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Board Meeting – Minutes, July 19, 2016

7513 Sloughhouse Road

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Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board, Kurt Kautz, at 10:00 AM and included Directors Ron Lowry, Robert Mahon, General Manager Michael Wackman, and Secretary Cindy Luellen. Visitors included Josie and Antonio Valdez representing Country Valley, Inc., Forrest Williams representing Sacramento County, Mike Eaton representing the Cosumnes Coalition and landowners Jim Perham, Herb Garms, and Jay Schneider – the last two also representing Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD).
2. Three OHWD Board Members present established a quorum.

Public Comments:

1. Jim Perham questioned the overlay of Sacramento Central's (SCGA) area over OHWD's Area leading to a short history of what has transpired regarding OHWD's filing as the GSA for OHWD's area between the Cosumnes River and Grant Line Road and the two water basins – American River and Cosumnes River.

Action/Discussion Items:

1. After reviewing the agenda it was noticed that the date of the minutes from the previous month was incorrect and changed to state "Minutes from June 21, 2016".
2. Under consent items
 - a.) Director Lowry made the motion to accept and approve the corrected agenda and minutes from June 21st, seconded by Director Mahon and approved 3/0/0.
 - b.) Director Lowry made the motion to accept the financial statement and to pay the outstanding invoices, Director Mahon seconded the motion and it was passed 3/0/0.
3. SGMA Compliance
 - a. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) rejected OHWD's basin boundary modification request
 - i. Department of Water Resources (DWR) made their decision based on Sacramento County's "neutral" response that they interpreted as "opposition". OHWD can comment on DWR's proposal when the California State Water Commission hears the recommendations in September. Director Mahon made the motion to direct staff to work with legal counsel to submit comments to the California State Water Commission on the basin boundary modification change. The motion was seconded by Director Lowry and passed 3/0/0.
 - b. Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) new developments include:
 - i. Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCCA) has now filed and declared an area over OHWD's area. Sacramento Groundwater Authority handed out copies of Resolution No. 2016_____ that included the Resolution Forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for "GSA 1", "GSA 2", and "GSA 3" Area of the South American Subbasin including a map of the three areas, all north of the Cosumnes River.
 - ii. Water Forum's efforts with the Board Members of OHWD and SCGA was discussed by Board Chairman Kautz who described their first meeting that was handled very professionally with much open discussion between all

present. The Water Forum, acting as the mediator between the groups, has another meeting set up next month and there are two other sets of meeting.

4. Installation of Flashboard Dams – All four dams have been installed this year, but by July 4th the Cosumnes River had gone dry in some areas. Three of the dams should be OK for about 3 more weeks. Antonio Valdez reported vandalism from juveniles swimming in the river that destroyed parts of the dams by pulling out planks. Mr. Valdez personally tried to keep watch on the dams. The directors discussed the types of boards that should be purchased (top boards unable to be separated and pulled apart) this winter. It was also noted that all dams will be removed before the next meeting.
5. 2016/17 Budget – General Manager Wackman passed out a proposed Financial Budget for the coming year that estimated itemized total expenses of \$193,100 and estimated total income of \$135,500. The biggest change in amount spent covered the groundwater recharge project (dropped land lease) and the chance to decrease the amount spent in legal fees. Director Lowry made a motion to approve OHWD’s Draft Budget FY 2016/17, Director Mahon seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0/0.
6. OHWD Board of Directors – The motion to table item #6 Resolutions on Board Members’ inability to serve was presented by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Lowry and passed 3/0/0.

Informational Items:

1. Rooney Dam-RD 800 status on repairs – Postponed until the “cultural zone” requirements have been fulfilled and resubmit studies done.
2. SSCAWA meeting – nothing to report.
3. Received communications – Secretary Luellen reported on the letter received from Downey Brandt reminding OHWD that the Conflict of Interest Code (COI) must be updated and COI training renewed, numerous brochures and magazines displayed on the conference table and Cal Poly SLO’s brochure for their Irrigation Class offered July 26-Aug 12th.
4. Water Coordinator’s Report – No report.
5. ACWA activity – no report

General Managers Report:

1. Meetings and Correspondences – No correspondence

Directors:

1. Comments – SRCD submitted area to be GSA over OHWD.

Adjourn Meeting:

1. Under Director’s meeting attendance report, Director Kautz – 3 meetings, Director Mahon – 2 meetings, Director Schneider – 0 meetings, Chairman Lowry – 2 meetings. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Lowry, and approved 3/0/0 at 11:30 AM.

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

(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, September 14, 2016)