Hensleigh; Aye, Kautz; Aye. Motion passed. 5/0/0
4. Well Monitoring for Cosumnes Basin for 2021 – Mr. Wackman reviewed well monitoring and the costs. A motion to approve OHWD funding in the amount not to exceed of \$2,100 for monitoring made by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Stretars. Roll call vote: Mitchell; Aye, Stretars; Aye, Wilson; Aye, Hensleigh; Aye, Kautz; Aye. Motion passed. 5/0/0

Informational items:

1. SSCAWA Meeting – No update at this time. All information given in above Action items.
2. Received communications – Review of all mail received.
3. Water Coordinator’s Report – Report given by Mr. Mitchell
4. ACWA activity – Lawrence Livermore Lab is reaching out for grant funding and possible funding partnering opportunity for Blodgett Dam. Increasing soil moisture sensors at different depths and refining data. Money would be for materials and installation and improving dashboard readings. Informational item only and will be brought back for discussion.

General Managers Report:

1. Meetings and Correspondences – Mr. Wackman reviewed all meetings attended.

Directors:

1. Comments – No additional updates at this time.
2. Director’s meeting attendance report:
Kautz (1), Mitchell (1), Hensleigh (1), Wilson (1) Stretars (1)

The next regular meeting – **May 18, 2021 at 10 AM**

****At new location 8970 Elk Grove Blvd. Elk Grove CA.****

Adjourn Meeting - A motion to adjourn the Meeting at 11:30 pm, made by Mr. Hensleigh, second by Mr. Stretars. Roll call vote: Stretars; Aye, Wilson; Aye, Mitchell; Aye. Motion passed. 5/0/0.