

Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

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Board Meeting – Minutes, May 8, 2014

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Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Chairman of the Board, Director Ron Lowry. Those present included Directors Thomas Young Jr. and Leland Schneider that constituted a quorum, General Manager Michael Wackman, Secretary Cindy Luellen, and OHWD's legal consul MS Rebecca Anderson Smith. Directors Robert Mahon and Kurt Kautz arrived after the Items 1, 2 and 3 and been approved and passed.

Public Comments:

1. None

Action/Discussion Items:

1. The motion to approve and accept items number 1, 2 and 3 listed on the meeting's agenda was made by Director Schneider, seconded by Director Young and passed 3/0/0.
2. Under Item #4, the current status of the FEMA/OES appeal, MS Anderson Smith reported that FEMA has not responded. Counsel suggested to be patient and wait another three months and if no progress reconsider options.
3. Regarding Rooney Dam repair, the MOU was approved on May 5, 2014. Ms. Anderson distributed a "Draft" copy; it was recommended to amend the draft to clarify reimbursements of cost for work to be completed and to clarify the OHWD would not reimburse for duplications of work that OHWD has already done. Also added to "Recitals-C" was a statement that OHWD would not be held responsible any damages caused by the fish ladders at Blodgett and Rooney Dams or have any ownership of the fish ladders. These dams where installed by the Fish Foundation. The motion to move forward with the MOU was made by Director Kautz, seconded by Director Schneider and passed 5/0/0.
4. No report was given on the Blodgett Dam.
5. The Groundwater Recharge project, listed under Items #7 update, included a revised budget handed out by General Manager Wackman.
 - a. The revised detailed budget included a large change in price for the cost of a pumping station, estimated at \$815,866. A conference call was held with Mr. Stuart Robertson from RBI and Mr. Robertson explained the building of the pumping plant increased from original budget of the project. Some revisions of the previous budget submitted to obtain the grant have been made to accommodate the increase in costs of the project. The goal is to percolate 4 inches per day.
 - b. Surveys and documentations
 - i. A change of diversion of Rancho Murieta's water is different from a water right application for OHWD. The project initially will rely on change of point of diversion of Rancho Murieta's water right. Long term, OHWD may consider applying for a water right on the

Cosumnes River.

- ii. Survey work needs to be done and environmental work within the next month so the project is not delayed another year. Environmental cost of the biological survey is estimated to cost \$5,000. The motion to proceed with the environmental report with a maximum cost of \$5,000 was made by Director Kautz, seconded by Director Mahon and passed 5/0/0.
6. Draft Budget for 2014-2015 was distributed by General Manager Wackman and will be discussed at the next meeting after the Directors have had time to evaluate its content.
7. Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Authority (SSCAWA) - General Manager Wackman has contacted Supervisor Don Nottoli for an appointment and to discuss Department of Water Resources' threat to the county regarding a California Ground Water Monitoring project.
8. MS Anderson Smith stated that Ethics Training is required and her firm provides the training (2 hour program). OHWD will look at dates convenient for its staff and plan to have completed the requirement before the next meeting.

Status Reports

1. Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority - No update.
2. Under communications, the Secretary reported keys to the Mosher Gates were mailed to OHWD and delivered to General Manger Wackman, and the magazines, newsletters and brochures announcing conferences were displayed on the conference table.
3. Water Coordinator's Report – Director Schneider requested General Manager Wackman contact the El Dorado Irrigation District and find out who is in charge of Crawford Ditch and Dangburg Ditch(Plymouth) to investigate who is using the water and if they have rights. The water levels dropped very quickly after the last rain.
4. ACWA – no current activity

General Managers Report:

1. Manager Wackman – no report.

Directors:

1. Director Mahon reported that UCD checked their well and the level increased 7 feet last month. It is a domestic well and 90 feet deep.

Adjourn Meeting:

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Director Lowry – 2 meetings, Director Mahon – 2 meetings, Director Schneider – 2 meetings, Director Kautz –1 meeting, Director Young -1meeting.
2. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon at 12:20 PM AM, seconded by Director Kautz and approved 5/0/0.

Next regular board meeting to be held Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 10 AM

(Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) meeting Wednesday July 9, 2014)