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A meeting of the GFWD was opened in person and telephonically on January 20, 2025 at 12:45 PM.

PRESENT: In person: Seth Kirk, Michael Naito, Diane Kirk, Don Roberts, Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting
CALL-IN: Paul Stewart, Keasha Blew - QK Consulting, Tom Campagne called in at 1:00 PM
ABSENT: Nick Davis
PUBLIC: None
PUBLIC CALL-IN: Lak Brar - Grower

NOTE: Agenda Items 1-4 and 6-9 were completed prior to Item 5 including the 1:00 PM Public Hearing.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by D Kirk and a second by P Stewart, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2024 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:
 - (a) Don advised the Board that Garth received a notice from the CA Fair Political Practices Commission that a new State Law requires the Board Members, District Manager and Engineer involved in GSA were to have filed conflict of Interest forms electronically by January 1, 2025. The email to Garth said it was our 3rd reminder. Garth forwarded all of our names, emails and phone numbers. Then I received an email asking for the same information. I responded back that no one in the District's GSA had ever received any correspondence or requests for such information. I also advised that the District's Engineer had just provided their office with all of the above information and did they want it again. The response was that it would not be necessary. There has been no further communication on this matter.
4. BOARD REORGANIZATION: The Board reviewed the proposed District Organizational Chart and upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2025 District Organizational Chart as presented.
5. GSA/GSP (SGMA):
 - (a) Draft 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update
 - (i) Public Hearing at 1:00 PM to receive any Public Testimony for or against the Gravelly Ford Water District GSA Draft 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update. The Board President S Kirk opened the Public Hearing to receive any testimony at 1:00 PM. No oral or written testimony or comments were received during the Public Hearing. No written, email or oral communications either for or against the GFWD Agency 2025 Periodic Evaluation were received prior to the Public Hearing. The Board President closed the Public Hearing at 1:08 PM.
 - (ii & iii) After discussion the following actions were enacted:
Resolution 2025-01 of the GFWD and GFWD GSA authorizing the Adoption of GFWD Groundwater Sustainability Plan 2025 Periodic Evaluation upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito was adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Directors M Naito, D Kirk, P Stewart, S Kirk
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director N Davis
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2025-03 of the GFWD GSA authorizing Adoption of Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan 2025 Plan Amendment upon a motion by D Kirk and a second by P Stewart was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Directors M Naito, D Kirk, P Stewart, S Kirk

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director N Davis

ABSTAIN: None

(b) Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement

The Second Amendment to the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement proposes to change the termination of the Agreement from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2040. After discussion and upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, Resolution 2025-02 Authorizing Approval of the Second Amendment to the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Directors M Naito, D Kirk, P Stewart, S Kirk

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director N Davis

ABSTAIN: None

(c) Garth reviewed his attached January 17th Report.

(d) The Department of Water Resources is requiring that the Madera Subbasin submit a single Annual Report and a Joint GSP Annual Report. Davids Engineering, the Point of Contact between the Madera Subbasin and the State DWR has a proposed cost sharing for the tasks involved. The GFWD GSA share will be \$7,407.14 for the extra costs to the P.O.C. Upon a motion by D Kirk and a second by P Stewart, the Board of the GFWD GSA voted unanimously to agree to the attached cost sharing proposal.

6. INTERCONNECTED SURFACE WATER MOU: Don and Garth reviewed the MOU and provided the Board with the issues and questions that were sent to our P.O.C. along with the responses received. The Board felt that there were too many unresolved issues still pending and that the scope of the MOU exceeded the stipulations and far exceeded the main issue of "sharing of data". The GFWD GSA is more than willing to share and discuss data issues. The Board stated they could not commit the GSA or its landowners to the what if's of the MOU and that items that arise should be dealt with after there is more information and knowledge available for now hypothetical issues.

On a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2025-04 which gave the General Manager, Don Roberts, the approval to sign the Interconnected Surface Water MOU with the stipulation that the GFWD GSA only agrees the "sharing of data" portions of the subject MOU by the following vote:

AYES: Directors D Kirk, M Naito, P Stewart, S KIRK

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Director N Davis

ABSTAIN: NONE

7. WATER SUPPLY 2024: No changes in amounts. Madera Canal release is 0 cfs. F-K Canal is 118 cfs and SJ River is 435 cfs.

Bureau asks for schedules for a 90% CI 1 supply, URF water and Rescheduled Water.

8. ANNEXATION REQUESTS: Don reported it was his understanding that the landowners within the current Sphere of Influence will be meeting to come up with a proposal that would be beneficial to both the District landowners and the proposed annexors. If we are able to arrive at a conclusion for those lands, then the District can evaluate the other current requests and possible future requests with an adopted criteria for inclusion.

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9. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the January 20, 2025 bills, the January 20, 2025 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the December 2025 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2023, 2024 and 2025. On a motion by D Kirk and a second by M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the November bills in the amount of \$32,022.02.
10. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT:
 - (a) District received an inquiry from a landowner representative about the GSA's interest to explore potential partnerships for recharge projects. The Board directed Don to followup on this item.
 - (b) Don reported the GSA received a Well Verification Form from Madera County Environmental Health for a proposed new well by a landowner in GF. The location in question is bordered on all sides by additional property of this landowner. There are no issues with this request and the GSA has so advised the County.
 - (c) The Board was advised of a request to the Madera County Board of Supervisors to approve the formation of Bonita Water District in the Madera Subbasin.
11. BOARD COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
12. CLOSED SESSION: President S Kirk announced to Board would be going into Closed Session and declared the meeting closed to the Public at 1:42 PM.
13. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: At 1:48 PM, President S Kirk declared the Board meeting was open to the Public. President S Kirk reported that Don is to provide Amendment No. 1 to the existing contract between Gravelly ford Water district and Don Roberts Civil Engineering Inc for consideration and possible approval the the February Board meeting. The Amendment would propose a \$6,000 per month payment for services and be effective February 1, 2025.
14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 1:50 PM by Pres. S Kirk.
The next scheduled meeting will be February 17, 2025 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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**GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT
2025 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

Board of Directors Paul Stewart, Diane Kirk,
Seth Kirk, Michael Naito,
Nick Davis

Officers

President Seth Kirk
Vice President Paul Stewart
Secretary Diane Kirk

General Manager Don Roberts
Deputy Secretary Don Roberts
Deputy Treasurer Don Roberts

Accountant Ralph McKinnis CPA

Engineer QK (SGMA)

Legal Counsel Thomas Campagne

Committees

Madera Regional Integrated Water Management Group
Don Roberts (Rep)
Nick Davis (Alt). Email list

CASGEM Don Roberts (Rep)
Michael Naito (Alt)

East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition
Don Roberts (Rep)
Seth Kirk (Alt)

ACWA-JPIA Diane Kirk (Rep) Email List
Michael Naito (Alt) Email list

Upper San Joaquin River Flood Management Plan
Don Roberts

SGMA Don Roberts (Tech)
Garth Pecchenino, QK (Tech)
Diane Kirk - (Rep Elected)
Michael Naito - (Rep Elected)
Seth Kirk - (Alt Elected)

RMC Paul Stewart (Rep)
Don Roberts (Alt)

GSP (POC) Don Roberts (Rep)
Garth Pecchenino, QK (Alt)

Friant Water Authority Diane Kirk (Rep)
Michael Naito (Alt)

Adopted January 20, 2025