

## **UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 13, 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 Mike Etchart, Bruce Kuebler, Jenny Tribo, Emily Ayala, Arne Anselm, Pete Kaiser and Vivon Crawford (arrived during Item No. 7). Also present: Executive Director Bryan Bondy, Agency Counsel Steven O'Neill, and Administrative Assistant Maureen Tucker. Identified public members present: Mary Bergen, Mike Flood, Bert Rapp, Burt Handy, Alma Quezada, Jim Kentosh, Burt Handy, and Justin Martinez.

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

Chair Etchart called the meeting to order at 1:02p.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, Emily Ayala, Arne Anselm, Pete Kaiser, Mike Etchart, and Jenny Tribo.

Directors Absent: Vivon Crawford

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

Chair Etchart asked for any proposed changes to the agenda.

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

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

J.Tribo – Y A.Anselm - Y P.Kaiser - Y

Director Absent: Vivon Crawford

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

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

None.

**6) CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Approve Minutes from September 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve Financial Report for September 2022

Director Kuebler moved approval of the consent calendar items. Director Kaiser seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:                    B. Kuebler – Y E.Ayala – Y A.Anselm - Y

J.Tribo – Y P.Kaiser – Y Mike Etchart - Y

Directors Absent: Vivon Crawford

Public Comments: none

**7) DIRECTORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Directors may provide oral report on items note appearing on the agenda.

Director Crawford arrived during the item.

Director Kuebler:                He attended a portion of the Localizing California Waters conference.

Director Tribo:                    She attended a portion of the Localizing California Waters conference.

Director Ayala:                    No report.

Director Crawford:                She attended the Localizing California Waters conference and was a presenter on behalf of Ojai Valley Land Conservancy.

Director Kaiser:                    No report.

Director Anselm                    No report

Director Etchart                    No report.

## **8) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Bondy reviewed the written staff report concerning Agency matters since the last Board meeting.

Executive Director Bondy noted a typo in the staff report concerning the “New Director Training.” The training is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 1 p.m. He said Directors Crawford and Etchart have confirmed and asked if any others would like to attend. No other directors expressed an interest in attending the training session.

Executive Director Bondy said the Stakeholders Director terms expire in February. He added that Director Ayala has indicated to server for another term. Director Crawford said she is also willing to serve another term.

Executive Director Bondy said the well registration packets were mailed out in mid-September and the registration forms are due soon. He thanked Director Ayala for reviewing the materials and for serving as a test case.

Director Kuebler stated he was contacted AWA with a request to provide a presentation from UVRGA. Executive Director Bondy said he is not available. Director Kuebler volunteered to provide the update. No concerns were expressed.

Public comments: none

## **9) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – No Administrative Items this meeting**

### **10) GSP IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS**

#### **a. GDE Monitoring Plan Implementation Update**

Executive Director Bondy provided an update on implementation of the Board-approved Aquatic Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE) monitoring plans.

Executive Director Bondy explained that access within the river channel is provided under existing public access laws. He referred the Board to the brochure “Public Access and Use of California’s Navigable Waters” attached to the staff report. He said field staff will carry the brochure with them and if they encounter a concerned landowner they will give them a copy of the brochure.

Executive Director Bondy explained that access for ingress/egress to/from the river channel is needed from the City of Ventura, County of Ventura, and Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (OVLC). The City of Ventura has executed an access agreement and the County of Ventura has provided temporary access pending an encroachment permit. Executive Director Bondy is awaiting a response from OVLC concerning the request for access.

Director Ayala asked if we need to notify private properties/landowners are located near the river channel in the study areas. Executive Director Bondy displayed a map showing the properties and said there are only a few. Director Crawford and Tom from OVLC are currently reviewing the access agreement from UVRGA. Director Crawford stated she will respond when she can.

Executive Director Bondy said he followed up on Director Crawford’s comments and data sharing and monitoring procedures. His September 1 email requested information about which protocols need discussion and information about data the being generated by California Department of Fish and Wildlife. He is awaiting a response.

**b. Intera Work Order No. 6 for Water Year 2021/2022 GSP Annual Report Preparation and Numerical Model Update**

Executive Director Bondy explained that it is time to start working on the next annual report. He briefly reviewed the proposed work order for Intera, Inc. to prepare the annual report and explained the associated fiscal impact.

Director Anselm moved approval of Intera, Inc. Work Order No. 6 for an amount not-to-exceed \$45,136 and an additional \$4,000 in contingency at the Executive Director’s discretion. Director Ayala seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:                    B. Kuebler – Y E.Ayala – Y V.Crawford - Y

J.Tribo – Y A.Anselm - Y P. Kaiser – Y M.Etchart - Y

Directors Absent: None

**c. GSP Summary Presentation – Part 1 of 2**

Executive Director Bondy provided Part 1 of the GSP summary presentation to the Board. The presentation slides are attached to these minutes.

**11) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Ad Hoc Stakeholder Engagement Committee**

Directors Ayala said the committee is working the annual review of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and hopes to bring proposed revisions for Board consideration at the next meeting.

Public comments: None

## **12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Executive Director Bondy asked if the Board would like to have him present the second part of the of the GSP summary. Director Etchart said yes.

Director Tribo stated that Ventura is wrapping up the fish passage project in the Foster Park area. She wanted to know if the Board would like a summary on the project when it is done. Director Etchart said yes. The summary will likely be in November or December.

## **13) ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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

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

**B.Kuebler\_ J.Tribo \_\_ A.Anslem \_\_ E.Ayala\_\_ V.Crawford\_\_ P.Kaiser \_\_M.Etchart\_\_**