

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

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**Board Meeting – Minutes, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**

**7513 Sloughhouse Road**

**Elk Grove, CA 95624**

**Call to Order:**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board, Kurt Kautz, at 2:08 PM and included Directors Leland Schneider, Ron Lowry, Robert Mahon, General Manager Michael Wackman, Legal Counsel Rebecca Smith and Secretary Cindy Luellen. Interested citizens included Mr. Mark Wilson, Mr. Mark Stretars, Mr. Ramon Roybal, Ms Melinda Frost-Hurzol, Mr. Mike Eaton, and later for a short emergency arrival representing RD800, Mr. David Utterback and Mr. Leland Schneider, Jr.
2. Four OHWD Board Members present established a quorum.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Action/Discussion Items:**

1. The agenda was reviewed  
**Director Mahon made the motion for approval, Director Schneider seconded the motion and it was passed 4/0/0.**
2. Under consent items
  - a.) The minutes from the October 18th meeting was included with the financial statement, including invoices of items to be paid on the AP Aging Summary. The copies of the 2016/17 Budget vs Actual were a bit higher than projected (over budget) due to the dam repair costs.  
**The motion to accept the financial statement and the minutes with a small correction were made by Director Lowry seconded by Director Mahon and approved 4/0/0.**
3. SGMA Compliance
  - a.) The Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
    - i.) Sacramento Central Ground Water Agency turned in an “Alternative Submittal” to the CA Department of Water Resources (CA DWR) which SCGA believes fulfills all aspects of SGMA by providing evidence that the Central Basin has been managed sustainably for the past 10 years. The Alternative Submittal area presented by SCGA overlaps that portion of OHWD which is north of the Cosumnes River. SCGA is scheduled to meet tomorrow (Dec. 14th) at which SCGA staff will present the alternative submittal to the SCGA Board and a decision will be made if to submit it to CA DWR. OHWD will make its decision at the next meeting, January 17th, after preliminary analysis, whether to submit comments during the comment period provided.  
  
OHWD, is working with Southeast Sacramento Agricultural Water Authority (SSCAWA) regarding the South Basin and developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan and a governance structure for developing the Plan.
4. Groundwater Recharge Project
  - a.) Repurpose DWR/IRMP water recharge grant – OHWD has submitted a proposal to the Regional Water Authority and CA DWR to repurpose the current grant to an off season irrigation project. OHWD is waiting to for a response in order to start with the new design stages.
  - b.) Recharge test project
    - i.) The location chosen is the Teichert Ranch using Deer Creek or Cosumnes River

water to check the percolation rate and how much water can be percolated per acre.  
ii.) Handouts were presented with different rental quotes covering monthly temporary pump and pipeline estimates of \$11,307.48.  
iii.) Application to State Board for Temporary Storm Water Diversion - Groundwater permits for temporary storage need to be submitted to the State Water Board and legal costs must also be considered

**Director Mahon made the motion for General Manager Mike Wackman to spend up to \$11,000 for the recharge test project with directions to get another bid for rental and installation of the irrigation pipe, and for Legal Counsel to file the necessary application to the State Water Board. It was seconded by Director Schneider and approved 4/0/0.**

5. OHWD Board of Directors vacancies

a.) Appointment for seat vacated by Director Tom Young – Mr. Mark Wilson was the only person to express interest in filling Director Young’s seat for the remaining year.

**The motion to appoint Mr. Mark Wilson to fill Director Tom Young’s term on the OHWD Board of Directors until it expires December 2017 was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Schneider and approved 4/0/0.**

**Informational items:**

1. Rooney Dam-RD 800 status on repairs –David Utterback and Leland Schneider, Jr. mentioned in the Introduction reported that RD 800 determined the current river flow and high water level has led to the potential failure of the levee at Rooney Dam. RD 800 will invoke emergency procedures to fix the levee. It is estimated that the repair will cost \$50,000-\$70,000. OHWD’s entered into a MOU dated 9/18/14 to pay up to \$175,000 for repair of the levee.
2. SSCAWA meeting – SSCAWA’s meeting was held prior to OHWD’s. SIGMA and CASGEM were discussed. The SSCAWA Board discussed moving forward on a Groundwater Sustainability plan and formation of an entity.
3. Received communications – Secretary Luellen listed the JPIA Perspective, ACWA NEWS, Irrigation Leader publications received and displayed on the conference table, information on the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the California Irrigation Institute on Jan 30-31<sup>st</sup>, The FPPC Filing Change of Directory Forum, and Award to OHWD for low ratio in Claims and Review cases from ACWA.
4. Water Coordinator’s Report – The Cosumnes River is moving very fast and is loaded with lots of debris.
5. ACWA activity – no report due to conference.

**General Managers Report:**

1. Meetings and Correspondences – Ethics training will be scheduled in January at McConnell Estates Winery, West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove. The dates are still being decided, but the Directors expressed an afternoon preference. The allotted time for the training is two hours.

**Directors:**

1. Comments – None

**Adjourn Meeting:**

1. Under Director’s meeting attendance report, Director Kautz –3 meetings, Director Mahon –2 meetings, Director Schneider –3 meetings, Chairman Lowry –4 meetings. The motion to adjourn and meet again at Silva’s Sheldon Inn was made by Director Mahon, Seconded by Director Lowry and approved 4/0/0. At 3:45 PM.

**The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM. (2017)**  
(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, January 11, 2017)