

Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

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Board Meeting – Minutes, January 19, 2016 @ 10 AM

7513 Sloughhouse Road

Elk Grove, CA 95624

Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order by the new Chairman of the Board, Kurt Kautz at 10:16 AM. The first item was introductions and included Board Members Leland Schneider, Ron Lowry, Robert Mahon, General Manager Mike Wackman, Secretary Cindy Luellen and Legal Counsel Rebecca Smith. Also present were Mr. Mark Wilson, landowner, Mr. Carl Werder an Ag-Res. Board Member of SCGA, Ms Laure Foglie and Ms Danielle Moss from Larry Walker Associates (LWA), Mr. Darrell Eck representing SCGA (the central basin), Mr. Jonathan Goetz from SCGA/GES, Ms Amanda Platt, Mr. Herb Garms and Mr. Jay Schneider representing the Sloughhouse Resources Conservation District (SRCD).
2. The four OHWD Board Members present established a quorum.

Public Comments:

None.

Action/Discussion Items:

1. After review of the agenda, Director Mahon made the motion to accept, Director Lowry seconded the motion and it was passed 4/0/0.
2. Under consent items
 - a. Minutes from December 3, 2015. It was noted by Director Schneider there was no mention in the minutes of changing to a monthly meeting to address the issues of the groundwater sustainability agency and current basin boundary line changes affecting OHWD. Therefore, a motion was made by Director Mahon to amend the minutes to include the discussions seconded by Director Schneider and passed 4/0/1. A second motion by Director Schneider to correct the misprint of Director Young making a motion and seconded it under item #9 a. where Director Mahon made the motion and Director Young made the second. The second amendment to the minutes was made by Director Lowry and passed 4/0/0.
 - b. The financial report and statement, including the noted transfer of \$20,000 from the LAIF account to the River City Checking account was discussed
Director Mahon made the motion to accept the report and invoices to be paid, seconded by Director Lowry and passed 4/0/0.

Due to the number of visitors present, the meeting's agenda skipped from Item # 3 to #6

6. Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 - a. Chairman of the Board Kurt Kautz, Director Schneider, and General Manager Mike Wackman met with Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGWA) to discuss a boundary change for OHWD. The Central Basin is against any boundary change.
 - b. Boundary change adjustment
 - i. Only 2 engineering firms responded to OHWD's RFP.
 - ii. Directors Kautz and Schneider recommended Larry Walker Associates after reviewing the 2 proposals submitted. Directors Kautz and Schneider also recommend modifying the original scope of work to include more scientific and technical work for the basin boundary modification. The budget on the

modified expanded proposal is \$19,000. (Original before modified changes was \$12,000).

A motion was made by Director Schneider to accept Larry Walker Associates as the engineering firm to work for OHWD on its boundary change adjustment seconded by Director Mahon and passed 4/0/0.

- iii. Scope of work for engineering firm – A handout was presented to the Directors to review work of the engineering firm, LWA, including items done in collaboration with the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) as a complimentary study. However, the clarity is that our contract is with LWA and they are responsible to us. The two agencies may have similar issues and the costs for both may be decreased for the complimentary studies. After discussion,

Director Mahon made the motion to accept the scope of work done by Larry Walker Associates (LWA) with an amendment to the extent of possible complimentary shared work and shared costs to complete the study, seconded by Director Schneider and passed 4/0/0.

- iv. Groundwater Sustainability Agency- Counsel Rebecca Smith will draft the required notices for OHWD to hold its public outreach meeting on the formation of a GSA. Notice will need to be published the Wed./Friday editions of the Elk Grove Citizen.

The motion made by Director Lowry stated, Once it is confirmed the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District holds its meeting for its GSA, OHWD will hold its meeting on the first week of March following SRCD. (More information available from LWA and Counsel Rebecca Smith to include in the notice to be sent). After SRCD's GSA hearing, OHWD will direct the staff to send the first week notice and prepare appropriate notices for the meeting to be sent. Seconded by Director Schneider and passed 4/0/0.

3. Rooney Dam
 - a. There are still problems with solving the mitigation issues before work can be started, but progress has been made, although it is currently only verbal. By next meeting a better status report may be presented.
4. FEMA Reimbursement – no change.
5. Groundwater Recharge Project
 - a. Riparian water use - Counsel Rebecca Smith discussed the legal challenges of using riparian water on site since it cannot be easily transferred and it can only be used on adjacent lands. There was also discussion on how riparian water may be used for environmental enhancement projects and how those projects would benefit both groundwater and the environment.
 - b. Renewal or termination of the lease option on the ground was discussed.

A motion was made by Director Mahon to not renew the Mosher Lease that expires on Jan 31, 2016, seconded by Director Lowry and passed 4/0/0.

7. Office Administration – General Manager Wackman is working on installing a DSL line (but will consider other recommended carriers for the office computer such as Zeta from Rancho Murieta) and has not yet installed the Quick Books Pro online. Croce notified OHWD that they are discontinuing doing accounting work for Special Districts, so a new accounting firm must be hired in the future.
8. Resolution on permanently setting the meeting date to the 3rd Tuesday of odd months.

The motion to move the regular meeting date of the Omochumne-Hartnell Water District to the third Tuesday of the month at 10 AM at the District Office, located at 7513 Sloughhouse Road, Elk Grove, CA was made by Director Mahon and seconded by Director Schneider,

passed 4/0/0.

Status Reports:

1. Director Tom Young, Jr. has been ill. Paperwork was handed out by Legal Counsel Rebecca Smith the describing correct timeline and procedure that must be followed if a Director resigns in order to fill a vacancy. Among communication received there were magazines, brochures, and a copy of the ACWA Summary of Legislation 2015, a letter of request from the Miwok Indian Reservation from any notice of proposed projects, a reward of recognition from the ACWA/JPIA as “President’s Special Recognition Award”, and CA Special Districts Association 2016 Webinars and Workshops.
2. Water Coordinator’s Report – There’s water in the Cosumnes.
3. ACWA activity – No activity.

General Managers Report:

1. General Manager Wackman - nothing further to report.

Directors:

1. Comments – Mr. Mark Wilson mentioned that the Delta Conservancy has received money and is interested in contributing to projects located in the Cosumnes Corridor.

Adjourn Meeting:

1. Under Director’s meeting attendance report, Director Mahon –1 meeting, Director Schneider – 3 meetings, Director Kautz – 3 meetings, Chairman Lowry – 1 meetings. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Lowry and adjourned at 12:55 PM

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16th at 10 AM.

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

Submitted by Secretary, Cynthia Luellen 01-30-2016