

**UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY MINUTES
OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 9, 2022**

The Regular Board meeting was held via teleconference, in accordance with Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Board Resolution No. 2021-05. Directors present were Bruce Kuebler, Jenny Tribo, Mary Bergen, Emily Ayala, Mike Etchart (replaced by Jim Kentosh during the meeting), Arne Anselm, Also, present: Executive Director Bryan Bondy, Agency Counsel Keith Lemieux, and Administrative Assistant Maureen Tucker. Identified public members present: Mike Flood, Jim Kentosh, and Burt Handy.

Official Oath of Office was given to: Mary Bergen, Arne Anselm, Jim Kentosh, Jenny Tribo, and Mike Etchart before the meeting.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Kuebler called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Director Bryan Bondy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) ROLL CALL

Executive Director Bondy called roll.

Directors Present: Bruce Kuebler, Jenny Tribo, Mary Bergen Emily Ayala, Arne Anselm, and Mike Etchart (replaced by Jim Kentosh during the meeting).

Directors Absent: Vivon Crawford

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

Vice Chair Kuebler asked for any proposed changes to the agenda.

Director Etchart moved approval of the agenda and the renewal of Resolution 2021-05.

Director Ayala seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y M.Etchart - Y E.Ayala - Y

 J. Tribo – Y A.Anselm Y M.Bergen - Y

Director Absent: Vivon Crawford

9) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. City of Ojai Request to Join Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Joint Power Agreement

Director Bergen provided a brief update on behalf of Pete Kaiser. The draft joint powers agreement amendments prepared by the City of Ojai were provided to Agency Counsel Lemieux yesterday for his review. Director Kaiser plans to setup an ad hoc committee meeting to discuss.

Agency Counsel Lemieux stated that he received the draft amendments, and they appear to be consistent with the Board meeting discussions and appear to be ready to distribute to the ad hoc committee for discussion.

Vice Chair Kuebler asked if the City drafted terms and conditions. Agency Counsel Lemieux replied no and said the ad hoc committee will be recommending terms and conditions for Board consideration.

Public Comments: None

b. PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 2022-05: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Fees Against All Persons Operating Groundwater Extraction Facilities within the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 20, 2023).

Jim Kentosh replaced Mike Etchart as the Meiners Oaks Water District director during the item.

Executive Director Bondy provided a brief overview of draft Resolution 2022-05 and reminded the Board that the extraction fee is based on the adopted budget. Executive Director Bondy said the budget was updated and finalized based on Board direction provided during its June meeting to include the updated Ventura River Water District extraction number and to increase the inflation factor from 3% to 5%. The updates resulted in a fiscal year 2022/2023 extraction fee of \$148 per acre-foot.

Vice Chair Kuebler opened the public hearing at 1:23 p.m.

Public Comments: None.

Vice-Chair Kuebler asked about the rationale for 3-year vs 5-year calibration frequency. Executive Director Bondy said the 3-year frequency is what the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency has been using for several decades.

The Board discuss meter calibration frequency.

Public Comments:

Mike Flood said calibration frequency can depend on the type of meter. Magnetic meters do not require frequent calibration.

Burt Handy suggested that calibration frequency could be based pumping volume. Three years for high volume and five years for low volume.

Executive Director Bondy said the Board could consider different frequencies for different volumes. Agency Counsel Lemieux said he is fine with that approach.

Executive Director Bondy looked up the 2017 estimated extraction data. He reported the values and noted that all private pumpers were less than 100 acre-feet per year.

The Board continued its discussion of meter calibration frequency.

Agency Counsel Lemieux advised that the Board it would need to approve a change during this meeting to avoid two more readings of the ordinance.

Director Ayala moved reading of the Ordinance of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Establishing Well Registration, Metering, and Reporting Requirements in title only and modification of the ordinance to require meter calibration every five years for wells that pump less than 100 acre-feet per year. Director Kentosh seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y J. Kentosh - Y E.Ayala - Y

J. Tribo – Y A.Anselm - Y M.Bergen – Y

Director Absent: Vivon Crawford

Director Anselm moved scheduling of a second public hearing for the Ordinance during the July 14, 2022 regular Board meeting. Seconded by Director Bergen.

Roll Call Vote: B. Kuebler – Y J. Kentosh - Y E.Ayala - Y

J. Tribo – Y A.Anselm - Y M.Bergen – Y

Director Absent: Vivon Crawford

11) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Ad Hoc Stakeholder Engagement Committee

Director Ayala reported that no meeting occurred and nothing to report.

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

13) ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting July 14, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Action: _____

Motion: _____

B.Kuebler_ M. Etchart ___ P. Kaiser __ J.Tribo __ A.Anslem __ E.Ayala__ V. Craford__