

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

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**Board Meeting – Minutes, February 21, 2017 @ 10 AM**

**7513 Sloughouse Road**

**Elk Grove, CA 95624**

**Call to Order:**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board, Kurt Kautz, at 10:02 AM and included Directors Robert Mahon, Mark Wilson, General Manager Michael Wackman, Legal Counsel Rebecca Smith and Secretary Cindy Luellen. Also present were Mark Stretars, Suzanne Pecci, Melinda Frost-Hurzel, Mike Eaton, Laura Foglie and Ramon Roybal.
2. Three OHWD Board Members established a quorum, followed by an introduction of all persons present.

**Public Comments:**

All present agreed it was “wet”.

**Action/Discussion Items:**

1. The agenda was reviewed.
  - a.) **The motion to accept the agenda was made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Mahon and approved 3/0/0.**
2. Under consent items
  - a.) The minutes from the previous meeting, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were reviewed.
  - b.) The financial report, three pages of handouts including the financial statement and invoices to be paid were discussed. General Manager Wackman discussed the movement of \$100,000 from the LAIF account to the River City OHWD checking account to cover the Rooney Dam repair. Since all of the bills to repair the dam were received this year OHWD’s budget was exceeded (about \$87,000 total).  
  
**The motion to accept the financial statement and pay open invoices was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Wilson, and approved 3/0/0.**
3. Vacancy on Board of Directors
  - a.) Appointment of Director – Two interested citizens, Suzanne Pecci and Mark Stretars submitted paper work and attended past meetings to show they were interested in appointment to the open one year remaining OHWD Board of Director vacancy. The Directors listened to each person give a short synopsis of their background and why they were interested in the appointment. Director Wilson asked Mr. Stretars if he was still a licensed engineer following his retirement and he said yes.  
  
**Director Wilson then made the motion to appoint Mark Stretars to the OHWD Board of Directors; it was seconded by Director Mahon and approved 3/0/0.**
4. SGMA Compliance
  - a.) An alternative plan was submitted by Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority in the American River Basin – there is no update and the deadline to submit comments to DWR was extended to April 1, 2017. Alternative plans are reconsidered every five years. Currently SCGA’s plan regarding OHWD is “status quo”.

**Director Mahon made a motion for Rebecca Smith, Legal Counsel, to submit a letter to DWR regarding SCGA’s alternative submittal to DWR, it was seconded by Director Stretars, and approved 4/0/0.**

- i. Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District recently sued SCGA over the Alternative Submittal on the basis it did not comply with CEQA. OHWD is a part of the SCGA that is being sued and future costs may be shared with OHWD.
    - b.) Cosumnes Basin –
      - i. The Water Forum has been the facilitator between all the agencies that have filed to be GSA's in the Cosumnes Basin (OHWD, SRCD, Galt ID & Clay WD), and agencies that are expecting to file to become GSA's. (Amador County agencies, Sacramento County and The City of Galt).
      - ii. The California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring program (CASGEM) is a monitoring program required by the state that predates SGMA. OHWD is covered by SCGA's CASGEM program. To be eligible for state grant funds the basin must be covered by a CASGEM program. In the Cosumnes Basin SSCAWA is in the process of developing a CASGEM program that will cover the area of the Cosumnes Basin in Sacramento County excluding the area covered by SCGA's CASGEM program.
5. Groundwater Recharge Project
- a.) Recharge test project – There has been too much rain and the ground is too saturated to implement the project.
  - b.) Potential Recharge Sites – Potential sites are dependent upon their design and location
    - i. Sites being considered are Kautz Farm's Teichert Ranch (approx. 600 acres) & Rooney Ranch. Also there is consideration of the Mosher Ranch parcel.
    - ii. Surveys need to be done to see which direction water will flow over the land. OHWD is waiting for a quote from Toma & Associates.
    - iii. Larry Walker & Associates will have a provide information for an engineering contract at next month's meeting.
6. Rooney Dam – RD 800 Repairs are finished.
7. Appointment of members to SSCAWA JPA –

**The motion to appoint Directors Mahon, Schneider, and Stretars to the Southeast Sacramento County Agriculture Water Agency was made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Kautz and approved 4/0/0.**

**Informational items:**

- 1. SSCAWA meeting report – previously mentioned.
- 2. Received communications – The current literature, placed on the conference table include the recent audit bound books and invoice, a registered letter received regarding the LAFC#07-15 Kammerer Rd/HW 99 Sphere of Influence, JPIA Perspective, CSDA Membership ad to join, 2017 Water Tours Brochures, Irrigation Leader, ACWA News, Notice of a CA and an Environmental Quality Act Public Scoping Meeting notice.
- 3. Water Coordinator's Report – No report, Director absent.
- 4. ACWA Activity – No report, Director absent.

**General Managers Report:**

- 1. Meetings and Correspondences – Items had already been covered.

**Directors:**

1. Comments – Director Mahon reported that the water level at his well is up 22 feet from last year and the level now measures 45 feet!

**Adjourn Meeting:**

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Director Mahon –2 meetings, Director Stretars – 1 meeting, Director Wilson – 2 meetings, Director Kautz – 2 meetings. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Stretars and approved 4/0/0. and adjourned at 11:37 AM.

**The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10 AM.**

(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday March 8, 2017)

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Submitted by Secretary, Cynthia Luellen 03-05-17