

**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024**

The Finance Committee of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EC GSA) met in Regular Session on Monday, April 1, 2024 in the Board Room of the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority*, 541 “H” Street, City of Los Banos, County of Merced, State of California. The following persons participated:

The following persons were present:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES: Chris Cardella (via teleconference), Chris White, and Jeff Bryant (via teleconference)

OTHERS: Joann White, SJRECWA Director of Finance & Administration and Steve Chedester, SJRECWA Director of Policy & Programs

CALL TO ORDER

Chris White called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m. and reported there were no proposed changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2023
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Following presentation of the unapproved minutes, a motion was made by Chris Cardella and seconded by Jeff Bryant to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**BUDGET COMPARISONS, CASH ACTIVITY REPORTS AND EXPENDITURE LISTS
DECEMBER, 2023; JANUARY – MARCH, 2024**

Joann White explained that since the last meeting covered information through November 2023, she would be presenting two separate packets. The first report includes the month of December 2023 which discloses the end of the year 2023 cash balance and the budget revenue versus expenses. Next, she outlined the current year’s budget with revenue and expenses from January through March 2024, and the cash balance at the end of March.

Following the report, a motion was made by Jeff Bryant and seconded by Chris Cardella to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

SGMA Coordinated Cost Increases. Staff will Present Increase in Coordinated Costs from San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) and Impact on Dues

Chris White reviewed a matrix outlining expenses from SLDMWA for the remainder of the year. He explained that these expenses had not been considered in the development of the 2024 budget and reviewed the spreadsheet that shows the current cash flow, timing of budgeted expenses and revenue, and that by adding the SLDMWA expenses, it will cause a deficit in cash flow by mid-April. He then referred to the next spreadsheet which calls for an additional \$150,000 to the second quarter dues for a total of \$205,000, and an additional call to the third quarter dues of \$80,000 for a total of \$135,000. In doing so, depending on the cash flow by the end of September, a reduction of \$45,000 to the fourth quarter dues may be supported. In conclusion, Mr. White said that grant funds of \$106,667 are to be received to offset some of these costs but those funds are not expected until the first of 2025.

The Committee members agreed to the increase in the second and third quarter assessments, and to revisit the cash flow before fourth quarter dues are issued. Staff was directed to send out the second quarter dues for immediate payment by the member entities.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01 – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ANNUAL STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Upon presenting Resolution No. 2024-01, a motion was made by Jeff Bryant and seconded by Chris Cardella to recommend approval of Resolution No 2024-01 to Adopt Annual Statement of Investment Policy to the Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

A review of the Financial Statements was provided. No questions and/or comments were presented. The matter will be brought before the Board on April 5th.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

CHRIS CARDELLA

JEFF BRYANT

CHRIS WHITE