UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING JULY 22, 2021

The Board meeting was held via teleconference, in accordance with California Executive Order N-25-20 (Zoom Meeting ID 938 8949 3825 Passcode: 584271). Directors present were Bruce Kuebler, Larry Rose, Susan Rungren, Emily Ayala, Mary Bergen, and Diana Engle. Also, present: Executive Director Bryan Bondy, Agency Counsel Keith Lemieux, and Administrative Assistant Maureen Tucker

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Engle called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Director Bondy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) ROLL CALL

Executive Director Bondy called roll.

Directors Present: Bruce Kuebler, Larry Rose, Susan Rungren, Mary Bergen, Diana Engle, and Emily Ayala

Directors Absent: Glenn Shephard

Public: Burt Handy, Eddie Pech, Steve Howard, Kelly Dyer, Kieran Brtalik, Steve Howard, Abhishek Singh, and Jennifer Tribo

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Engle asked for any proposed changes to the agenda. No changes were suggested.

Director Kuebler moved agenda approval. Director Ayala seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:	B. Kuebler – Y	L. Rose – Y	D. Engle - Y
	S. Rungren – Y	M. Bergen– Y	E. Ayala - Y

Director Absent: G. Shephard

Noes: None.

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chair Engle asked for any public comments on items not appearing on the agenda.

No public comments were offered.

6) GSP ITEMS

a. Preliminary Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Review (Grant Category) (d); Task 11: GSP Development and Preparation

Executive Director Bondy explained that the purpose of the item is to obtain Board feedback on the Preliminary Draft GSP sections 4 through 7, but that any additional comments on sections 1 through 3 could be taken as well. Once the Board is finished providing feedback on the preliminary draft GSP, a revised draft will be issued, and a 60-day comment period will begin. To stay on schedule, the 60-day comment period must begin in early to mid-August. Executive Director Bondy would like to open the public comment period around August 9th, no later than August 11th so that the comment period closes before the October regular Board meeting.

Chair Engle asked about documentation of changes to the GSP. Executive Director Bondy said the changes between the preliminary draft and public comment draft made pursuant to Board feedback are being tracked in a table. Changes between the public comment draft and final draft will also be tracked in redline-strikeout. Chair Engle said that is great.

The Board discussed sections 4 through 7 of the preliminary draft GSP. Executive Director Bondy captured the comments, which are summarized in the table attached to these minutes.

Chair Engle asked for public comments. No public comments were offered.

Executive Director Bondy asked whether the Board wants to discuss the preliminary draft GSP further at the tentative July 29 special Board meeting or proceed directly to preparing the public comment draft and opening the public comment period.

Director Kuebler said he is ready to proceed.

Director Ayala said she is ready to proceed but would like consideration of a one-page summary for the stakeholders.

Director Bergen said she is very comfortable with the document. She supported the idea of a 1–2-page summary.

Director Rungren said she is ready to move forward. She mentioned that the City of Ventura does not have any substantial comments, but they did send the Executive Director some minor comments already.

Executive Director Bondy said that Director Shephard called him today and said he is comfortable moving forward.

Director Kuebler asked about timing of the animation video. Executive Director Bondy stated that it will be posted on the website in the next day or two.

Executive Director Bondy clarified that he will post the revised draft GSP and open the public comment period without further discussion or action. The Board concurred. Executive Director Bondy requested any additional Board member comments by July 29.

7) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board would like to begin discussing Agency funding options if it does not interfere with GSP process.

Executive Director Bondy said it does appear that the special Board meeting tentatively scheduled for July 29 will be needed, but he reserves the right to hold the meeting if he identifies any issues that require Board discussion prior to issuing the public draft GSP and opening the public comment period.

Director Kuebler congratulated Director Ayala on her opinion published in the Ojai Valley News.

8) ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

B.Kuebler_____ D.Engle_____ P. Kaiser _____ S.Rungren_____ G.Shephard_____ E.Ayala_____ L.Rose____

Date	Comment
7/22/2021	Table 3.3-03 total supply values are incorrect.
7/22/2021	Table 4.9-02 has a period where there should be a comma in one of the numbers (1,356). Note the annual pumping amounts for context
7/22/2021	Table 4.9-04 hard to understand MTs (add chart/cartoon/graph/example). Second column header should say MT and MO, not just MT.
7/22/2021	Table 4.9-04: Add a third column with a text description for each row.
7/22/2021	Figures Appendix L Consider adding DTW on the right axis.
7/22/2021	Appendix L figures - add arrow between MT and MO and label "Range of Operational Flexibility"
7/22/2021	Appendix L figures - extend y-axis higher so land surface is not at top - some people did not notice land surface because it was at the top of the chart.
7/22/2021	Consider developing a "Stakeholder Summary" (in addition to ES).
7/22/2021	Add footnote on tables and figures that define the term depletion.
7/22/2021	Page 128: 960 AF of depletion - clarify that this is a total volume over the entire 50 year simulation period.
7/22/2021	Page 128: Delete 270% increase.
7/22/2021	Degraded water quality 2/3 and 1/3 criteria for undesirable results and meeting sustainability goal - more explanation/justification for 2/3 and 1/3 criteria.