

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

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**Board Meeting – Minutes, March 8, 2012 @ 10AM**

**7513 Sloughhouse Road**

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**Call to Order:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Director Ron Lowry. A quorum was present and included all Board Members Lowry, Leland Schneider, Robert Mahon, Thomas Young, Kurt Kautz, General Manager Michael Wackman, and Secretary Cindy Luellen.

**Public Comments:**

1. Mr. Tom Nelson from the Florin Resource District was present and was interested in information on OHWD's recharge project.

**Action/Discussion Items:**

1. The agenda for March 8th and minutes of January 12<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and a correction in the Agenda's date regarding the January minutes which stated November 10, 2011 and amended items, 1, 2 and 3 which were a change in the listed order to be discussed. Also discussed was the financial report. The motion to accept the minutes, corrected agenda and financial report was made by Director Young, seconded by Director Schneider and passed 5/0/0.
2. The current status of the FEMA/OES appeals process has included Dan Lundgren's Office but the action is in limbo. Director Schneider suggested that General Manager Wackman contact Diane Feinstein's office to expedite a timely response since OHWD has reached its final chance for administrative appeal. Although the claim was filed with OES, the final decision is determined by FEMA.
3. Rooney Dam update – General Manager Wackman scheduled for meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> with both RD800 and the Fish Foundation regarding the wash below the dam. (OHWD is only responsible for damages at the dam).
4. RWA Grant-Recharge project update –RWA implementation agreement not yet finalized by both RWA and DWR. Hopefully this will be completed by next meeting, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The percolation tests are in progress, but not completed. The draft report is of "loamy-sandy" mix and the percolation tests have been "fair". The recommendation is to go in and do on site soil demonstrations on 2 to 5 acres in the area, add water, put in monitors, and proceed with site percolation tests of the soil. Presently only 1 spot in the analysis shows a sandy bed running but unaware if it goes returns to the river. The test project will use a well on the property. Discussion about using water from Folsom South Canal in the test project. General Manager Wackman is looking for permission to request 4 proposals (RFP) to start the tests and determine the costs. This includes the berms, monitors, authorizations for Robertson-Bryan, Inc. (RBI), and Manager Wackman to develop documentation and what is needed to present a public bid. If the amount is less than \$15,000 the bid can be put out by phone to at least 3 contractors.

The motion to authorize the General Manager to put together a request for the proposal for the project was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Kautz and passed 5/0/0.

5. The Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Authority (SSCAWA) passed its motion to reorganize itself and offered memberships to Galt, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District and Sacramento County. Plan A was voted on to give all members 1 vote. (JPA is changing from a 3 member organization to a 6 member organization). It was discussed by the members that OHWD's attorney, Kevin O'Brien should be asked to attend an OHWD meeting and discuss what the District's rights are now and to make sure there is no conflict of interest with us since he is the JPA attorney and OHWD is in the central ground water plan of JPA. OHWD also needs to ask Kevin O'Brien what boundaries we have regarding ground water management plans.

#### **Status Reports**

1. Secretary Luellen reminded the Directors that the Form 700s were due and needed to be sent before April 1<sup>st</sup>. She also listed all publications and brochures that had been received since the last meeting including Western Water, ACWA News, Irrigation Leader and Water Conditions in California.
2. Director Schneider, Water Coordinator, had nothing to report
3. Director Lowry reported ACWA had a meeting scheduled March 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **General Managers Report:**

1. General Manager Wackman reported that he had attended a Groundwater Short Course at UCD that was interesting.

#### **Directors:**

1. Director Kautz discussed the 3 year diversion records that must be filled out and asked if anyone had done it online and what was the online procedure. The form is on the State Water Board Website but it does not mention any deadline dates.
2. Director Lowry reported the central ground water zone has formed an ag/res committee to decide if enough water is released for a workshop for planting drought resistant plants. The central zone JPA will hire Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District for the project. (The Sacramento area includes Sacramento County, El Dorado County and Amador County).
3. Under Director's attendance report, all Directors listed the number of meetings attended since the last meeting, Jan 12, 2012.

#### **Adjourn Meeting:**

1. Meeting adjourned about 12:12 PM. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Kautz, seconded by Director Schneider and passed 5/0/0.

Next regular board meeting to be held May 10, 2012 at 10 AM.

Submitted by Cindy Luellen, Secretary

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