

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BEDFORD-COLDWATER
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AUTHORITY**

October 31, 2017

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Randy Fox, City of Corona
Phil Williams, EVMWD
Paul Rodriguez, TVWD

STAFF

Tom Moody, Corona
Jeff Pape, TVWD
Parag Kalaria, EVMWD
Margie Armstrong
Terese Quintanar
Steven O'Neill

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The Special meeting of the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority was held via teleconference, as appropriately noticed at the following locations: 22646 Temescal Canyon Road, Temescal Valley, California, 31315 Chaney Street, Lake Elsinore, California, and 400 S. Vicentia Ave. Corona, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodriguez at 9:04 a.m. Verbal roll call confirmed all three Board Members present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – The opportunity for public comment was offered to any interested parties at each teleconference location. There were none.

3. BUSINESS CALENDAR

A. Approve a Letter Agreement with Kennedy Jenks Consultants for Preparation of the Sustainable Groundwater Grant Application (MO# 10)

Ms. Armstrong explained that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will be administering the Sustainable Groundwater Planning (SGWP) Grant Program, using funds authorized by Proposition 1, to encourage sustainable management of groundwater resources that support the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Proposition 1 authorized \$100 million to be made available for competitive grants. The Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority ("JPA") can receive a minimum amount of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000, with a minimum cost share of 50% of the total project cost. There are two categories which an agency can apply for this grant. The first is for severely disadvantaged communities. The second is for critically over drafted basins and all other high and medium priority basins. We will be applying for the high and medium priority basins category.

Applications for the grant are due by November 13, 2017. For assistance, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to three firms. The preferred proposal was received from Kennedy Jenks Consultants, in the amount of \$27,870.

A question was asked by Director Rodriguez to clarify if we are sizing a potential project at \$1M and asking for \$500,000 or if we are assuming it's up to \$2M. Ms. Armstrong responded that it is up to \$2M, so our match would be \$1M. Part of the grant application is the preparation of a project list and project cost and the combined costs of the projects must total \$2M.

Chairman Rodriguez acknowledged the reputation of the consulting firm and staff's work on this project. Legal Counsel Steven O'Neill added that he reviewed the letter agreement and found it to be comprehensive and clearly sets forth the scope of service.

ACTION: Director Fox made a motion, Vice-Chairman Williams seconded and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Letter Agreement with Kennedy Jenks Consultants for Preparation of the Sustainable Groundwater Grant Application

B. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing BCGSA to File an Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding (Reso No. 17-06)

Ms. Armstrong explained that a resolution that is adopted by the Board is required as part of the grant application. The resolution authorizes the GSA to file the application and acknowledges that there is a 50 percent local match for the grant.

Chairman Rodriguez asked to confirm if the resolution wording was consistent with the rules of this program. Mr. O'Neill responded that DWR is very particular about using their forms. Ms. Armstrong responded that it is the DWR template, with the "whereas" added regarding the local match. It was recommended this be added and also the acknowledgment of the 50 percent match and not the project costs. Chairman Rodriguez commented that the added wording strengthened the resolution and was appropriate.

ACTION: Vice -Chairman Williams made a motion, Director Fox seconded and the motion carried unanimously to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing BCGSA to File an Application for Proposition 1 Grant Funding

4. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. O'Neill thanked all included in coordinating and participating in this meeting. In the future, he will have legal reports, but he did not have one at this time.

5. COMMENTS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director Fox expressed appreciation for the schedule coordination. Chairman Rodriguez complimented everybody involved and expressed that this is an important step for the BCGSA and it shows that we are serious about groundwater stability in this region.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the October 31, 2017 Special meeting of the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.


ATTEST:



Phil Williams, Vice-Chairperson

Date: 11-21-17

APPROVED:



Paul Rodriguez, Chairperson

Date: November 16, 2017