

**UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 23, 2020**

The Board meeting was held via Teleconference, in accordance with California Executive Order N-25-20. Directors present were: Bruce Kuebler, Emily Ayala, Diana Engle, Larry Rose, Susan Rungren and Glenn Shephard. Also present were: Executive Director and GSP Project Manager Bryan Bondy and Agency Administrator Summer Ward. The following members of the public were present: None. Director Angelo Spandrio was absent.

Teleconference: (Toll free 1-866-899-4679 or <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/262691605>)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Chairperson Diana Engle called the meeting order at 2:08 P.M.
- 2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Did not recite.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**
- 4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – No changes were proposed.
- 5) **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**
 - a. **Legal Services Proposals**

Executive Director Bondy described the actions taken since the last Board meeting. Following receipt of feedback from Meiners Oaks Water District concerning the legal firms, the ad hoc committee determined that interviews were not necessary. The ad hoc committee asked staff to schedule a Special Board Meeting to consider selecting a firm.

Chair Engle asked for each director to provide their thoughts on the legal firms.

Director Rungren stated that all firms are qualified, but is concerned about the labor rates for Price, Postal & Parma.

Director Shephard agreed with Director Rungren.

Director Rose prefers OMLO because they are affordable, experienced, and nearby.

Director Kuebler believes OMLO is the best choice because they are local and he was impressed with their proposal.

Director Ayala stated that OMLO is local and affordable.

Director Engle – reviewed with MOWD attorneys and both independently recommended OMLO.

Director Kuebler made a motion to select of Olivarez, Madruga, Lemieux & O'Neill and direct the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract. Director Rose seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

Kuebler – Y Engle – Y Spandrio – Absent Rungren – Y Shephard – Y
Ayala – Y Rose- Y

- 6) **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm. The next Regular Board is scheduled for April 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm via teleconference pending COVID-19.

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B.Kuebler____ D.Engle____ A.Spandrio____ S.Rungren____ G.Shephard____ E.Ayala____ L.Rose____