

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

PRESENT: In person: Paul Stewart, Michael Naito, Nick Davis, Diane Kirk, Don Roberts
CALL-IN: Tom Campagne, Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting, Keasha Blew - QK Consulting
ABSENT: Seth Kirk
PUBLIC: Steve Bolderoff, Levi Bolderoff, Stacia Bolderoff
PUBLIC CALL-IN: None

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (a) On a motion by D Kirk and a second by N Davis, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2024 were unanimously approved as emailed.
(b) On a motion by N Davis and a second by M Naito, the corrected minutes of May 28, 2024 Continuation of the May 20, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. TIMED ITEM - PROPOSITION "218" - 2024 PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS at 1:40 PM:
 - (i) VP Paul Stewart Opened the Public Hearing at 1:40 PM
Public Present in Person: Steve Bolderoff, Levi Bolderoff, and Stacia Bolderoff
Public Call-in Telephonically: None
VP Stewart asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak for or against the Proposed Proposition "218" Assessment under consideration. There was no response for anyone on the telephonic audience. The Bolderoffs had numerous question about the costs to their property, how money would be spent, the need for additional funds over the previous Prop "218" Assessment. The Board members and staff provided information on the several issues raised by the Bolderoffs.
After the public discussion was over, VP Stewart again asked "was there anyone who wanted to speak for or against the Prop "218" Assessment Proposal". No one spoke either for or against the issue.
 - (ii) Receipt of Official Ballots:
VP Stewart called for any additional Ballots to be presented. There were six individual Ballots and 1 Ballot envelope presented.
 - (iii) VP Stewart closed the Public Hearing at 2:18 PM.
 - (iv) Counting of Official Ballots:
The 2024 Prop "218" Election Ballots were given to designated Neutral Observers Roy Catania and Stephen Dotta for an Official Count. (All Ballot envelopes received by mail or at the meeting were unopened when given to the neutral observers).
At 3:24 PM, S Dotta and R Catania advised the Board of the results of the 2024 Prop "218" Ballot Count for the 8,297.95 votes as follows:

YES	NO	NOT RECEIVED
4,790.76	144.57	3,362.62
 - (v) Resolution No. 2024-06 Certification of the Prop "218" Ballot Results:
After discussion and upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by N Davis, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2024-06 Certifying that the Proposition "218" Assessment Election was approved by a majority of the Ballots cast and that Proposition "218" Ballot Process/Prop26 Election be implemented immediately by the following vote:
AYES: Directors P Stewart, N Davis, M Naito, D Kirk
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director S Kirk
ABSTAIN: None

(v-b i) Resolution No. 2024-07 - Establishing Special Benefit Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

After discussion and upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by N Davis, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2024-07 Establishing Special Benefit Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$41.18 per acre by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director S Kirk

ABSTAIN: None

(v-b ii) Resolution No. 2024-08 - Resolution No. 2024-08 Rescinding the Action of Resolution 2024, and Superseding the Actions and Authorizations of GFWD Resolutions 2019-05 Amended (Errata Corrected) and 2019-08 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and for the future. After discussion and upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by N Davis, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2024-08 which does declare the actions and authorizations of the Prop "218" Tax Assessment/Prop 26 as approved by attached GFWD Resolutions No. 2019-05 Amended (Errata Corrected), Resolution No. 2019-08 and Resolution No. 2024-04 are hereby terminated for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and for the future by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director S Kirk

ABSTAIN: None

* * Resolutions 2024-06, 2024-07 and 2024-08 - Sent as separate items

5. GSA/GSP (SGMA):

Garth reviewed the attached written update report

(i) Subbasin Technical Group Meeting regularly to deal with the 5-year Plan update.

(ii) Conduct water quality samples this year

(iii) Coordination Agreement - Needs to be an Amendment to deal with the December 2024 ending date of the current Agreement - Options are simple to complex - just extend existing to a major rewrite.

(iv) Interconnected Surface Water - draft Documents on an MOU for Basin USBR and FWA.

6. WATER SUPPLY 2024: Bureau has reduced CI 1 allocation from 100% to 90% and CI 2 supply remains at zero.

7. WATER MANAGEMENT: Garth reported Grant application submitted to Bureau July 8, 2024.

8. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report.

9. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: Next meeting June 22nd - in person and Zoom. Items of interest:

- Update on projects
- Authorized a contract with City of Madera to handle the finances for the Group
- Chowchilla Management Zone - gave results for all the domestic well testing being done in the area

10. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the July 15, 2024 bills, the July 15, 2024 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the July 2024 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2022, 2023 and 2024. On a motion by M Naito and a second by N Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the July bills in the amount of \$24,881.94.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Letter from Newman-Romano requesting consideration of District's Sphere of Influence Modification and Annexation of Ripperdan Ranch parcels adjacent to GFWD. Don advised this will be on the Agenda for August meeting. Attached to minutes.
- (b) Local Agency Biennial Notice - Conflict of Interest Code. Don had advised the District to update its Code two years ago. This will be an August Agenda item. Attached to minutes.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT:

- (a) Don reported that the attached July 1, 2024 memo was provided to landowners and interested parties on the Prop "218' Process and Public Hearing letter.
- (b) The Bureau of Reclamation has advised a 2023 Water Year Audit will be scheduled in August

12. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 3:28 PM by VP P Stewart.
The next scheduled meeting is August 19, 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.

Diane Kirk, Secretary/Treasurer

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NEWMAN~ROMANO

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June 28, 2024

Gravelly Ford Water District
Board of Directors
c/o Don Roberts
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U.S. Mail & Email

Re: **Sphere of Influence Modification and Annexation of Ripperdan Ranch**

President and Boardmembers:

G3 Enterprises, Inc. ("G3") desires to annex into the Gravelly Ford Water District ("GFWD") the approximately 813-acre portion of its Ripperdan Ranch, Madera County APNs 040-055-001 and 040-056-012, that is not currently within the boundaries of the GFWD. This property is located just east of Road 20 and south of Avenue 7 and is immediately adjacent to the GFWD on its eastern boundary. The Ripperdan Ranch consists of a total of approximately 2,616 acres of planted ground, of which approximately 1,803 acres are already annexed into the GFWD.

We understand that to accomplish this annexation, we need to be included into the GFWD sphere of influence (SOI) and can then annex into the District. We hope the District looks favorably on this request. We are prepared to take any necessary actions to move this project forward as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please let me know.

Very truly yours,


David O. Romano, P.E.

DOR: sdr
Cc: Parm Dhaliwal, GVI (via email)

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2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice

Name of Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone No. _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

Accurate disclosure is essential to monitor whether officials have conflicts of interest and to help ensure public trust in government. The biennial review examines current programs to ensure that the agency's code includes disclosure by those agency officials who make or participate in making governmental decisions.

This agency has reviewed its conflict of interest code and has determined that (check one BOX):

An amendment is required. The following amendments are necessary:

(Check all that apply.)

- Include new positions
- Revise disclosure categories
- Revise the titles of existing positions
- Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions
- Other (describe) _____

The code is currently under review by the code reviewing body.

No amendment is required. (If your code is over five years old, amendments may be necessary.)

Verification (to be completed if no amendment is required)

This agency's code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions. The disclosure assigned to those positions accurately requires that all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding designated positions are reported. The code includes all other provisions required by Government Code Section 87302.

Signature of Chief Executive Officer

Date

All agencies must complete and return this notice regardless of how recently your code was approved or amended. Please return this notice no later than **October 1, 2024**, or by the date specified by your agency, if earlier, to:

(PLACE RETURN ADDRESS OF CODE REVIEWING BODY HERE)

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FPPC.

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FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

2024 Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Notice Instructions for Local Agencies

The Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its conflict of interest code biennially. A conflict of interest code tells public officials, governmental employees, and consultants what financial interests they must disclose on their Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).

By **July 1, 2024**: The code reviewing body must notify agencies and special districts within its jurisdiction to review their conflict of interest codes.

By **October 1, 2024**: The biennial notice must be filed with the agency's code reviewing body.

The FPPC has prepared a 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice form for local agencies to complete or send to agencies within its jurisdiction to complete before submitting to the code reviewing body. The City Council is the code reviewing body for city agencies. The County Board of Supervisors is the code reviewing body for county agencies and any other local government agency whose jurisdiction is determined to be solely within the county (e.g., school districts, including certain charter schools). The FPPC is the code reviewing body for any agency with jurisdiction in **more than one county** and will contact them.

The Local Agency Biennial Notice is not forwarded to the FPPC.

If amendments to an agency's conflict of interest code are necessary, the amended code must be forwarded to the code reviewing body for approval within 90 days. An agency's amended code is not effective until it has been approved by the code reviewing body.

If you answer yes, to any of the questions below, your agency's code probably needs to be amended.

- Is the current code more than five years old?
- Have there been any substantial changes to the agency's organizational structure since the last code was approved?
- Have any positions been eliminated or re-named since the last code was approved?
- Have any new positions been added since the last code was approved?
- Have there been any substantial changes in duties or responsibilities for any positions since the last code was approved?

If you have any questions or are still not sure if you should amend your agency's conflict of interest code, please contact the FPPC. Additional information including an online webinar regarding how to amend a conflict of interest code is available on [FPPC's website](#).

