

SAN MIGUEL COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2019

MEETING HELD AT DISTRICT OFFICES
1150 MISSION STREET
SAN MIGUEL, CA 93451

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Director Sangster – 6:00 P.M.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Director Kalvans
- III. **Roll Call:** Directors Present: Palafox, Sangster, Kalvans, Parent- *arrived at 6:44 P.M.*
Director Absent: Green
District Staff in attendance: Rob Roberson, Kelly Dodds, Tamara Parent
District Engineer, Blaine Reely
- IV. **Adoption of Special Meeting Agenda:**
Motion by Director Kalvans to adopt Meeting Agenda as presented.
Seconded by Director Sangster Motion was approved by vote of 3 AYES and 0 NOES 2 ABSENT.
- V. **Adjourn to closed session:** None
- VI. **Call to order out of closed session:** None
- VII. **Public Comment and Communications (for items not on the agenda):**
No Public Comment
- VIII. **Special Presentation/Public Hearing/Other:** None
- IX. **Staff & Committee Reports-** Receive & File: None
- X. **Consent Calendar:** 1.a Review and approve 04-28-2019 GSA Meeting Minutes

Motion by Director Kalvans to approve Consent calendar.

Seconded by Director Palafox. Motion was approved by Vote of 3 AYES and 0 NOES and 2 ABSENT.

The items listed below are scheduled for consideration as a group and one vote. Any Director or a member of the public may request an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to discuss or to change the recommended course of action. Unless an item is pulled for separate consideration by the Board, the following items are recommended for approval without further discussion.

XI. BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review, Discuss, Receive and File the Invoice #12 dated 03-31-19 (SM20190501-12) for payment for proportional share of the "Paso Robles Basin GSP" for \$2084.94 + \$3.64 = \$2088.58

Item presented by District Engineer Dr. Reely explaining that the District needs to approving invoice #12. Mr. Reely asked for any questions.

Board Comment: Director Kalvans asked what would happen if the Board did not approve the invoice? Dr. Reely explained that we did sign an agreement. Discussion ensued.

Director Sangster voiced that the agreement was a not to exceed, for clarification.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Director Palafox to Receive and File Invoice **SM20190501-12** for \$2088.58.

Seconded by Director Sangster, Motion was approved by Vote of 3 AYES and 0 NOES and 2 ABSENT.

2. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Update: The District Engineer will provide an update to the Board regarding the status of the DRAFT GSP and discuss several important issues that will require input from the Board. These issues include the following:

Item was presented by District Engineer Dr. Reely. Mr. Reely explained that this is an information item only. Dr. Reely summarized the big chapters 9-10 and any revisions from the past two weeks.

- Measurable Objectives and Minimum Thresholds as they relate to historic groundwater levels within the District boundaries and surrounding areas.
- How de-minimus groundwater users will be treated when the GSP is implemented.
- Management Actions that are currently identified in the DRAFT GSP which may be required in efforts to achieve basin sustainability.
- Projects that are currently identified in the DRAFT GSP which may be required in efforts to achieve basin sustainability.
- Possible organizational structures for future management of the basin and implementation of the GSP.
- Future potential costs and obligations by the San Miguel GSA for GSP implementation.

Board Comment: Director Sangster asked if this agreement will have any teeth. Dr. Reely explained that the Groundwater Sustainability Act is real, and the District is doing everything to become compliant. It was explained that Minimums users will be exempt but rural resident will have less than 2-acer feet per year, and bigger users will have a pumping fee. The management actions will be used to modify their behavior to see if the basin can be sustainable. If the Plan doesn't work, then there are provisions that will be implemented.

Director Sangster asked where the fees will go? Dr. Reely explained that for now it is only membership fees being collected. In the future it will provide for administration of the Groundwater Basin.

Blaine Reely Presented PowerPoint and asked for questions.

https://www.sanmiguelcsd.org/files/88aa719f0/SMGSA+Board+Presentation_May+21+2109.pdf

Director Sangster asked about Heritage Ranch being able to get out of the Paso Basin. Dr. Reely explained that they were able to prove that they are not in the Paso Basin.

Director Kalvans asked what happens if the group goes through the whole process and then says "no"? Dr. Reely explained that there is a comment periods for everyone to voice their changes and would recommends that any changes that he would like to see be voiced in the comment period. July 15th is the end of comment period for chapters 1-10, and that he feels that the San Miguel GSA needs to have a special workshop to go over Chapters 9-10.

Public Comment: Gilbert Buckman, San Miguel Resident asked if this will help San Miguel? Discussion ensued about the Groundwater Basin and the Steinbeck litigation.

Robin Chapin San Miguel Resident voiced that she had been attending the Basin meetings and asked the Board if they had been attending. Mrs. Chapin explained how important this was to everyone and asked that the Directors start attending the meetings. Director Parent and Director of Utilities attend all the basin meetings but feels that all directors should attend. Mrs. Chapin explained that she sees a lot for GSA's to do and doesn't know where the money will come from.

Board Comment: Director Kalvans voiced that elections are coming up for supervisors and feels that they will shoot the project down as a whole. Director Sangster asked about Page 5 and feels that the one well for monitoring is defiantly not enough data. Dr. Reely explained that they do understand that there is a data gap and is having discussions on bringing other wells. The 11 wells in the Basin that are representation due to public information.

Director Kalvans asked about where the 11 wells are? Dr. Reely explained that the are in the Salinas Reservoir. Director of Utilities Kelly Dodds

explained that they are talking to well owners to monitor their wells and publish the data, these are private homeowner wells. Director Kalvans asked why the San Marcos Creek was not on the list? Dr. Reely explained that he would find out. Discussion ensued about monitoring wells and the Monterey Basin.

XII. BOARD COMMENT: None

This section is intended as an opportunity for Board members to make brief announcements, request information from staff, request future agenda item(s) and/or report on their own activities related to District business. No action is to be taken until an item is placed on a future agenda.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:06 P.M