

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES February 15, 2024

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

- JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Wm. Cory Carvalho, President
Salvador Parra, Jr., Vice-President
Robert Motte

STAFF PRESENT:

Manny Amorelli, Executive Director

INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT:

None

DIRECTORS EXCUSED:

- RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606
Andrew Groppetti

PUBLIC/CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

- JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Walter Flores-Barboza, Office Manager
Donna Hanneman, Secretary

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("James GSA") was held Thursday, February 15, 2024, in the Agency office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., by President, Wm. Cory Carvalho. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

II. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

B. MEETING DATE CHANGE
It was **NOTED FOR THE RECORD** that the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2023, was CANCELED.

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.

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E. REORGANIZATION: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M/S/C (R.MOTTE / S.PARRA), to RE-ELECT the following slate of officers (no changes) .

President Wm. Cory Carvalho

Vice-President Salvador Parra, Jr.

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

EXCUSED: 1 (A.Groppetti)

F. AGENCY APPOINTMENTS

M/S/C (S.PARRA / R.MOTTE), to RE-APPOINT the following (no changes).

1. James Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Executive Director Manny Amorelli

2. Kings River GSA Coordination Group
Primary Representative: Manny Amorelli

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

EXCUSED: 1 (A.Groppetti)

III. MINUTES

A. ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING: AUGUST 24, 2023

M/S/C (R.MOTTE / S.PARRA), to APPROVE as presented.

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

EXCUSED: 1 (A.Groppetti)

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: AUGUST 25, 2023-FEBRUARY 15, 2024 (Att.1)

M/S/C (R.MOTTE / S.PARRA), to RATIFY/APPROVE Interim Warrants (bills paid) totaling \$73,000.69.

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

EXCUSED: 1 (A.Groppetti)

C. CASH POSITION REPORT: JANUARY 31, 2024

D. INCOME STATEMENT (BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL) PERIOD ENDING: JANUARY 31, 2024

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- E. QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS-PERIOD ENDING: DECEMBER 31, 2023
(Gov. Code §53646)

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amorelli presented his verbal report as follows.

- ▶ KINGS COORDINATING COMMITTEE, comprised of seven GSAs, continues to meet monthly. Focusing upon: (1) domestic well mitigation, (2) interconnected waterways and (3) subsidence issues.
- ▶ ON-FARM RECHARGE PROJECT - The James ID Rathmann On-Farm Recharge Project began filling January 30, 2024. Data pending.
- ▶ AB2060 - FLOOD-MAR (MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE), legislation introduced by Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria, seeks to streamline the permitting process to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife when a stream or river has reached flood-monitor or flood state as determined by the California Nevada River Forecast Center of the State Water Resources Control Board. The expedited approval process would be temporary during storm events with qualifying flows under the State Water Resources Control Board permit. Mr. Amorelli will be monitoring its progress.

VI. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Directors were given an opportunity to report on meetings and/or conferences attended on behalf of the Agency; none were reported.

VII. REPORT ITEMS

- A. ANNUAL FILING OF STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FORMS (2/15/2024)
Directors were reminded that the Political Reform Act, Gov. Code §81000-91015, mandates all Directors must file annual Conflict-of-Interest forms (Form 700) no later than April 2, 2024. If needed, District staff is available to assist.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. BUDGET: MARCH 1, 2024-FEBRUARY 28, 2025 (02/15/2024)
Mr. Amorelli presented a draft of the 2024-25 Fiscal Budget for review. Following discussion, M/S/C (R.MOTTE / S.PARRA) to APPROVE as presented. (Att.2)
AYES: 4 (R.Motte, S.Parra, M.Amorelli, W.Carvalho)
EXCUSED: 1 (A.Groppetti)

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ALTHOUGH THE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS WERE LISTED ON THE AGENDA, MR. AMORELLI INDICATED THERE WAS NOT AN IMMEDIATE NEED TO DISCUSS THEM AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE, THE BOARD DID NOT ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

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

- A. SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OR (3) OF SUBDIVISION (D)
2 CASES

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

Closed Session was not held.

XI. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 2:21 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024.

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Donna Y. Hanneman , Secretary
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Wm. Cory Carvalho, President
JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Manny Amorelli, Executive Director
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Accounts Payable / Interim Warrants: August 24, 2023-February 15, 2024, \$73,000.69
2. Fiscal Budget: March 1, 2024-February 28, 2025, Approved February 15, 2024