

## **UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 14, 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, Arne Anselm, and Vivon Crawford. Also, present: Executive Director Bryan Bondy, Agency Counsel Keith Lemieux, and Administrative Assistant Maureen Tucker. Identified public members present: Mike Flood, Bill Weirick, Bert Rapp, Kelly Dyer, and Burt Handy.

### **1) CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Kuebler 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 roll.

Directors Present: Bruce Kuebler, Jenny Tribo, Mary Bergen, Emily Ayala, Arne Anselm, Mike Etchart, and Vivon Crawford

Directors Absent: None

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

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

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

Roll Call Vote:                B. Kuebler – Y M.Etchart - Y E.Ayala – Y V.Crawford - Y  
   J. Tribo – Y A.Anselm Y M. Bergen - Y

Director Absent: None

### **5) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

Vice-Chair Kuebler asked for public comments on items not appearing on the agenda.

No comments were made.

**6) CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Approve Minutes from June 9, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve Financial Report for June 2022
- c. Approve Aleshire & Wynder Legal Services Rate Increase

Director Etchart moved approval of the consent items.

Director Ayala seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:            B. Kuebler – Y M.Etchart - Y E.Ayala – Y V.Crawford - Y  
                                   J. Tribo – Y A.Anselm – Y\* M.Bergen – Y

\* Director Anselm abstained for Item 6b.

Directors Absent: None

**7) DIRECTORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Directors may provide an oral report on items not appearing on the agenda.

Director Kuebler:        No report

Director Tribo:            No report

Director Anselm:        No report

Director Bergen:        No report

Director Ayala:            Director Ayala requested a website update to reflect the new Directors.

Director Etchart:        No report

Director Crawford:      No report

**8) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Bondy reported on Agency matters since the last Board meeting.

Director Etchart asked how much money was received from the GSP grant. Executive Director Bondy said the grant share was \$630,000.

Public comments: Bill Weirick asked if the OBGMA response to SWRCB comments was received. Executive Director Bondy said yes, but he has not reviewed it yet.

## **9) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **a. Agency Officer Appointments**

The Board discussed appointing officers for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Vice-Chair Kuebler nominated Mike Etchart for Board Chair.

Director Bergen stated that she had a discussion with Director Kaiser about nominating Director Anselm as Board Chair. Director Anselm declined the nomination and said the County believes the Chair should be a Director from an agency that pumps groundwater from the Basin.

Vice-Chair Kuebler called for Vice-Chair nominations.

Director Anselm nominated Director Kuebler for Vice-Chair.

The Board discussed keeping Director Kaiser as Secretary.

Director Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Director Bergen moved the following officer appointments:

- Mike Etchart – Chair
- Bruce Kuebler – Vice-Chair
- Pete Kaiser - Secretary

Director Anselm seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:            B. Kuebler – Y M.Etchart - Y E.Ayala – Y V.Crawford - Y  
                                     J. Tribo – Y A.Anselm - Y M.Bergen – Y

Directors Absent: None

Chair Etchart took over the meeting.

**b. Authorized Check Signers**

Executive Director Bondy provided a brief overview of draft Resolution 2022-06 to update the list of authorized check signers. Executive Director Bondy clarified that only those member agency Directors who are willing and able should be named in the resolution. He noted that the bank will require disclosure of personal information to be added to the account and will not approve any signers until all have complied. Director Kuebler said the bank requires a driver’s license and a social security number.

Director Comments: Director Etchart mentioned that his name is spelled wrong on the Resolution. His name is actually “Michel” Etchart. Executive Director Bondy said he would update the Resolution.

Public Comments: None.

Director Kuebler moved adoption of Resolution No. 2022-06 with all Member Directors listed. Seconded by Director Ayala.

Roll Call Vote:            B. Kuebler – Y M.Etchart - Y E.Ayala – Y V.Crawford - Y  
                                  J. Tribo – Y A.Anselm - Y M.Bergen – Y

Directors Absent: None

**c. Ventura River Water District Request for Technical Assistance**

Executive Director Bondy summarized Ventura River Water District’s request for technical support.

After brief discussion, Director Kuebler moved to direct staff to work with counsel to review an agreement with VRWD and to process model output and provide to VRWD.

Seconded by Director Ayala.

Public Comments: none

Roll Call Vote:            B. Kuebler – Y M.Etchart - Y E.Ayala – Y V.Crawford - Y  
                                  J. Tribo – Y A.Anselm - Y M.Bergen – Y

Directors Absent: None

**d. City of Ojai Request to Join Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Joint Powers Agreement**

Director Bergen reported on the Ad Hoc Committee status. The Ad Hoc Committee met recently and will meet again soon to have the City of Ojai do a presentation to get everyone on the committee caught up with the background. The committee will then meet to discuss draft terms and conditions.

Agency Counsel Lemieux added that the meeting was productive. The Committee went through ideas and determined they need additional information from the City of Ojai. Director Kaiser has reached out to the City of Ojai to coordinate.

Director Kuebler asked who the City of Ventura's representative on the Ad Hoc Committee is. Director Tribo replied that she is the representative.

Bill Weirick said the City of Ojai is more than willing to answer questions during the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

**10) GSP IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS**

**a. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Groundwater Well Registration, Metering, and Extraction Reporting Ordinance**

Executive Director Bondy summarized the ordinance development and review process to date. This agenda item is the second public hearing, and the Board may adopt the Ordinance. Executive Director Bondy noted that Board-approved changes from the prior meeting have been incorporated into the Ordinance.

Chair Etchart opened the public hearing at 1:33 p.m. and called for public comments.

Executive Director Bondy confirmed that no written comments had been received. Hearing no requests for verbal public comments, Chair Etchart declared the public hearing closed at 1:34 p.m.

Director Ayala asked Executive Director Bondy if he heard back from the landowner on Rice Road. Executive Director Bondy said he spoke with the landowner for about 30 minutes and hopes he answered his questions. Director Ayala asked if the landowner was at the meeting. Executive Director Bondy said he did not think so (there was one unidentified attendee present).

Director Ayala moved to adopt Ordinance (read in title only): An Ordinance of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Establishing Well Registration, Metering, and Reporting Requirements.

Director Anselm seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:            B. Kuebler – Y M.Etchart - Y E.Ayala – Y V.Crawford - Y  
                                  J. Tribo – Y A.Anselm - Y M.Bergen – Y

Directors Absent: None

**11) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Ad Hoc Stakeholder Engagement Committee**

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

**12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No agenda items were requested.

**13) ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting is August 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

B.Kuebler\_ M.Etchart \_\_ M.Bergen \_\_ J.Tribo \_\_ A.Anslem \_\_ E.Ayala \_\_ V.Crawford\_\_