FRAZIER PARK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT 4020 Park Drive, P.O. Box 1525, Frazier Park, Ca. 93225 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017 6:00 PM

Gipson/Kelling 4/0/1 - Director Garcia abstain Minutes Approved on August 10, 2017

- 1. Call to Order: 6:02pm.
 - a. Pledge to the Flag.
 - b. Roll Call of Directors: Gipson, Kelling, and Schoenberg Director Garcia absent.
 Director Neyman present as the chairperson.
 Also present: Jonnie Allison, and Tiffany Matte.

Members of Krista Mutual Water Company, Lake of the Woods Mutual Water Company, and Lebec County Water District were also in attendance.

2. Conference Call Regarding Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) with:

Amanda Peisch-Derby, P.E.
Senior Engineer, W.R.
California Department of Water Resources

Mark Norberg, GSA Project Manager Senior Engineering Geologist California Department of Water Resources

Mark Norberg was unable to be on the conference call. Ms. Peisch-Derby gave an overview of SGMA and how it related to the FPPUD. The District is located in a low priority basin, and therefore not subject to the act, which governs medium and high priority basins. It is encouraged, however, that low priority basins form a GSA and implement a GSP, but there is no deadline to do so.

Development of a GSP is very costly, averaging over \$1 million per basin. Getting grant funding for a low priority basin will be very difficult, because preference is given to high and medium priority basins. Once a GSP is developed and approved by DWR, power and authority is then given to the GSA to implement the plan. An option for the FPPUD is to develop a Groundwater Management Plan. This is a less expensive option, and a good way to start management of the basin.

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In regard to the GSA that is in development in the adjoining basin, there would be no way for the FPPUD to have a seat at the table, since the District is not located within the boundaries of the basin. Written into SGMA, however, is the need for those developing a plan to engage with anyone who is a stakeholder in an adjacent basin, or who could be negatively impacted as a result of the GSP. There is also the option of drafting an interbasin agreement between the connecting basins.

Ms. Peisch-Derby also explained that Bulletin 118 is a publication DWR puts out to identify the groundwater basins in alluvial areas. The boundaries are usually divided up based on geological features and connectivity. In order to determine prioritization, there is a formulation used based on many factors including population, and water usage. In order to change boundaries and priority, there are processes in place for requesting a basin modification and/or basin reprioritization, but only during an open period. The next open period will be this fall/winter. Once the decisions are made for basins that requested modifications, then the DWR will do another reprioritization. If population and water use has not changed for the local basins, then the priority will not change either.

The Boards in attendance discussed compiling data on water levels in a spreadsheet that could be shared between water companies. In this way, any changes can be documented should anyone be over pumping out of the aquifer. That information can then be shared with DWR as they conduct their reviews of the GSP.

3. Discussion/Possible Vote on Forming a Groundwater Sustainability Authority (GSA) / Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

The Board discussed the option of a Groundwater Management Plan, but it is still very expensive. In the meantime, the current SGMA ad hoc committee can attend informational meetings as well as the meetings with Tejon-Castac. Local districts will work on compiling their well data to make sure water levels are remaining steady.

4. Discussion/Vote on Future Agenda Items.

Regular Planning Meeting July 27, 2017.

Regular Meeting August 10, 2017.

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5. Adjournment.

Motion: Move that we adjourn.

Kelling/Gipson 4/0/0, Motion Passed - Director Garcia absent.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:51pm.

At every special meeting, the legislative body shall provide the public with an opportunity to address the body on any item described in the notice before or during consideration of the item. (Brown Act Code Sec 54954.3(a)).

Tiffany Matte, Clerk of the Board

Attest: Rebecca Gipson, Secretary

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