

# JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING

## MINUTES July 22, 2021

### ATTENDANCE

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT: (3)****RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606**

Wm. Cory Carvalho, President

**JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

Salvador Parra, Jr.

Manny Amorelli, Executive Director

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**INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT: (2)****MC MULLIN AREA GSA**

Matt Hurley, General Manager (Zoom)

**WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT**

Antonio Bejarano (Zoom)

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**DIRECTORS EXCUSED: (2)****JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

Micah Combs, Vice-President

Robert Motte

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**PUBLIC/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: (1)****JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant

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**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("James GSA") was held Thursday, July 22, 2021, in the Agency office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by President, Wm. Cory Carvalho. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the declared State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19 virus pandemic. Members of the public were encouraged to access the meeting via internet/Zoom or use the call-in number to allow them to fully participate in the meeting without having to be present.

### **II. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("MAGSA") - Matt Hurley announced MAGSA is conducting an "On-Farm Recharge Webinar: Pecans & Other Nuts" today from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and invited all to attend.

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B. MEETING DATE CHANGE

It was noted for the record that the July 15, 2021, meeting was rescheduled to this date due to scheduling conflicts.

C. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

D. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (FPPC §87105)

Directors were given an opportunity to identify a potential conflict-of-interest with items appearing on the Agenda; none were reported.

### III. MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING: APRIL 15, 2021

M/S/C (S.PARRA / W.CARVALHO), to APPROVE as written **PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: 3 (S.Parra, W.Carvalho, E.Amorelli)

### IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Water Code §24273, reports were presented by Mr. Amorelli as follows:

A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

None reported.

B. INTERIM WARRANTS: APRIL 16-JULY 22, 2021 (Att.1

M/S/C (S.PARRA / E.AMORELLI), to RATIFY/APPROVE Interim Warrants (bills paid) totaling \$13,743.00

**PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: 3 (S.Parra, E.Amorelli, W.Carvalho)

C. CASH POSITION REPORT: JUNE 30, 2021

D. INCOME STATEMENTS (BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL) PERIOD ENDING: JUNE 30, 2021

E. QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS-PERIOD ENDING: JUNE 30, 2021 (Gov. Code §53646)

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### V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amorelli presented his verbal report as follows:

#### AGENCIES

- ▶ Kings Basin Coordinating Committee met June 25<sup>th</sup> in person.
- ▶ Kings River Conservation District issued a request for proposal for public outreach and possible website development which was supported by member GSAs.
- ▶ California Department of Water Resources is reviewing Groundwater Sustainability Plans. GSAs are being notified by letter and will be given 180 days to address any deficiencies. Group GSAs will be the last reviewed.
- ▶ Fresno County Department of Public Health, Water Surveillanced Program - Reporting of new well permits has improved.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

- ▶ Monitor Wells - Working with Eric Abrahamsen, PE, Provost & Pritchard Consulting to evaluate sites.
- ▶ James Irrigation District - Proposition 218 Assessment Increase - Efforts are proceeding to have landowners vote on a proposed increase to, amongst other things, help support the activities of this GSA.

### VI. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

None

### VII. REPORT ITEMS

None

### VIII. ACTION ITEMS

None

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Adjourned to Closed Session at 9:11 a.m.

Attending:

*Wm. Cory Carvalho, President*

*Salvador Parra, Jr., Director*

*Manny Amorelli, Executive Director*

IX. **CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**

A. AS DEFENDANT: 1CASE

1. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY VS. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT; JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00507

Reconvened in Open Session at 9:14 a.m.

X. **REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION**

Executive Director, Manny Amorelli, reported the following:

**CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**

A. AS DEFENDANT: 1CASE

1. MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY VS. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT; JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00507  
Report: Public Records Act lawsuit was recently dropped by MAGSA after requested records were provided.

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### XI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, M/S/C (S.PARRA / E.AMORELLI), to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:14 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021, PASSED by the following vote:

**AYES:** 3 (S.Parra, E.Amorelli, W.Carvalho)

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Donna Y. Hanneman , Executive Assistant  
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Wm. Cory Carvalho, President  
JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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Manny Amorelli, Executive Director  
JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Interim Warrants: April 16-July 22, 2021, \$13,743.00