

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

**November 19, 2020**

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

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Director Sangster – 6:02 P.M.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Director Kalvans
- III. **Roll Call:** Directors Present: Sangster, Palafox, Kalvans  
Director Absent: Gregory; One Board Seat Vacant
- 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 1 ABSENT.
- V. **Adjourn to closed session:** None
- VI. **Call to order out of the 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 02-27-2020 GSA Meeting Minutes Page 5 motion 5/0 change to 4/0, and item 2 change to they.  
  
Motion by Director Sangster to approve the Consent Calendar, 1.a as amended  
  
Seconded by Director Palafox. Motion was approved by Vote of 3 AYES and 0 NOES and 1 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 Any Director or a member of the public may request an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to discuss or to change the recommended course of action.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.

1. **Review, Discuss and approve RESOLUTION 2020-01 proposal by GSI Water Solutions to prepare the Water Year 2020 GSP Annual Report for the Paso Robles Sub-basin in a cost-share amount not to exceed \$2,700 and authorize submission of the Annual Report by the SLO County Public Works Director.** Item presented by District Engineer Blaine Reely informed the Board of Directors that this item was to approve the 2020 GSP annual report for a cost-share amount not to exceed \$2,700. The City of Paso Robles has received a proposal from GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to prepare the Water Year 2020 GSP annual report. GSI Water Solutions, Inc. is the consultant that prepared the 2019 GSP annual report and is very familiar with the regulatory requirements associated with this effort. The GSA Cooperative Committee approved a recommended budget for the GSAs that included an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for consultant costs in connection with the next annual report; therefore, it is recommended that the Board authorize the District staff to pay invoices to the City of Paso Robles, in an amount not to exceed \$2,700, provided that the other GSAs similarly agree to pay their percentage share of said costs.

**Board Comment:** Director Kalvans asked, what purchasing policies would be followed? Dr. Reely Explained that it will have the same Terms and Conditions as the last contract for 2019, with no reimbursement of travel expenses or food expenses.

**Public Comment:** None

Motion by Director Sangster to approve RESOLUTION 2020-01 proposal by GSI Water Solutions to prepare the Water Year 2020 GSP Annual Report for the Paso Robles Sub-basin in a cost-share amount not to exceed \$2,700 and authorize submission of the Annual Report by the SLO County Public Works Director.

Seconded by Director Kalvans, Motion was approved by Vote of 3 AYES and 0 NOES and 1 ABSENT and 1 VACANCY.

2. **Authorize the Interim General Manager, or Designee, by RESOLUTION 2020-02 to apply to The California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Implementation – Round 1 for the upgrade and expansion of the District’s Machado Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) and the construction of a new recycled water (“purple pipe”) distribution system (or a component thereof).**

Item was presented by Dr. Reely informing the Board of Directors that The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has issued a Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for the implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Funding for the program will be from the

Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Implementation Grants using funds authorized by the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68). These funds can be used for eligible projects that address drought and groundwater challenges to achieve regional sustainability for investments in groundwater recharge projects with surface water, stormwater, recycled water, and other conjunctive use projects. On October 22, 2020, the Board authorized the Interim General Manager to execute a contract with Monsoon Consultant, to prepare a grant application for the District that meets the Prop 68 GSP Implementation Grant Program. A requirement of the Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) is that the applicant must provide an adopted resolution that has been adopted by the applicant's governing body designating an authorized representative to submit the application and execute an agreement with the State of California for the SGM Implementation – Round 1 or SGM Implementation – Round 2 grant application. Dr. Reely asked for approval of the said resolution.

**Board Comment:** Director Sangster asked if there was a specific place in the grant application to attach support letters? Dr. Reely explained that yes, and the GSA Cooperative Committee is in full support of San Miguel's application.

Director Kalvans asked if it would be a benefit to asks for support letters from wine groups. Discussion ensued. Dr. Reely thanked Director Kalvans for his idea and would reach out to wine groups.

Director Sangster asked when the application was due, and when it would be awarded. Dr. Reely explained that the application is due on January 8, 2021, and should be awarded in spring 2021.

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Seconded by Director Kalvans, Motion was approved by Vote of 3 AYES and 0 NOES and 1 ABSENT and 1 VACANCY.

- XII. BOARD COMMENT:** Director Kalvans questioned how the other GSA's are performing to maintain the Groundwater basin. Dr. Reely voiced that at the last meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> and is the first time that there has been some pushing for action. The Shandon-San Juan is pushing for water neutrality, Title 22, and want something put in place. They are getting resistance from the County, but they are becoming more proactive. Director Kalvans feels that it would be in the best interest of the District to have their own Title 22 in place. Dr. Reely explained that the Director of Utilities Kelly Dodds has conceptualized the program for groundwater replenishment credits for recycled water. Discussant ensued about how the credits can be used or sold.

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 activities related to District business. No action is to be taken until an item is placed on a future agenda.

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:20 P.M.**