# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BEDFORD-COLDWATER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AUTHORITY

#### November 15, 2018

#### **Board Present**

Paul Rodriguez, TVWD
Phil Williams, EVMWD
Randy Fox, City of Corona (arrived at 4:07)

# Staff Present

Jeff Pape, TVWD
Tom Moody, City of Corona
Margie Armstrong, EVMWD
Parag Kalaria, EVMWD
Terese Quintanar, EVMWD
Victor Harris, Stantec
Kelly Shugart, Stantec
Manuel Serpa, Olivarez Madruga Lemiuex O'Neill, LLP

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority was held at its principal offices located at 22646 Temescal Canyon Road, Temescal Valley, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodriguez at 4:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes of the August 16, 2018 Meeting
- B. Ratification of Demands
- C. Financial Statement

**ACTION:** Vice-Chairman Williams made a motion, Chairman Rodriguez seconded and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

#### 4. BUSINESS CALENDAR

# A. Adoption of Investment Policy (MO# 20)

Margie Armstrong explained that in accordance with the BCGSA Bylaws, an Investment Policy is required, and a draft was presented. All three of the member agency's policies were reviewed and the most conservative was used as the model. The draft policy defines

investment types and regulations of the state code; although the policy may be stricter than what is allowed in the state code. The JPA does not hold a lot of funds, and my not utilize many of the investment types.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if we are utilizing LAIF. Ms. Armstrong answered that we are not yet doing that. The interest we have earned is on the bank account. Once the Investment Policy is adopted, a LAIF account can be opened. Chairman Rodriguez expressed his satisfaction with the policy and its attachment.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chairman Williams made a motion, Chairman Rodriguez seconded and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Investment Policy.

- **B. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update** Mr. Harris included the GSP update in his Administrator's Update.
- C. Other Updates There were none.

#### 5. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Harris reported on meetings with staff and that, after several revisions, the workplan is now under review by the state. He anticipated that it might be signed in the next few weeks, and a kick off meeting will follow. Todd Groundwater compiled most of the data and the next step is to write an RFP based on the data. Much of the technical work on the GSP will be done with the contractor. He announced that the website is up and available for review. Modifications can be made as necessary. Data collected by Todd Groundwater revealed that there is a lot we don't know about existing wells and we envision performing a well canvas in the next few weeks. The Sharepoint site is also finalized, which is a data repository. Chairman Rodriguez and Mr. Moody mentioned that they experienced pop ups or second windows when navigating in the website. Mr. Harris will investigate the issue and resolve it.

Mr. Harris reported that work is underway to finalize the agreement with the State and develop an RFP. He will also be working on some of the administrative things as part of the GSP. He provided the Outreach Plan, which explained strategy to promote broad public participation and stakeholder and inclusion of input from interested parties. We will hold at least one public meeting. We are required to have three meetings; one to form the GSA, another for finalization of the GSP and a meeting covering fees and pumping. The intent of the Outreach Plan is to be transparent and open. This is not a controversial basin but want to make sure we provide opportunity to comment. A list of interested parties has been developed and the parties will be informed by email. Some of the agencies on the list include: WMWD, Glen Ivy Golf, environmental groups, the Nature Conservancy, and an others who have expressed interest.

Chairman Rodriguez asked what information we have on older wells. Mr. Pape explained that data they are seeking was from 1990 and is time consuming to find. However, the location of all of the wells is known. Todd Groundwater did a survey with

the County of Riverside for a report of all the wells in the basin. There are a lot of privately-owned wells and some are abandoned. We hope to get most information from the agencies themselves. Vice Chairman Williams added that the information will be on wells producing 1af/yr. Mr. Harris added that when Todd Groundwater does the research, we may obtain older data. We may also find a duplication of data. Chairman Rodriguez stated that we are being careful in the process to ensure transparency and we are taking a professional approach. He asked for careful review of the Stakeholder List to ensure agencies listed are appropriate. He also stated that the website looks useful and clean.

### 6. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Serpa relayed that calls are welcome for any information. He also reported that Mr. O'Neill lost his home in Malibu, due to the fire. He invited inquiries regarding anything any of the members are not comfortable with. He added that it is his understanding that privacy policies are important for websites in instances where users provide information about themselves. A boilerplate policy can be drafted so users will be informed about how their input will be used and to provide basic guidelines to users. Questions can be sent to Victor Harris' email.

# 7. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD

Director Fox expressed that the City of Corona will need to find a replacement. Mr. Moody suggested appointment of another elected member and that it would be appropriate to do this at the next meeting, in February.

#### 8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the November 15, 2018 Regular meeting of the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

ATTEST:	APPROVED:
Phil Williams, Vice-Chairperson	Paul Rodriguez, Chairperson
Date: May 16, 2019	Date: May 16, 2019