

KINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

President Taylor called the regular meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas, Michael Murray,
Ernest Taylor

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Barry McCutcheon

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Mills, General Manager
Ray Carlson, Attorney
Johnny Gaily, Delta View Water Association

ESTABLISH QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present at the meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR OCTOBER 10 MEETING

President Taylor asked if there was a motion regarding the minutes circulated in this month's Board packets. Director Freitas made a motion to approve the regular October 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Vice-President Dias seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the regular October 10, 2019 meeting minutes. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Barry McCutcheon

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

GENERAL MANAGER

GREATER KAWEAH GSA REPRESENTATION

Manager Mills reported that the Greater Kaweah GSA JPA had requested that the District reappoint its representatives by resolution prior to a certain date in December. For the last two years President Taylor has been the District's primary representative to the Greater Kaweah GSA JPA Board of Directors and Manager Mills has been the alternate. Manager Mills recommended that he and President Taylor continue in those roles. This was discussed and supported by the Board. Manager Mills reviewed Resolution 2019-05 and asked the Board to consider it. Vice-President Dias made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-05 which identifies President Taylor as the District's primary representatives to the Greater Kaweah GSA JPA Board and Manager

Mills as the alternate. Director Freitas seconded the motion and President Taylor called for a vote. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Barry McCutcheon

ESAJIAN BASIN PROJECT

Manager Mills reported that trees had been cleared on the site, but not removed. He also reported that excavation had not yet started on the site.

DISTRICT 2020 WATER RENTAL RATE

Manager Mills reported that for 2019 the District's water rental rate from stockholders was \$80 per acre for Peoples DC, \$40 per acre for Settlers DC and \$45 per acre for Last Chance Water DC. Also he reported that the District's rental rate to growers had been \$55 per acre-foot for all systems except for Lone Oak and New Deal which were \$65 per acre-foot to accommodate additional maintenance charges from Boswell. Manager Mills recommended that the rental rates from stockholders remain the same in 2020, but the rental rate to growers increase to \$60 per acre-foot for all systems except Lone Oak and New Deal which would be \$70 per acre-foot. The Directors discussed the recommendation and the new efforts that would be needed to implement additional recharge efforts related to SGMA implementation. Vice-President Dias made a motion to approve the recommended 2020 rental rates from stockholders and to growers. Director Murray seconded the motion and President Taylor called for a vote. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Barry McCutcheon

FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET

Manager Mills presented a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The proposed budget included increased spending related to ditch stock and land purchases as well as GSA expenses. The proposed budget also included additional revenue related to the material agreement with G&J Heavy Haul, Inc. on the Esajian Basin. The Directors reviewed the proposed budget with Manager Mills and asked a number of questions. After the discussion, Vice-President Dias made a motion that the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 be approved. Director Freitas seconded the motion and President Taylor called for a vote. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Barry McCutcheon

SGMA UPDATE

Manager Mills reported that in the Tulare Lake Subbasin, the GSAs had submitted a Round 3 GSP grant for \$500,000. He also reported on GSP Consultant errors related to programmatic fallowing and the groundwater model and efforts to remedy the errors. He also reported on recent developments related to Kings County GSP Consultation.

Related to the Kaweah Subbasin, Manager Mills reported that he had recently reviewed the south valley sustainable yield amounts per subbasin and found that the Kaweah Subbasin's amount per acre appears to be higher than other local subbasin. He relayed that he had passed that along to the Greater Kaweah GSA manager and it would likely be investigated further after GSP submittal.

ON-GOING EFFORTS

None

EXPENDITURE LIST APPROVAL & FINANCING STATEMENT ACCEPTANCE

On a motion by Vice-President Dias, with a second by Director Freitas, it was unanimously approved by the Board that the expenditure list and financial statement be accepted as submitted. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Barry McCutcheon

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Manager Mills conveyed that a transfer of \$950,000 from the Union Bank General Account to the District's LAIF account was needed this month. Vice-President Dias made a motion to approve the transfer and Director Freitas seconded the motion. President Taylor called for a vote and the vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Barry McCutcheon

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

None.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular Board of Directors meeting was set for December 12, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills
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