

The County of Santa Cruz and the State Governor had issued shelter-in-place orders that were in effect during the time of this meeting. In accordance with these orders, the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency conducted its March Board of Directors meeting in an exclusively remote-access format.

1. CONVENE MEETING

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call
Chair Perri called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Directors (Alternates acting as voting Directors shown in italics):

E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, L. Farris, A. Franklin, J. Leopold, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

Alternates (Present as non-voting observers):

B. Ekwall, R. Moran, J. Koopman, D. Lind

Staff:

C. Blanchard, P. Harmon, K. Krotcov, R. Menard, J. Ricker, R. Rogers, S. Ryan, N. Wallace

Others:

G. King, J. Murray, T. Rein

- 1.2 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
None
- 1.3 Oral communications on items not on the Agenda
None

2. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2020 Board Meeting
MOTION: Leopold/Engfer to approve February 27, 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes.
AYES: E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, L. Farris, A. Franklin, J. Leopold, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, L. Henry, C. Perri
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: R. Stiles
ABSENT: None
- 2.2 Acknowledgement of the appointment of Bill Ekwall from the Scotts Valley Water District as Alternate Director of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board

The Board Chair acknowledged Director Ekwall's appointment and welcomed him to the Agency.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

None

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Technical Consultant Contract Amendment

Recommendation: Approve and authorize staff to execute the contract amendment with Montgomery & Associates (M&A) for expanding the Santa Margarita Groundwater Model Updates and Modification task.

P. Harmon and J. Ricker presented information on the proposed contract amendment and responded to questions from the Board.

MOTION: McPherson/Cassidy to approve and authorize Staff to execute the contract amendment with Montgomery & Associates (M&A) for expanding the Santa Margarita Groundwater Model Updates and Modification task.

AYES: E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, L. Farris, A. Franklin, J. Leopold, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4.2 Informational Session – Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Elements

4.2.1 GSP Roadmap – March 26, 2020

4.2.2 Sustainable Management Criteria: Groundwater Levels and Groundwater Quality – Georgina King (Montgomery & Associates), and Piret Harmon (Scotts Valley Water District)

- Water Demand Forecasting
- Draft Statement of Significant and Unreasonable Degraded Groundwater Quality
- Degraded Groundwater Quality Proposed Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objective Approaches

D. Ceppos provided administrative guidelines to the Board and Public regarding the procedures for comments and questions.

P. Harmon and G. King presented information to the Board on Water Demand Forecasting. D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion among the Board and P. Harmon responded to questions from the Board and staff.

G. King presented to the Board the proposed draft statement of significant and unreasonable conditions for degraded groundwater quality. The Board and staff made recommendations for improving the proposed statement. G. King presented information on measurable objectives and undesirable results for water quality D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion among the Board and staff. P. Harmon, G. King, R. Menard, and J. Ricker responded to questions from the Board.

The Board provided feedback and requested that proposed measurable objectives be plotted on the charts. Directors were asked to send requests for specific water quality data to N. Wallace no later than Friday, April 3rd.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Legal Counsel (oral, T. Rein)

T. Rein provided an update on Alternate Director participation at Board meetings as it relates to Brown Act requirements and reported on the status of a request for opinion from the California Attorney General on that matter.

Administrative (oral, P. Harmon)

P. Harmon reported updates on conference and training rescheduling and designated N. Wallace as the point of contact for travel and training arrangements. She also reported on the timeline for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Round 3 Grant, and that it would be issued under an amended agreement for Round 2 Grant.

S. Ryan provided an update on GSA Summit, reporting that the event would be exclusively digital and there were no changes to fees.

6. DIRECTORS REPORTS

6.1 Individual Directors' Reports

- Travel/Training
None
- Meetings
None

R. Stiles reported on a webinar of PFAS "Forever" chemicals. She reported on the content of that webinar and that it is available for anyone wishing to view it.

6.2 Board Compliance

The information was accepted without comment.

7. FUTURE ITEMS

- Fiscal Year 2021 Budget (April/May)
- Records Retention Policy
- Financial Controls for Borrowing Money

Informational Sessions

- Groundwater Sustainability Plan Elements

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- None

9. EVENTS CALENDAR

- Third Annual GSA Summit – Groundwater Resources Association of California, June 10 – June 11, 2020 Sacramento, CA
- 2020 ACWA Spring Conference and Exhibition, New Dates July 28 – July 31, 2020 Monterey, CA

D. Ceppos reported an upcoming webinar on facilitating smooth remote meetings hosted by the Groundwater Resources Association of California. The date of this event will be April 8, 2020.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Cassidy/Stiles to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

AYES: E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, L. Farris, A. Franklin, J. Leopold, B. McPherson, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

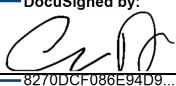
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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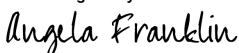
Chris Perri, Chair

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Angela Franklin, Secretary

4/25/2020

Date