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A meeting of the GFWD Board was opened in person and telephonically on November 18, 2024 at 1:33 PM.

PRESENT: In person: Seth Kirk, Paul Stewart, Michael Naito, Diane Kirk,, Don Roberts
CALL-IN: Tom Campagne, Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting, Keasha Blew - QK Consulting
ABSENT: Nick Davis
PUBLIC: None
PUBLIC CALL-IN: None

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2024 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. GSA/GSP (SGMA):
Don reported the Public Hearing Notice was posted on WebSite. The GSA Contacts in the Madera Subbasin received the Notice by email. The Notice was also published in the Madera Tribune.
Don reported Dave Ceppos our POC wants to set up an interview on Domestic Well Mitigation. Still have not been notified of a time.
Don is reviewing the Draft 2025 GSP and some comments will be forwarded to Garth soon.
Garth reported on the following for the 2025 Update (See attached Report from Garth.):
 - a) Technical Group Meetings
 - b) Update on his and Keasha's meetings with Ken Schmidt on the "draft report" and Ken's items to work on for the District.
 - c) Coordination Agreement - group approach is to extend final date to 2040 rather than modify.
 - d) Water Smart Grant - Application submitted July 8th. Waiting response.
 - e) Interconnected Surface Water MOU - See Item 5 in Garth's report.
5. INTERCONNECTED SURFACE WATER MOU: See Garth's attached report on status. Garth advised he received a revised draft of the "MOU" today and had not been able to review it. Board concerned about the "undefined agreements" included in MOU. Don and Tom directed to draft comments for discussion at December Board Meeting.
6. ANNEXATION REQUESTS FOR EXISTING SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AREA: Don provided attached suggested Annexation Criteria for discussion by Board. Consensus by Board was to continue this item at the December 16th meeting. No action taken.
7. WATER SUPPLY 2024: No changes in amounts. Madera Canal release is 0 cfs. F-K Canal is down to 318 cfs and SJ River is 442 cfs with a target of 285 cfs at the Gravelly Ford Recorder.
8. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP:
October meeting item of interest was an update of activities. No action taken.
November 25th meeting - Proposed action items:
 - 2025 Budget
 - 2025 Meeting Schedule
 - Update of activities

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9. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the November 18, 2024 bills, the November 18, 2024 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the November 2024 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2022, 2023 and 2024. On a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the November bills in the amount of \$41,531.63.
10. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT: Don advised the Madera Mail Drop where the District mail is delivered will move effective December 1, 2024. Don is in the process of notifying all parties of the new address: 1516 Howard Rd #324, Madera, CA 93637.
11. BOARD COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:17 PM by Pres. S Kirk.
The next scheduled meeting will be December 16, 2024 at 1:30 PM at O'Neill Farm Management Office. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option.

Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date: November 18, 2024
To: Gravelly Ford WD
From: Garth Pecchenino
Subject: Board meeting - GSA/GSP SGMA
cc: Name or delete

Project No.: 180035

4. GSA/GSP (SGMA)

- a.) We have continued with our Technical Group meetings to set out a schedule and topics for review and discussion on how to best address the comments in the State letter. This again being the main topics; Domestic wells, subsidence, groundwater levels and interconnected surface water.

The Draft GSP for the Joint GSP has been put out and we are reviewing the report for the overall method of approach in the report. As per the coordination agreement we will acknowledge the approach from the Joint GSP report and then clarify how and what approach is the best fit for GFWD to meet the objective or threshold.

We are working to have a draft report for you by the end of the month.

We have a draft Periodic Review Report to send over as well, this covers the review of what was completed and learned over the last four years by the District through the efforts to collect data and put projects into effect, what are the outcomes and does that change any of the approaches to the matrix of SGMA compliance.

Keasha and I meet with Ken Schimdt about the draft report and he provided comments that we are working on to revise the draft report.

Ken's Items to work on for the District:

- Meters on the Irrigation Wells and start collecting flow volumes pumped annually
- Water Quality samples from all the Domestic Wells as a background number
- Ken providing an updated Water Balance
- List of Data Gaps
- Add well in newly annexed area for monitoring
- Transmissibility study for gradient flow through District, at Boundary
- Current Crop Pattern

Overall Ken's opinion is that the District is in good shape going forward.

The Domestic well program will be the first item to resolve and then the subsidence, both will most likely have the Board sign onto an MOU for the actions to put the steps in place to

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reach the goals for the GSP. **This is being moved forward by David Ceppos (facilitator) to resolve with all the GSA's**

This will represent the areas for the 5-year update and the periodic review documents to be submitted to the State.

We will need to conduct water quality samples this year for the report.

We have surveyed the wells in the District for Subsidence. Overall change is less than the interim milestone and within expected range.

Going forward we need to establish formal access to the wells for groundwater levels and subsidence.

- b.) Coordination Agreement – The other agencies have also agreed with the approach to extend out the final date to 2040 to end the agreement. **This is being moved forward by David Ceppos (facilitator) to resolve with all the GSA's**
- c.) WaterSMART Grant – Grant application Submitted on July 8th. Waiting for a response, estimate maybe by the end of the year. **No update**

There are new grants coming out and we will ok to see if any apply to the needs of the District.

5. Interconnected Surface Water MOU – The rest of the parties see the agreement as how the various agencies will share information and work together, Tom has concerns as to will it lead into the agencies being called on to provide the surface water back into the River.

6. Annexation SOI -

Other:
Water Purchases:

Infrastructure:

Need a list of the existing District facilities; length of canal, pipelines, control structures, turnouts?
Do we know if or how many meters are on existing Ag wells?
Water Quality Testing

Can we get an updated Crop survey for the District; Tree type, grapes, fallow ground?

End of Report

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AGENDA ITEM 6

ANNEXATION CRITERIA EXISTING SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Items for discussion:

1. Costs for LAFCO Application and associated documents, fees for annexation, etc.
2. Existing system buy-in fees.
3. Responsible for connections from Existing District Facilities to place of use including pipelines, control valves, metering, etc.
4. Responsible for costs to modify existing District pipeline to provide operational controls for District facilities (eg control boxes, gates, connections, etc)
5. Agree to accept the tax and assessments being charged to District parcels.
6. Agree to apply District water to property when available to meet GSP requirements.
7. Costs for modifications to existing District facilities may be reimbursed to District with equal installments over a 5 year period.