

**MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MARCH 15, 2018**

Directors present were: Kevin Brown, Glenn Shephard, Mike Mobley, Jim Chambers, and Conner Everts. Also present was: Interim Executive Director Jennifer Tribo. Public present were Burt Handy, Tony Morgan, Mary McGrath, Nick Franek, Lynn Jensen, and Dan Crotty.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Mobley called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Chair Mobley.
3. **DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Director Chambers announced that MBAWG held a membership meeting following the Basin Boundary Modification workshop on March 13th, so several of the members are attending today’s meeting.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**
None
5. **CONSENT ITEMS**
 - a. **Approve Minutes from February 15, 2018 Regular Meeting.**
Chair Mobley pointed out that he did attend and lead the February 15, 2018 meeting, so item 1 should be edited to reflect that he called the meeting to order. Director Everts moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Director Shephard. Chair Mobley called a voice vote. Five ayes. None opposed. A copy of the amended minutes is attached.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. Interim Accounting Services
Jennifer Tribo summarized the staff report. Tony Morgan, UWCD, stated that UWCD is still finalizing the draft accounting services agreement with the Fillmore-Piru GSA. Once that agreement is complete, then a similar agreement will be drafted for the Mound Basin GSA Board to consider. No Action.

b. Report from Ad hoc Committee for Legal Services
Chair Mobley provided an overview of the ad hoc legal services committee’s review process of the RFPs for legal services received. Chair Mobley and Director Everts both received copies of all 8 proposals. Chair Mobley stated that he eliminated firms with obvious and potential conflicts of interest. The ad hoc committee interviewed three firms. Each interview lasted 1 hour. One firm stood out from the other two. The ad hoc committee recommends hiring Joe Hughes of Klein-DeNatale-Goldner. The firm is very familiar with SGMA. His fee is \$270 per hour plus travel time. Mr. Hughes is involved with other GSAs. Director Chambers added that he was impressed with Mr. Hughes’ experience and approach. Director Shephard added that the Cuyama Basin GSA has also hired Mr. Hughes as legal counsel. Chair Mobley added that he would like to contact references before executing a contract. The Board could approve the contract in April. Director Shephard moved to accept the ad committee’s recommendation and authorize

the Chair to move forward with bringing a contract to the Board in April. Seconded by Director Everts. Chair Mobley called a voice vote. Five ayes. None opposed.

c. Report from Ad hoc Committee for Long-term Funding Options

The ad hoc committee for long-term funding options met on Monday March 12, 2018. Chair Mobley stated that he received historic pumping information from UWCD. The ten year average (2007-2016) is 6,500 AF per year. Dividing the FY2017-18 budget by the pumping would equal a pumping fee of about \$16 per acre foot which is higher than expected. Director Chambers asked about the ag/M&I split. Director Brown stated that the City plans to pump 4,000 AFY. Director Chambers stated that actual recent pumping was more like 60 percent of the total pumping. Tony Morgan, UWCD, added that any invoices will be for pumping in the last 6 months and GSP activities will not be reimbursed by the DWR grant for another 6 months to a year. The Board should look closer at the budget to make sure that the proposed pumping fee will cover expenses. Lynn Jensen, Ventura County CoLAB expressed a concern about the City drilling two new wells prior to the completion of the GSP. She asked how the pumping would be allocated in the basin. Director Brown responded that the wells are replacement wells in order to allow the City to pump its historic average of 4,000 AFY. Director Mobley added that there are no allocations in the Mound Basin yet, as that will be part of the GSP process. Ms. Jensen further expressed a concern about the economic impact of pumping fees on agriculture. Chair Mobley asked if all wells are metered. Tony Morgan responded that not all wells are metered, but he is not sure how many. All wells report whether they are metered or not. Chair Mobley stated that the GSA can require meters.

Director Shephard added that the Board needs to approve a new budget before July 1, 2018. Chair Mobley stated that he would like to hold a public meeting to discuss the budget and proposed pumping fees. Director Shephard suggested holding the public meeting after the next Board meeting, so the Board can have a more robust budget discussion at its April meeting. A tentative workshop date of April 26, 2018 at the Saticoy Yard was set. The ad hoc Committee for Long-term Funding Options will meet before the April meeting. The County and the City need to be invoiced this fiscal year.

d. Basin Boundary Modification Discussion

Following the March 13, 2018 basin boundary modification workshop, the Board needs to write letters to the Santa Paula TAC, Ventura County Board of Supervisors, and the FCGMA Board. This item will also need to be added to agendas for the County BOS and FCGMA. Director Everts moved to establish an ad hoc committee for basin boundary modifications comprised of Director Shephard and Director Chambers. The committee will sunset after the basin boundary modification is submitted to DWR. Seconded by Director Brown. Chair Mobley called a voice vote. Five ayes. None opposed.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Liability Insurance Update

The quote provided at the last meeting is valid until July 1, 2018.

b. Conflict of Interest Code Update

Additional comments have been received from the County. Jennifer Tribo will follow-up with the County and bring back another Conflict of Interest Code to the Board at a future meeting.

c. Change to October meeting date/location.

The October meeting will need to be rescheduled or relocated. More information will be provided in the next few months.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 2:21 P.M.