

A meeting of the GFWD Board was opened in person and telephonically on April 15, 2024 at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT: In person: Michael Naito, Seth Kirk, Nick Davis, Paul Stewart, and Don Roberts
CALL-IN: Tom Campagne, Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting, Keasha Blew - QK Consulting
ABSENT: Diane Kirk
PUBLIC: Stephen Dota
PUBLIC CALL-IN:

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by P Stewart and a second by N Davis, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2024 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. GSA/GSP (SGMA):
 - (a) Garth reported the Annual Report had been filed with the POC and then to DWR.
 - (b) Garth reported QK working on 5 year Update. High priority concerns by DWR are
 - (i) domestic well mitigation agreement by the GSA's in the Madera Subbasin
 - (ii) subsidence within the subbasin
 - (iii) water quality sampling in representative wellsUpon a motion by P Stewart and a second by M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to authorize entering into a contract with QK Inc for completing the 5 year GF/GSP update and approving the General Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the GF District/GSA
 - (c) Garth reported QK was preparing the WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grant Application for funding in Fiscal Year 2025.

Upon a motion by N Davis and a second by M Naito, the Board approved Resolution No. 2024-02 for the WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grant Application and Financial Support for the GFWD Automated SCADA Water Control Gate Design for Funding in Fiscal Year 2025 by the following vote:
AYES: Directors N Davis, M Naito, P Stewart, S Kirk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: D Kirk
5. WATER SUPPLY: The Bureau is proposing 15% CI 2 water if and when at the April 12th meeting. The Bureau has made 400 AF of URF water available to GF on _____ that has to be taken by May 5th. Don advised he committed the District to this supply. The cost of the water is \$23.00/Acre Foot which is \$7.15/AF cheaper than CI 2. The criteria is once committed for the URF, the user is obligated to pay for it even if it is not taken. The District currently has a contract with the Bureau for URF water through the 2024 water year. We started taking water on April 9th at 10cfs for recharge.
6. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION CONTRACT FOR UNRELEASED RESTORATION FLOWS FOR THE 2024-2027 CONTRACT WATER YEAR PERIOD: the Bureau (United States of America) has proposed a new contract for Unreleased Restoration Flows for the 2024 Water Period. Water under this contract will have a sliding scale on cost of water (current water costs for 2024 will be \$23.00 / Acre Foot).

Upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by N Davis, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2024-01 for the Contract for Sale of Unreleased Restoration Flows for 2024-2027 Water Years and authorized the President and Secretary to execute the Contract by the following vote:

AYES: Directors N Davis, M Naito, P Stewart, S Kirk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D Kirk

7. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Finished clearing the pond area of weeds.
8. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: Highlights of March meeting:
 - Update of projects
 - Still awaiting a response from the State A.G.'s office
 - Still working on obtaining a financial agent.
9. PROP "218": Discussion on keeping current Prop "218" in place and proposing a second Prop "218" for (a) Water Purchases, (b) Operations & Maintenance Costs, (c) Local share of funding required with some grants.
The Board consensus was to propose a "New Prop 218" with a maximum cap of \$90/acre If the landowners concur with this proposal, then the current Prop "218" with a cap of \$30/acre would be ended. The "New Prop 218" would be the only Prop 218 Tax /Assessment that would be collected.

Upon a motion by N Davis and a second by P Stewart, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2024-03 Resolution of the Board of Directors of Gravelly Ford Water District and the Gravelly Ford Groundwater Sustainability Agency Authorizing Engineering Firm's Preparation of Preliminary Report for a Prop "218" Election by the following vote:

AYES: Directors N Davis, M Naito, P Stewart, S Kirk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: D Kirk

10. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the April 15, 2024 bills, the April 15, 2024 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the April 2024 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2022, 2023 and 2024. On a motion by N Davis and a second by M Naito, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the April bills in the amount of \$22,336.42.
11. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT:
12. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:47 PM.
Next scheduled meeting is May 20, 2024 at 1:30 PM at O'Neill Farm Management Office. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option.

**GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01**

CONTRACT FOR SALE OF UNRELEASED RESTORATION FLOWS

WHEREAS, Gravelly Ford Water District desires to enter into a Contract for Unreleased Restoration Flows with the United States of America for the 2024-2027 Water Period Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Contract is for the Unreleased Restoration Flows as provided pursuant to the stipulation of Settlement in Natural Resources Defense Council, et.al., v Kirk Rogers, et. al., and the SJRRSA; and


WHEREAS, the Contract will remain in effect through February 28, 2028; and

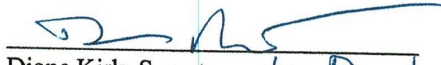
WHEREAS, this Contract for the Sale of Unreleased Restoration Flows requires the signature of the President and Secretary of the Gravelly Ford Water District,

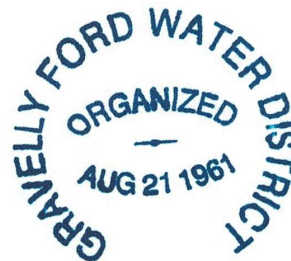
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District does hereby authorize the President and Secretary of this District to sign such Contract for Unreleased Restoration Flows between the United States and the Gravelly Ford Water District.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District at the meeting of April 15, 2024 upon motion of Director N. Davis seconded by Director P. Stewart upon the following vote:

AYES: Directors N. Davis, P. Stewart, M. Naito, S. Kirk
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: D. Kirk


Seth Kirk, President


Diane Kirk, Secretary by Deputy Secretary Don Roberts



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned duly appointed Deputy Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-01 adopted April 15, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 15th day of April, 2024.


Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary



**GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAVELLY FORD
WATER DISTRICT APPROVING THE WATER SMART PLANNING AND
PROJECT DESIGN GRANT APPLICATION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR
THE GFWD AUTOMATED SCADA WATER CONTROL GATE DESIGN FOR
FUNDING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025.**

WHEREAS, the Gravelly Ford Water District and its member land owners must optimize the use of the limited surface water resources allocated by United States Bureau of Reclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Gravelly Ford Water District and its member land owners seek to install automated radial gate on the existing weirs in order to maximize water use efficiency, target groundwater recharge, and maximize both irrigation and flood surface water supplies from the Central Valley Project (CVP); and


WHEREAS, the Central Valley Project is a United States Bureau of Reclamation associated multi-purpose water project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAVELLY FORD
WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS
FOLLOWS:**

1. Gravelly Ford Water District has authorized that an application be submitted pursuant to the Bureau of Reclamation's **WaterSMART Grants: Planning and Project Design Grant Funding Opportunity Number R23AS00109** for the design of the GFWD Automated SCADA Water Control Gate Design Project for the purpose of maximizing water use efficiency, targeting groundwater recharge, and maximizing both irrigation and flood surface water supplies from the Central Valley Project (CVP).
 2. If selected for said grant, the Gravelly Ford Water District is financially capable and agrees to provide in-kind and cash funding towards this project as detailed in the grant application and will work closely with the Bureau of Reclamation to successfully complete the design of the project.
 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.
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The foregoing Resolution 2024-02 was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District at the meeting of April 15, 2024 upon motion of Director N. Davis, seconded by Director M. Naito upon the following vote:

AYES: Directors N. Davis, M. Naito, P. Stewart, S. Kirk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: D. Kirk


Seth Kirk, President


Diane Kirk, Secretary
by Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary



CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified Deputy Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District; that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-02, duly and regularly adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District duly and regularly called and held at the offices of the District on the 15th day of April, 2024 at which a quorum of said Board of Directors was present and acting; that said Resolution as so adopted was duly entered in the minute book of said District and the same has not since been revoked, rescinded, altered, amended, modified or changed and is now in full force and effect.

Date: 04/15/2024


Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary

**GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAVELLY FORD WATER
DISTRICT AND THE GRAVELLY FORD GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING FIRM'S PREPARATION OF
PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR A PROP "218" ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Gravelly Ford Water District is required to comply with California State Sustainability Groundwater Management Act for a Groundwater Sustainable Agency with a Groundwater Sustainable Plan; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of such GSA/GSP process requires extraordinary expenses initially and each year thereafter to be expended by the District for further expert reports, administration, data collection, and report filing in Sacramento about water use, ground water elevations, ground subsidence elevations, and participation in the Madera Ground Water Subbasin Cooperative Agreement (with Madera County, City of Madera, New Stone Water District, Root Creek Water District, Madera Irrigation District and Madera Water District) and other Sustainability Act cost items, including expert witnesses, engineering reports, attorneys' fees, and possible litigation costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District and the Gravelly Ford Groundwater Sustainability Agency have ascertained the requirement for additional funding to provide the aforementioned extraordinary expenses for: 1) Water Purchases, 2) Operations and Maintenance of District Facilities, 3) the District's local share of Grant Funded Improvement Projects, 4) capital projects; and

WHEREAS BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval and implementation of this circa 2024 Prop "218" Tax Assessment Prop 26 Election by a vote of landowners within the Gravelly Ford Water District and Gravelly Ford GSA, the circa 2019 Prop "218" Tax Assessments/Prop 26 which was authorized by GFWD's Amended (Errata Correction) Resolution No. 2019-05 and approved by Resolution No. 2019-08 will be terminated; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed to attain the funds to cover these costs by assessing lands within the District on a "per acre" basis, based on benefits received; and

WHEREAS, California Proposition "218" requires that such assessments be approved by a vote of landowners within the Gravelly Ford Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition "218" Tax Assessment/Prop 26 Election process requires the

preparation of a Preliminary Engineer's Report that establishes the benefits and costs associated to each parcel within the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District that the Board does hereby authorize engineers Quad Knopf Inc. (dba QK) to prepare the Preliminary Engineer's Report and other matters so as to affect a Prop 218 Tax Assessment/Prop 26 Election that will collect funds to cover initial and annual expenses for various SGMA as well as related matters for the District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum assessment per acre be initially established at a maximum "cap" of \$90 per acre (plus only COLA increases) per year (with the exact assessment amount within that cap amount each year to be set by the Board annually) to reflect the above described budget amounts reasonably needed or anticipated. Any proposed cost increases after maintaining the \$90 per acre cap for at least 5 years, would require an additional election process.

The foregoing Resolution No 2024-03 was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District at the meeting of April 15, 2024 upon the motion of Director N. Davis and seconded by Director P Stewart with the following vote:

AYES:	Directors P Stewart, S Kirk, M Naito, N Davis
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	D Kirk
ABSTAIN:	None

Seth Kirk, President

Diane Kirk, Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Deputy Secretary of the Board of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-03 adopted April 15, 2024.

Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary