

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

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### 1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Board President James Kentosh at 6:00 pm at the District Office.

Present were: Board President James Kentosh, Board Vice-President Mike Krumpschmidt, Board Directors Larry Harrold, Diana Engle, and Mike Etchart. Staff Present: General Manager Mike Hollebrands and Board Secretary Stacey Gilbert. Attorney Lindsay Nielson was also present.

### 2. Approval of the minutes

Approval of the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes:

Mr. Etchart made the motion to approve the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Krumpschmidt seconded the motion.

Etchart/Krumpschmidt  
All Ayes  
M/S/C

### 3. Public Comments

Elizabeth Anne Von Gunten was present

### 4. General Manager's Report

- First GSA meeting – will be held on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 12-3 held at CMWD. Mr. Krumpschmidt stated that the items on the agenda were deemed unclear but will possibly enhance discussion of the process for appointments of stakeholders and board members. Mr. Hollebrands gave some of the names that are being considered for the environmental and agricultural seats. Mr. Krumpschmidt feels that the process to appoint will be discussed so that when the candidates are presented to the members of the committee each representative can bring those names back for their respective districts to discuss. He will bring back the necessary information for the Board to help guide Mr. Krumpschmidt on

who we as a district would prefer. There are several other agenda items but will most likely be tabled for a later meeting.

- State water – RFP has been sent to engineering firms to conduct feasibility studies, including other areas for study from the City of Ventura. The initial amount of water to be acquired started around 4500 ac./ft. and is now being speculated to be over 20,000 ac./ft. Storing the water isn't the problem, it's more about how they are going to pay for it. There is a further discussion that needs to take place regarding this ongoing issue. Our main concern was having City of Ventura understand that we are very interested in this project due to delayed actions from CMWD.
- RE-coating and inspection results of the District's new tank – The inspection went as planned, as well as the completed re-coating of the top exterior of the tank. There were some smaller standard repairs made within the interior of the tank as well. Because initial efforts to coat the exterior failed, an additional year was added to our warranty on the exterior of the tank.
- RFQ for the Ventura River Modeling - Solicitation for bids to set flow requirements within the Ventura River – This won't take place for at least 3-4 years but could/would affect how much the District could extract from our wells.

## **5. Board Committee Reports**

- Drought Committee met on November 22 and December 7, 2016 – Minutes are attached to the agenda packet.
- Meetings with Ron Merkling and Steve Wickstrum – to be discussed later in the meeting.

## **6. Old Business**

- Cold water well – spoke with Brian Bondy about the newer property and the chances are the same as if we drilled on the other side of the highway. The cost is greater to use the newer property. Mr. Krumpschmidt feels we should wait and see what results Casitas gets since their spot falls within the same formation. That will give us a better likelihood that we would hit water.
- Cozy Dell trail property title report – Ms. Engle questioned who Conrad Theiland was and why does he has a title to the estate. In reading further it states that said interest was deeded to MOWD. On the map there is a missing APN number; however, there is a strange “@” and it is unknown to what that is or what it means. Mr. Nielson will look into that for next meeting. Mr. Kentosh had several questions that were answered by Mr. Nielson explaining the trail of ownership of this property and how the title evolved.

- **No trespassing signs at the tank farm – these have been placed around the tank farm perimeter.**
- **Senior living facility – Mr. Hollebrands updated that he and Steve Wickstrum attended a pre planning meeting on Dec 15<sup>th</sup> to meet with the planning commission members who were trying to get clarity and ask us our thoughts on the water situation and asked for forecasts of things we are not able to forecast. The project is being required by the County of Ventura to conform with Net Zero requirements which is good for us and the lake, but we don't feel the 2.18 AC/ft can be achieved just through Meiners Oaks School. Mr. Wyrick is working on how they will achieve this. The ongoing concern is the impact this amount of water they want has on our district.**
- **Signature changes at Rabobank – Dale Carnathan's name needs to be removed and replaced with Diana Engle's name. Mr. Etchart made the motion to remove Dale Carnathan's name from the signature document and have Diana Engel's name added. Mr. Krumpschmidt seconded the motion.**

**Etchart/Krumpschmidt  
All Ayes  
M/S/C**

## **7. Board of Directors Reports**

- **OBGMA Alternative demonstration of Groundwater Sustainability – Ms. Engle – OBGMA has by law first pick declaring them a GSA basin and therefore took advantage of that prerogative, but that allows them to avoid creating a GSP as long as they follow some necessary steps. OBGMA took the simpler route which is laid out in the Articles of the piece of legislation that describes the GSP Alternative and what the conditions are to follow that route. The issue of the matter is that OBGMA, by virtue of having in its existence already a ground water management plan, can say that they already have “A” plan. By submitting a “demonstration” that shows that they have been operating the basin in a sustainable fashion for at least the most recent 10 years to DWR, they have to prove that their approach has to satisfy the same elements as a GSP would. However, there were delays in getting this report done and once it was done there was only a small window to turn it in and the public had not reviewed it for comments. At the OBGMA Board meeting there were several people there that were up in arms about the demonstration document being adopted which claims that they are sustainably managing the ground water and that if they run out of water they can just pull from Casitas with the disregard that there are several other entities pulling from the lake as well, and that it is not their fault that the groundwater level has dropped significantly. Despite the fact that the County rejected this report, OBGMA has adopted the report.**

Mr. Krumpschmidt is asking for direction as to what he should say in regards to the actions of the OBGMA at the next GSA meeting.

Mr. Harrold – Made mention of letters to the editor by Larry E.

Mr. Krumpschmidt – Asked Ms. Engle how it went at the Desalination forum. Mr. Kentosh stated that it would take 14 years before that project would be up and running properly. The forum was quite detailed of the process of how to obtain a Desalination plant along with a lot of discussion in regards to that process. Mr. Krumpschmidt wanted to know if we have any further information regarding the Hatton lien. Mr. Nielson found out that we had filed a creditor’s claim against the estate in January of 2013. Mr. Nielson contacted Paul Blatz and asked what happened. It was discovered that a year later, in January 2014, Paul Blatz states that a rejection was filed, but Mr. Blatz forwarded to us an unfiled copy. Mr. Blatz stated that the estate is closed and Mr. Nielson asked how it could close if there was a filed Creditor’s Claim against the estate. Mr. Blatz could not answer that. Mr. Nielson states that there is nothing that we can do since the estate is closed. Mr. Nielson is still going to look into the actual probate file to see what happened.

Mr. Etchart has no report

Mr. Kentosh has no report

## 8. Financial Matters

1. Approval of Payroll and Payables from November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the amount of:

Payables -	\$ 58,067.00
Payroll -	\$ 32,489.90
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$ 90,556.90</b>

Mr. Harrold made the motion to pay the monthly expenses. Mr. Etchart seconded the motion.

Discussion – Ms. Engle questioned the Total Compensation bill – these are reports for CalPERS through Gasby 68 that the auditor needs that used to be free and now aren’t. Mr. Kentosh asked about the GSA fees and if we are over or under budget. Mr. Hollebrands stated we are over budget.

Harrold/Etchart  
All Ayes  
M/S/C

## 9. Board Discussion and/or Action

a) Discussion and approval of the proposed amendments to the Drought Contingency Plan – Mr. Hollebrands and Ms. Engle worked together on some amendments focusing on trailer parks and to have a policy in place. Most of the amendments were wording changes to be more

copacetic and uniform. Mr. Hollebrands also added stages 4 and 5 since we are on the “heals” of Stage 4. Ms. Engle summarizes the trailer park amendment as such that if the trailer park’s base allocation equates to less than 7 then the trailer park’s base allocation will not be subject to drought stage specific mandatory reduction. However, if it is 7.5 or higher than the trailer park’s base allocation will be subject to drought stage specific mandatory reduction. Mr. Kentosh requests that a letter be sent to those trailer parks that this directly affects stating our amendments in the Drought contingency plan that lays out how we deal with trailer parks.

Mr. Etchart made the motion to adopt the Drought Contingency Plan with the minor editorial changes to be made. Ms. Engle seconded the motion.

**Ethcart/Engle**

**All Ayes**

**M/S/C**

- b) Letter to Casitas MWD about importing state water – Mr. Kentosh summarized the letter to the Board. It was requested to be hand delivered to Mr. Wickstrum

Mr. Etchart made the motion to accept the letter to Casitas MWD with the minor editorial changes. Mr. Krumpschmidt seconded the motion.

**Etchart/Krumpschmidt**

**All Ayes**

**M/S/C**

- c) Discussion of Casitas MWD’s conservation penalty, increasing the one dollar fee to five dollars per unit – Mr. Hollebrands and Mr. Kentosh had a meeting with Steve Wickstrum. The summary of the meeting was letting Mr. Wickstrum know how their conservation penalty may have a drastic affect to our funds. Mr. Wickstrum doesn’t want that to happen to us, as a district, and that it was never his intention to have that happen. Mr. Wickstrum is open to us having a higher allocation so that we don’t suffer a financial hardship. Given this information that Mr. Wickstrum is willing to give us a higher allocation, we are currently doing our 30% reduction and are within our allocation estimate and won’t need to go forward with the increase of the drought surcharge. The Board agreed to go with our 2013 numbers which give us a higher allocation that will be stated in the MOU we are to give Casitas. There is also no urgency in adopting Casitas’ WEAP within our district at this time. The Drought Committee will discuss further our allocation system and if we need to make any necessary changes to be more copacetic with Casitas.
- d) Board requested Drought Surcharge billing information – Mr. Hollebrands explained the costs of changing the actual bill. Ms. Gilbert

explained the ease of activating or inactivating items within the billing system. No action is needed at this time.

**10. Closed Session**

There was no closed session at this time.

**11. Meeting Adjournment**

There being no further business to conduct at this time, Board President James Kentosh adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

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President

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Secretary