

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES October 21, 2021

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

- JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Salvador Parra, Jr., Vice-President
Micah Combs (Arr. 9:16 a.m.)
Robert Motte
Manny Amorelli, Executive Director

DIRECTORS EXCUSED:

- RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606
Wm. Cory Carvalho, President

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT:

- FRESNO COUNTY
Glenn Allen, Public Works

PUBLIC/CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

- JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Walter Flores, Office Manager
Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant
- PUBLIC
Gerald Kinnunen, Landowner (Arr.9:15 a.m.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("James GSA") was held Thursday, October 21, 2021, in the Agency office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Salvador Parra, Jr., at 9:09 a.m. 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
None.

B. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

C. 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.

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III. MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING: JULY 22, 2021

M/S/C (R.MOTTE / S.PARRA), to APPROVE as written by the following vote:

AYES: 3 (R.Motte, S.Parra, M.Amorelli)
EXCUSED: 1 (W.Carvalho)
ABSENT: 1 (M.Combs)

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: JULY 22-OCTOBER 21, 2021(Att.1)

M/S/C (R.MOTTE / S.PARRA), to RATIFY/APPROVE Interim Warrants (bills paid) totaling \$6,708.00 by the following vote:

AYES: 3 (R.Motte, S.Parra, M.Amorelli)
EXCUSED: 1 (W.Carvalho)
ABSENT: 1 (M.Combs)

C. CASH POSITION REPORT: SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

D. INCOME STATEMENT (BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL) PERIOD ENDING: SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

E. QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS-PERIOD ENDING: SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

(Gov. Code §53646)

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amorelli presented his verbal report as follows:

- ▶ KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (KRCD) is developing a website to counter adverse publicity, increase drought awareness, provide hydrological conditions and what is being done to improve conditions within the Kings Groundwater Subbasin.
- ▶ KINGS BASIN COORDINATING COMMITTEE met October 8th at the offices of Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group.
- ▶ JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 - Proposition 218-Assessment Increase was approved by a vote of landowners. A portion of the increase will be allocated to the activities of James GSA.

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▶ GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

- Monitor Wells - Fall readings are currently being taken and data will be provided to Provost & Pritchard.
- Subsidence Monitoring - We will be joining with the KRCD in their subsidence monitoring program. Estimated cost is \$2,000 per year for the James GSA. As there are data gaps, our participation will provide an additional data point for their subsidence studies as specified in the Kings Subbasin GSP which includes James GSA.

VI. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

None were presented.

VII. REPORT ITEMS

None

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

None

Adjourned to Closed Session at 9:17 a.m.

Attending:

Salvador Parra, Jr., Vice-President

Micah Combs

Robert Motte, Director

Staff:

Manny Amorelli, General Manager, Executive Director

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

2 CASES

Reconvened in Open Session at 10:04 a.m.

X. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Executive Director, Manny Amorelli, stated no reportable actions were taken during the Closed Session.

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XI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, M/S/C (M.COMBS / R.MOTTE), to ADJOURN the meeting at 10:04 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 4 (M.Combs, R.Motte, M.Amorelli, S.Parra)

EXCUSED: 1 (W.Carvalho)

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Donna Y. Hanneman , Executive Assistant
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Salvador Parra, Jr., Vice-President
JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Manny Amorelli, Executive Director
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Accounts Payable / Interim Warrants: July 22-October 21, 2021, \$6,708.00