

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST TULARE COUNTY WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

July 2, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Tulare County Water Resource Management Authority met in the second floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at the hour of 12:00 P.M.

Matthew Hurley presided and Deanna Jackson kept the Minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Ceil Howe III
Kayode Kadara
Matthew Hurley

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauren Layne – Baker, Manock and Jensen
Denise Kadara
Deanna Jackson

Director Matthew Hurley called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M. and asked the public for comment. There being no public comment, Director Hurley asked whether there were additions or deletions to the Agenda. None was noted.

ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was the Review of Proposed Engagement Letter from Baker, Manock and Jensen, presented by Lauren Layne, for services as JPA general counsel. On the motion of Director Matthew Hurley and second of Director Ceil Howe III, the Board voted to retain Lauren Layne as the Authority's general counsel. (3-0-0)
2. This item was the review and/or Adoption of the Proposed By-Laws of the JPA for organizational consistency and governance. Authority Counsel Layne presented a draft of the By-Laws for review. Director Kayode Kadara asked for clarification regarding eminent domain and its uses. There was a general discussion of the proposed By-Laws and it was decided no action would be taken until the next meeting, in order to give the directors time to review the draft.
3. This item was a General discussion of Purposes and Proposed Action Plans for Future Authority Activities. Director Hurley discussed the purpose and general plans for moving the newly formed JPA forward. There was a discussion regarding dropping "West" from the Southwest portion of Southwest Tulare County Water Resource Management Authority name and/or adding "Regional." The possible renaming of the JPA to be: South Tulare County Regional Water Resource Management Authority. The creation of a separate email for the Authority was also discussed. It was proposed that meetings be held bi-monthly. No formal action was taken, discussion to continue next meeting.

The Directors considered the filling of the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary / Treasurer. On the motion of Director Kayode Kadara and the second of Ceil Howe III, the Board voted to appoint Deanna Jackson as Secretary / Treasurer. (3-0-0) Matthew Hurley was appointed as Chairman and Kayode Kadara accepted the position of Vice Chairman. (3-0-0)

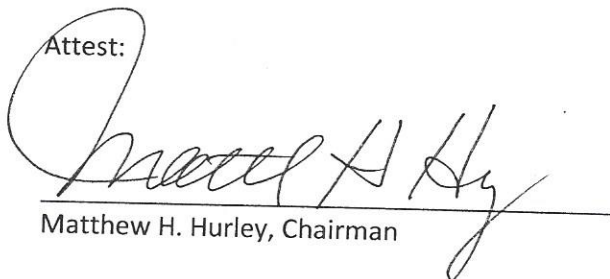
4. This item was a review of SGMA (The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act) and discussion of the Authority's roll in Implementation of the same. It was the general consensus to initiate talks with other stakeholders and move toward GSA formation.

5. This item was the Discussion of Financial and Practical Necessities for Authority Operations. It was proposed that each entity make an initial contribution of \$5,000 dollars into a new bank account to be established.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the July 2, 2015 meeting, Chairman Hurley adjourned the meeting until a Special Meeting to be held on September 4, 2015 at 1 P.M. in the same conference room.

Attest:



Matthew H. Hurley, Chairman



Deanna Jackson, Secretary