

**UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY MINUTES
OF SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 6, 2022**

A Special Board meeting was held via teleconference, in accordance with Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Board Resolution No. 2021-05. Directors present were Bruce Kuebler, Larry Rose, Susan Rungren, Emily Ayala, Pete Kaiser, Glenn Shephard, and Diana Engle. Also, present: Executive Director Bryan Bondy, Agency Counsel Scott Nave, and Administrative Assistant Maureen Tucker. Identified public members present: Shahab Araghinejad, Jenny Tribo (City of Ventura staff), Mary Bergen (Casitas MWD director and UVRGA alternate director), and Kevin DeLano (SWRCB staff).

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Engle called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Director Bryan Bondy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) ROLL CALL

Executive Director Bondy called the roll.

Directors Present: Bruce Kuebler, Larry Rose, Susan Rungren, Pete Kaiser, Glenn Shephard, Diana Engle, and Emily Ayala

Directors Absent: none

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND RENEWAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

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

Director Kaiser moved agenda approval and renewal of Resolution 2021-05. Director Shephard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y L. Rose – Y D. Engle – Y
 S. Rungren – Y P. Kaiser – Y E. Ayala – Y G. Shephard – Y

Director Absent: none

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEAR ON THE AGENDA

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

No public comments were offered.

6) GSP ITEMS

a. Adoption of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin via Resolution 2022-01 (Grant Category (e), Task 12 GSP Reviews and Approvals)

Executive Director Bondy explained that the Board held a public hearing concerning the GSP on December 9, 2021. Written testimony was received from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) dated December 8, 2021 for the public hearing. Following the December 9, 2021 public hearing, the Board directed staff to address the NMFS comments and prepare a redline GSP for the Board to consider adopting on January 6, 2022. He explained that the GSP Development team prepared comment responses and redline text that were made available on the Agency website, with links also provided in the staff report. He then summarized changes made to the GSP, including cover page edits, grammatical edits, addition of text concerning the Public Trust Doctrine, and new text to formally present the data gap actions as projects.

Executive Director Bondy said he received requests for minor edits from several Board members and that they will be addressed post-adoption. He explained that Resolution 2022-1 authorizes the Executive Director to make any necessary non-substantive changes to the GSP prior to uploading to Department of Water Resources.

Executive Director Bondy suggested turning the meeting back over to Chair Engle to take questions and comments from the public and Board.

Chair Engle asked for Director comments or questions.

Director Kaiser thanked the Executive Director and team for developing the comment responses. He noted the “CMWS” in comment no. 99 should be “CMWD” and wondered if it was a typo in the comment letter. Executive Director Bondy said he would check and correct it if it was a UVRGA error.

Director Rungren thanked the Executive Director and team for developing the comment responses and said they look great.

Chair Engle called for public comments.

Mary Bergen complimented the Board, Executive Director, and staff.

Director Kuebler moved to adopt Resolution 2022-01 and recognize the work completed by the Executive Director and team. Director Rungren seconded the motion.

Chair Engle thanked the Executive Director and team.

Director Kuebler thanked Larry Rose for his service on the Board.

Director Rose thanked everyone for the long journey and said Vivon Crawford from Ojai Valley Land Conservancy has been identified as a potential replacement.

Director Shephard thanked the Executive Director for putting the Agency in a position to be able to respond to the substantial comments received at the end of the process. He also thanked Director Rose for his service.

Director Kaiser thanked Chair Engle for her leadership.

No public comment on the motion.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y L. Rose – Y D. Engle – Y
 S. Rungren – Y P. Kaiser – Y E. Ayala – Y G. Shephard – Y

Director Absent: none

7) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Environmental Stakeholder Director appointment
- Agency Funding
- Resolution to honor Larry Rose

8) ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Action: _____

Motion: _____

B.Kuebler__ D.Engle__ P.Kaiser__ S. Rungren__ G.Shephard__ E.Ayala__ L.Rose__