

A meeting of the GFWD was opened in person and telephonically on August 21, 2023 at 1:35 PM.

PRESENT: In person: Michael Naito, Seth Kirk, Paul Stewart, Diane Kirk, Nick Davis, and Don Roberts

Call-in: Tom Campagne; Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC: Present: Wyatt Emmert - Landowner, Lakhwinder Brar - Landowner

Call-in: Will Gleason

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2023 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. GSA/GSP (SGMA): Garth and Don reported on the Subbasin meeting with the Point of Contact to discuss having a mediator meet with the Group. POC Davis felt there was a strong possibility of obtaining a Grant to pay for mediation costs. POC to follow up and update group.

Garth reported the Merced Basin received approval with conditions of the following:

- Domestic Well Program
- Monitoring Subsidence
- Time Line for proposed projects

These items seem to be the same for everyone

Garth is collecting well information from State, but has to wait for the data entry and a new access process for this information.

5. WATER SUPPLY: Don reported the District has taken approximately 18,800 AF between January 18th through our shut off on August 5th. The District has paid \$640,600+ to date for water.
6. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Don said he will coordinate with Nick on the pipeline leak issue with CalWest Rain to not interfere with harvest. Seth will get an estimate from Matthews on cleaning the Gravelly Ford Canal and areas at the weirs.
7. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: There was no meeting in July. Next meeting is next Monday. Items will be
 - Bylaws review
 - Appointment of Financial Agent for payments and billing
 - Election of Vice Chair
 - Project updates.
8. ANNEXATION REQUEST: No update on annexation criteria.
9. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: Garth is almost finished with Annual Update for submittal to Bureau.

10. PROP "218": Garth estimated the cost for the "218" process outlined for the 3 funding areas would be slightly higher than the previous "218" process because of complexity. Estimated cost is \$27,000. Garth was directed to proceed so the process can be completed in time to get data to County prior to August 1, 2024.

Board was advised the funding amounts would be their decision to make after the staff proposed options and recommendations. Board thought the water purchase component should use 5,000 AF as a base line and with water being available every 3 to 4 years and best "guess" for Bureau costs.

11. SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING: (a) After discussion and upon a motion by N Davis and a second by P Stewart to cancel the September Board meeting was unanimously approved by the Board.

(b) The Board directed Don to pay the September Bills as needed as a result of the September Board meeting cancellation.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the August 21, 2023 bills, the August 21, 2023 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the August 2023 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2021, 2022 and 2023. On a motion by M Naito and a second by P Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the July bills in the amount of \$150,376.66.

13. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT: Staff was advised that in event issues required a call-in meeting could be scheduled with the required notification time sequence.

Don reported he had been contacted by Ralph Pistoresi to discuss possible intent in formation of a JPA for the Madera Subbasin White Area. The Board felt that more official information would be needed before any evaluation of such an inquiry could be made.

14. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

15. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:40 PM.
Next scheduled meeting is changed to October 16, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option. A Special Meeting could be called if warranted.

Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer