

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency was held at Foster Park , 37 Casitas Vista Road, Ventura, CA 93001 on Thursday, November 30, 2023. Chair Kaiser called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Pete Kaiser, Chair
Bruce Kuebler, Vice Chair
Arne Anselm, Secretary
Emily Ayala, Stakeholder Director
Vivon Crawford, Stakeholder Director (arrived at 1:10 p.m.)
James Kentosh, Member Director
Jenny Tribo, Member Director

Staff Present:

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director

Also present were approximately one dozen members of the public, including alternate directors Alma Quezada and Mary Bergen, and several Rincon Consultants, Inc. staff members.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chair Kaiser asked if there were any public comments.

No public comments were made.

4. AQUATIC GROUNDWATER DEPENDENT ECOSYSTEMS FIELD TRIP

An Aquatic Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE) field trip was conducted to provide information about UVRGA's Aquatic GDE monitoring programs that are being implemented in the Foster Park and Confluence aquatic habitat areas pursuant to the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

The field trip began with an oral presentation. Executive Director Bondy provided a brief background on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the UVRGA Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), and explained the need for the monitoring programs and how they fit into the GSP. Kiernan Brtalik, Rincon Consultants, Inc., described the monitoring components. The presentation handouts are available on the UVRGA website at <https://uvrgroundwater.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/UVRGA-Aquatic-GDE-Field-Trip-Handout.pdf>.

Following the oral presentation, the group walked to the bank of the Ventura River where Mr. Brtalik and the Executive Director answered various questions about the Foster Park Aquatic GDE, the monitoring program elements, and the GSP.

Following the question-and-answer session, the group drove to the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy Steelhead Preserve and walked to the bank of the Ventura River where Mr. Brtalik and the Executive Director answered various questions about the Confluence Aquatic GDE, the monitoring program elements, and the GSP.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Action: _____

Motion: _____

E. Ayala__ P. Kaiser__ J. Kentosh__ B. Kuebler__ J. Tribo__ A. Anselm __ V. Crawford__