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Board Meeting – Minutes, February 16, 2016 @ 10 AM

7513 Sloughouse Road

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Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, Kurt Kautz at 10:05 AM. Introductions included Vice Chairman Leland Schneider, Treasurer Ronald Lowry, Board Member Robert Mahon, General Manager Mike Wackman, Secretary Cindy Luellen, Legal Counsel Rebecca Smith, Ms. Laure Foglie and Ms. Daniell Moss from Larry Walker Associates (LWA), Mr. Ping Chin representing the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SCGA), Mr. Jay Schneider and Mr. Herb Garms from the Sloughouse Resource Conservation District (SHRCD) and Mr. Mark Wilson, Wilton businessman and landowner.
2. The four OHWD Board Members present established a quorum.

Public Comments:

None. (Only agenda items are discussed). However, the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program (CASGEM) was mentioned regarding DWR's interest in helping local agencies comply with the Executive Order by the Governor.

Action/Discussion Items:

1. After review of the revised agenda that had been mailed, but changes made and sent electronically, **the motion to adopt the agenda was made by Director Lowry, seconded by Director Mahon and approved 4/0/0.**
2. Under consent items
 - a. The minutes were reviewed
 - b. The financial statement was reviewed and the invoice from RD800 for the work done on the Rooney Dam discussed

A motion was made by Director Mahon to accept the minutes and financial statement including the payment of all invoices needing approvals, seconded by Director Lowry and approved 4/0/0.

3. The Groundwater Recharge Project was discussed although the lease on the Moser property was not renewed due to the issues of finding ways to acquire water needed for the recharge.
 - a. Director Lowry discussed the possibilities with TNC and flooding for seasonal wetlands that also would provide for recharge or the option of over irrigating in the winter for the purpose of groundwater recharge. Similar "flood" irrigation projects by UCD are currently underway in the Northern portion of the State and seem productive. The Regional Water Authority is asking for an extension on the grant. There have been talks with RWA to repurpose the project; however, OHWD & RWA need to wait for the extension of the grant from DWR.
4. Groundwater Basin Boundary Adjustment
 - a. Updated information was provided Ms. Moss from Larry Walker & Associates that included a copy of the draft schedule and the type of information that is being gathered from current data and hydrological studies. Larry Walker and Associates requested a copy of the legal authority under which OHWD was created to be able to request the boundary change. Legal counsel Ms. Smith will provide the necessary information. Both Sloughouse Resource Conservation District (SHRCD) and OHWD are working to together on the basin boundary adjustment. Although

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District's basin boundary adjustment notification is different from OHWD's, SRCD & OHWD will work together to try and come to consensus on submitting one basin boundary adjustment to DWR.

5. Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Public Meeting –
 - a. **Director Lowry made the motion to hold the public hearing to determine whether the District will elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portions of the Sacramento Valley South American sub-basin and San Joaquin Valley Cosumnes sub-basin underlying its boundaries on March 14th 2016. It was seconded by Director Mahon and approved 4/0/0.**
 - b. This scheduled public meeting will also be a board meeting, if there is a quorum. After a hearing, there is no time limit to make a determination if OHWD wants to become a GSA. If the agency passes a resolution to become a GSA it then has 30 days to submit their notification to the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Informational Items:

1. OHWD status in the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority – Rebecca Smith, Legal Counsel
 - a. Ms. Smith discussed the formation of the SCWA and its authorities and OHWD's role in the SCGA.
2. Rooney Dam – RD 800 engineers and OHWD staff will be meeting the Regional Water Control board regarding mitigations requirements for levee repairs.
3. Office Administration
 - a. Internet Service – DSL line from Frontier will be ordered
 - b. Quick Books – transferring information to online QuickBooks
4. SSCAWA Meeting Report – Board member Leland Schneider wants to add SSCAWA's proposed CASGEM program to action items at next meeting. Discussed at the SSCAWA meeting was the CASGEM state law and the need for the South Sacramento area to develop a CASGEM program. OHWD board discussed including OHWD area into the monitoring program developed by SSCAWA for CASGEM. OHWD is already monitored under Sacramento Central Water Authority CASGEM program. The next JPA meeting is Feb 24th – concerns raised at the meeting can be shared at OHWD's next regular meeting March 15th.
5. Received Communications – Secretary Luellen discussed the regular items received in the mail that were displayed on the meeting table including brochures for water tours, newsletters, magazines, and a letter from the Tribal Office of the United Auburn Indian Community requesting any information on OHWD projects to be proposed.
6. Water Coordinator's Report – Director Schneider stated the Cosumnes River is running great.
7. ACWA Activity – A letter regarding the meeting was mentioned.

General Managers Report:

1. General Manager Wackman - nothing further to report.

Directors:

1. Comments – nothing further to discuss except the next meeting (Public Meeting) will be held March 14th and a regular scheduled meeting will be March 15th at 10 AM.

Adjourn Meeting:

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Director Mahon – 1 meeting, Director Schneider – 2 meetings, Director Kautz – 1 meeting, Chairman Lowry – 2 meetings. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Lowry approved 4/0/0. and

adjourned at 12:15 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 15, @ 10 AM

(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, March 9th, 2016)

Submitted by Secretary, Cynthia Luellen 03-05-16