

Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

P. O. Box 211 Wilton, CA 95693

www.ohwd.org

916 682-5958

Board Meeting – Minutes, March 15, 2016 @ 10 AM

7513 Sloughhouse Road

Elk Grove, CA 95624

Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman of the Board, Leland Schneider at 10:06 AM. Also present were Directors Ron Lowry, Robert Mahon, Legal Counsel Rebecca Smith, General Manager Mike Wackman and Secretary Cindy Luellen. Visitors included Ramon Roybal - Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA), Rachel Davis – Department Waste Management & Recycling (Kiefer Landfill), Danielle Moss and Laure Folgie – Larry Walker Associates (LWA), Amanda Platt and Jay Schneider – Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD), and Sam Safi – Regional Sanitation.
2. The three OHWD Board Members present established a quorum.

Public Comments:

1. NONE

Action/Discussion Items:

1. After review of the February 16th minutes and correction on Director Mahon's name (written as Rooney) a motion to approve and accept the agenda and minutes was made by Director Mahon and seconded by Director Lowry. It was approved 3/0/0.
2. Under consent items
 - a. The financial statement and invoices to be paid were reviewed and Director Lowery made a motion to approve the invoices, seconded by Director Mahon and passed 3/0/0.
3. SGMA Compliance
 - a. (i) Danielle Moss (LWA) handed out a status update and work accomplished on the draft basin boundary modification submittal sections provided February 29th and a draft section provided on March 4th, 2016. It is also posted on the OHWD website and includes the effect of boundary change on sustainable management in the Cosumnes Sub basin and the effect of the boundary change on sustainable management in South American Sub basin. OHWD/SRCD public meeting is scheduled for March 18th. A final online submittal report is planned for March 30th. OHWD must define to Department of Water Resources (DWR) what changes are needed and how the boundary change would affect watershed management. The basin boundary modification is a joint effort between OHWD and SRCD.
(ii) The motion to direct Larry Walker Associates to use the hydrologic boundary as the basin boundary in the basin boundary modification in the proposal to DWR was made by Director Lowry, seconded by Director Mahon and approved 3/0/0.
(iii) The Public Meeting, scheduled at 10 AM on March 18th, LWA will be present information on the basin boundary modification including information from Jeremy Wire who is conducting soundings in the area. All local agencies and members of the public have been invited to the meeting.
 - b. (i). Legal Counsel Smith presented an overview of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Public meeting held the night before and the fact that so many of those present were uninformed and very concerned of taxes and the powers that SGMA

gives agencies.

(ii). A letter, written by Darrell K. Eck, Executive Director dated 3-15-16 and hand delivered to OHWD from SCGA regarding the consideration of a resolution electing OHWD to serve as a GSA stated **“In order to successfully pursue the alternative process the area described as SCGA must match the current service area. This would require that Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD) not file a Notice of Intent (Notice) to from a GSA at this time. Once the alternative submittal process has been completed and approved OHWD would be free to submit their Notice to from a GSA over their service area.”** The Directors discussed the letter, the legal ramifications and arguments to keep OHWD from declaring itself a GSA. If SCGA is in discussions with DWR, then OHWD must be included. The Directors expressed frustrations with the letter to delay, but decided the delay would not cause problems. Instead, the Directors decided to draft a letter to SCGA asking them to exclude OHWD from their plan, agree to OHWD’s basin adjustment plan, and allow our GSA to proceed. Legal Counsel suggest SCGA meet with OHWD and explain their intent. SCGA’s next meeting is set for April 20th, OHWD’s is April 19th – a representative of SCGA should be present at OHWD’s meeting to present their plans and concerns.

The motion to postpone the resolution on OHWD electing to serve as a GSA until the next meeting, April 19th, was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Lowry and approved 3/0/0.

4. CASGEM
 - a. General Manager Wackman discussed the SSCAWA meeting held last month and the agency is still determining what to do about GSA. They plan to move forward on CASGEM and are checking multiple areas regarding sharing CASGEM costs.
 - b. Director Schneider talked to the consulting firm LSCE (Luhdorff & Scalmanini consulting engineers) regarding a bid on the costs, although CASGEM is different from SGMA. There is no plan for OHWD presently in place in SSCAWA; it was decided to wait with caution until the regulations are final. OHWD needs more information before moving forward to benefit the CASGEM compliance.
5. Legal Counsel sent a copy of the legal protocol to OHWD’s Directors regarding the resignation of a Director and the appointment of a replacement Director. Director Schneider will check on Director Young and the status of his health before the next meeting.

Informational Items:

1. Rooney Dam-RD 800 status on repairs – The Army Corp has a wet lands policy that if handled under the Nation Wide Permit it can bypass mitigation. Waiting for results.
2. Office Administration – General Manager Wackman has set up an appointment for Frontier to install the router for DSL.
3. SSCAWA Meeting – Previously mentioned out of sequence.
4. Received communications – Secretary Luellen mentioned the brochures and magazines that were received and sitting on the conference table, the importance of the 700 Forms being filed by April 1st, the letter from DWR re: Compliance Status of high and medium priority ground water basins under the CA statewide ground water elevation monitoring program (CASGEM), the USD of Commerce required census to be done online by April 29th regarding all Special Districts, and a letter from LAFCO regarding the Elk Grove Sphere of Influence Amendment.

5. Water Coordinator's Report delivered by Director Schneider said the water had peaked and both the Cosumnes River and Deer Creek were running very well.
6. ACWA activity – Nothing to report.

General Managers Report:

1. General Manager Wackman - nothing further to report.
2. Jay Schneider mentioned the new laws concerning required reports on the amount of rainfall in stock water ponds.

Directors:

1. Comments – Director Lowry requested agendas to be printed on one page.

Adjourn Meeting:

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Director Mahon –3 meetings, Director Schneider – 3 meetings, , Chairman Lowry – 3 meetings. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Lowry approved 3/0/0 and adjourned at 1:22 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17th, @ 10 AM

(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, May 11 2016)