

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2020 Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: Remote Access Only

In accordance with the Executive Order N-29-20, the meeting was held in a remote-access format.

1. CONVENE MEETING

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call
Chair Perri called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

J.M. Brown, E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, A. Franklin, B. McPherson, R. Moran, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, C. Perri

Alternates (Present as non-voting observers):

B. Ekwall, D. Lind

Staff:

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

Others:

D. Ceppos, G. King, 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 – October 22, 2020 Special Board Meeting

MOTION: Franklin/McPherson to approve the October 22, 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

AYES: J. Dilles, D. Engfer, A. Franklin, B. McPherson, R. Moran, D. Pollock, R. Stiles, C. Perri

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: J.M. Brown, E. Cassidy

ABSENT: L. Henry

Director Henry joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

2.2 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed the 2021 meeting schedule.

MOTION: Engfer/Pollock to approve the 2021 SMGWA Board of Directors meeting schedule.

AYES: J.M. Brown, E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, A. Franklin, B. McPherson, R. Moran, D. Pollock, R.

Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

None

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Youth Outreach Program

K. Krotcov presented information to the Board on the structure and results of the Youth Outreach Program and responded to questions.

One public comment was heard.

MOTION: Stiles/Pollock to approve an additional reimbursement of up to \$7,500 to Scotts Valley

Water District for the internship benefiting the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency and to

continue the program.

AYES: J.M. Brown, E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, A. Franklin, B. McPherson, R. Moran, D. Pollock, R.

Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

4.2 Bylaws Amendment

P. Harmon and T. Rein presented information on the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Agency and responded to questions. The Board discussed the amendment.

One public comment was heard.

MOTION: Dilles/McPherson to adopt Resolution No. 2020-01 mending and restating the bylaws of the

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency and rescinding Resolution No. 2019-01.

AYES: J.M. Brown, E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, A. Franklin, B. McPherson, R. Moran, D. Pollock, R.

Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

- 4.3 Informational Session Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Elements
 - 4.3.1 GSP Roadmap November 16, 2020
 - G. King presented information on upcoming Board meeting content and the overall status of the Groundwater Sustainability Proposal. The report was accepted without comment.
 - 4.3.2 Draft GSP Section 2 Board Comments, Statements of Significant and Unreasonable Conditions for all Sustainability Indicators, and Role of SMGWA in Projects and Management Actions
 - a. Draft GSP Section 2 Board Comments
 - b. Statements of Significant and Unreasonable Conditions for all Sustainability Indicators
 - c. Role of SMGWA in Projects and Management Actions
 - G. King presented information on Board comments received for the draft of Section 2 of the GSP. D. Ceppos facilitated additional comments and a discussion by the Board and staff.

- G. King presented draft statements of significant and unreasonable conditions for degraded groundwater quality, depletion of interconnected surface water, chronic lowering of groundwater levels, and reduction in groundwater storage. D. Ceppos facilitated a review of changes made to the draft statements.
- S. Ryan presented information on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and projects and management actions (PMAs) and responded to questions. D. Ceppos facilitated a discussion by the Board and staff on the role the Agency may play in PMAs within in the Basin.

Two public comments were heard.

5. STAFF REPORTS

None

6. DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director Perri reported on the comment process for Board Members.

Director Cassidy reported on a planning call for the upcoming PWO public meeting on December 2, 2020.

Director Dilles reported on a joint committee created between the City of Scotts Valley and the Scotts Valley Water District.

J.M. Brown reported on the creation of the Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience by the County of Santa Cruz and requested that staff meet with the Director of that office upon their hiring.

7. FUTURE ITEMS

- Records Retention Policy
- Financial Controls for Borrowing Money

Informational Sessions

- Groundwater Sustainability Plan Elements

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- None

9. EVENTS CALENDAR

2020 ACWA Winter Conference and Exhibition, December 01 – December 04, 2020 Virtual Event

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stiles/Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

AYES: J.M. Brown, E. Cassidy, J. Dilles, D. Engfer, A. Franklin, B. McPherson, R. Moran, D. Pollock, R.

Stiles, L. Henry, C. Perri

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

Jack Dilles, Secretary	Date
DocuSigned by:	2/1/2021
ATTEST:	
Chris Perri, Chair	Date
DocuSigned by:	2/1/2021
APPROVED BY:	