

A meeting of the GFWD Board was opened in person and telephonically on June 17, 2024 at 1:34 PM.

PRESENT: In person: Michael Naito, Nick Davis, Diane Kirk, Don Roberts, and Garth Pecchenino -

**QK Consulting** 

CALL-IN: Paul Stewart, Tom Campagne, Keasha Blew - QK Consulting

ABSENT: Seth Kirk PUBLIC: None

PUBLIC CALL-IN: Mark Peters

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by N Davis and a second by M Naito, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2024 and the May 28, 2024 Continuation of May 20, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved as emailed.
- 3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
- 4. GSA/GSP (SGMA):
  - (a) Garth reported the Subbasin Technical Group met to discuss the 5-year Plan Update. Reviewed the response in the Plan approval from DWR outlined as items for the 5-year Update.
    - Groundwater Model
    - Coordination Agreement Amendments
    - Domestic Well Mitigation
    - Subsidence

Garth working on Water Budget and maintaining a balance.

(b) Proposition "218" Special Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Don explained that Resolution 2024-03 Amended (Errata Corrected) provides that upon approval of the 2024 Prop "218" Tax Assessment, Prop 26 the Amended (Errata Correction) Resolution No 2019-05 and approved by Resolution No 2019-08 will be terminated. The Madera County time line for providing the FY 2024-25 Assessment data requires the District to proceed with establishing the rate at this time in the event the 2024 prop "218" Ballot results do not authorize the new rate structure. In the event the current Ballot authories the new rate, there will be a Resolution at the July 15, 2024 meeting authorizing the termination of the Assessment rate established by Resolution No 2024-04.

Upon a mothion by N Davis and a second by M Naito, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No 2024-04 Establishing Special Benefit Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$29.52 per acre by the following vote:

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

NOES: None ABSENT: S Kirk ABSTAIN: None

(c) WaterSMART Small Scale Water Efficiency Grant application and Financial Support fo the GFWD Agricultural Well Metering Program for Funding in Fiscal Year 2025 (Same as Agenda Item 7 - WATER MANAGEMENT).

Garth indicated there could be a minor environmental review cost for a Mitigated Negative Declaration. After discussion and upon a motion by M Naito and a second by D Kirk, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No 2024-05 authorizing the WaterSMART Grant Application for Agricultural Well Meters by the following vote:

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

NOES: None ABSENT: S Kirk ABSTAIN: None



5. PROP "218" WORKSHOP 2:00 PM:

PRESENT: In person: M Naito, N Davis, D Kirk, D Roberts, and G Pecchenino - QK

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CALL-IN: P Stewart, K Blew - QK Consulting

PUBLIC CALL-IN: Mark Peters

Don advised that Madera County Farm Bureau sent a "Notice of the GFWD 218 Workshop" to their email list. Don sent a notice with correspondence to GFWD landowners, farm managers and GF email list of interested parties.

Garth P of QK Consulting provided the attached handout which outlines the Proposed Prop "218" Election.

After the Workshop presentation by Garth P, the forum was opened for questions. No additional information was requested and the Workshop was closed.

- 6. WATER SUPPLY: CI 2 water officially ends on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Zero allocation thereafter. Pumps had been shut off previously due to low flows in River.
- 7. WATER MANAGEMENT: See Item 4(c) above.
- 8. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Don reported there had been a glitch in the new recorder controls.

  Don checked and did not find anything visible, but reset the breakers in the control panel which fixed the problem.
- 9. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: No May meeting as date was on Memorial Day. June meeting will be next Monday in person 8:00 AM at Madera County Water Resources Conference Room. Main items:
  - Obtain a financial agent
  - Vote on membership for Coarsegold RCD and Madera-Chowchilla RCD
  - Update on projects
- 10. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the June 17 2024 bills, the June 17, 2024 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the June 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 June bills in the amount of \$36,093.96.
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT:
- 12. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
- 13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:11 PM by VP P Stewart.

  The next scheduled meeting is July 15, 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	