

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BEDFORD COLDWATER
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AUTHORITY**

August 15, 2024

Board Present

Jacque Casillas, City of Corona
Chance Edmondson, EVMWD
David Harich, TVWD

Staff Present

Jeff Pape, TVWD
Tom Moody, City of Corona
Martin Kazanowicz, Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
Parag Kalaria, EVMWD
Christy Gonzalez, EVMWD
Michael Cruikshank, Water Systems Consulting
Scott Thompson, EVMWD

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority was called to order by Chairperson Casillas at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT– There were none.

I. BUSINESS CALENDAR

**A. Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
(MO #54)**

ACTION: Director Casillas made a motion, Director Harich seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to:

1. Elect Director Casillas as Chairperson
2. Elect Director Harich as Vice Chairperson

**B. Appointment of Secretary
(MO #55)**

The Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) creating the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority (“Authority”) requires that the Board provide for staffing of the Authority to ensure the Authority is able to accomplish all requirements imposed by the JPA, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 and any other legal requirements.

At the May 18, 2023 meeting, the Board appointed Jack Ferguson as Secretary by minute order. In light of the recent resignation of Jack Ferguson, on July 25, 2024 Elsinore

Valley Municipal Water District assigned Chance Edmondson as their BCGSA JPA representative. Although not required by the JPA, it is recommended that the Board appoint a Secretary for the Authority so that resolutions and other documents of the Authority can be attested to, and minutes of the Board's meetings can be prepared.

Staff recommended the appointment of a Secretary to fill the vacancy for this position.

**C. Appointment of Treasurer
(Resolution No. 24-01)**

The Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") creating the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority ("Authority") requires that the Board provide for a Treasurer for the Authority to be the fiscal agent and depository for the Authority. The Treasurer will also be responsible for maintaining all accounting transactions and records of the Authority in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and other applicable laws of the State of California.

The Treasurer will be responsible for working with the auditor for the Authority towards the completion of the audit and reporting of the audit findings. Additionally, the Treasurer will periodically provide a status of the Authority's Fiscal Year budget.

In May 2023, the Board adopted Resolution No. 23-02, appointing Jack Ferguson as the Authority's Treasurer. In light of Mr. Ferguson's recent resignation, it is recommended that the Board appoint a replacement to fulfill the role and duties of the Treasurer.

**D. Appointment of ACWA JPIA Director Representative
(MO #56)**

Being a member of ACWA and joining the JPIA program, BCGSA is required to appoint a Director Representative and Alternate Representative who will have the authority to attend and participate in any meeting of the JPIA Board of Directors.

Each JPIA Director or Alternate shall serve until a successor is appointed. They shall serve at the pleasure of the Member by which they have been appointed.

In May of 2023, the BCGSA Board acted by minute order to appoint Jack Ferguson as its JPIA Director and in November of 2023 David Harich as the Alternate. In light of Mr. Ferguson's recent resignation, staff recommends appointment of a JPIA Director to represent the Authority.

Director Casillas nominated Director Edmondson for the appointments of Treasurer, Secretary and JPIA Director Representative (Items B-D), and Director Edmondson indicated acceptance of the nomination.

ACTION: Director Casillas made a motion, Director Harich seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to:

1. Appoint Director Edmondson as the Secretary for the Authority **(MO#55)**
2. Adopt a Resolution Appointing Chance Edmondson as Treasurer for the Authority **(Resolution 24-01)**
3. Appoint Chance Edmondson as the Authority's JPIA Director Representative **(MO#56)**

E. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Signatories to the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority Bank Account (Resolution No. 24-02)

In order to comply with Sections 11 and 12 of the Agreement forming the JPA, a bank account has been established for the Authority. It is customary to provide the bank with the Board's authorized signatories for the account. With changes in Board Members, staff recommends adoption of the proposed Resolution updating authorized signers and rescinding Resolution 23-03.

ACTION: Director Casillas made a motion, Director Edmondson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to:

1. Adopt the Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories to the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority Bank Account; and
2. Rescind Resolution 23-03.

F. Consider Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. for Groundwater Sustainability Plan Administrator Services (MO #57)

Mr. Kalaria presented on this item and referred to the presentation within the packet. At the November 16, 2023 BCGSA Board Meeting, Amendment No. 1 was approved in the amount of \$149,400 for a total not to exceed \$349,400. The FY 2024/2025 budget was approved during the February 15, 2024 BCGSA Board Meeting which included \$200,000 for the BCGSA Administrator. Spending versus task assignments has been progressing well with \$15K remaining. The breakdown of the scope of work for the grant administrator was reviewed. Confirming to Director Harich, there have been no groundwater well drilling applications submitted this year. Mr. Pape added that there are very few potable wells within this area that are not municipal. Mr. Kalaria continued his report by stating that Projects 1-3 have \$15K allocated as placeholders for any grant opportunities, and the 5-year GSP update is also included.

The BCGSA member agency staff recommend amending the WSC contract to incorporate the items in the FY 2024/2025 budget by \$200,000 bringing the total to \$594,500.

Director Harich requested clarification on WSC costs and scope of work for Project 3- Aggregate Pits Investigations compared to Todd Groundwater Inc., Professional Services Agreement for the Aggregate Pit Evaluations. Mr. Kalaria responded that the GSP Administrator will be managing Todd Groundwater Inc. contract.

ACTION: Director Edmondson made a motion, Director Harich seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to:

1. Approve Amendment No. 2 of Professional Services Agreement with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. (WSC). for Groundwater Sustainability Plan Administrator Services in the amount of \$200,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$594,500; and,
2. Authorize the Deputy Treasurer to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of Bedford Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority

G. Consider Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Todd Groundwater, Inc. for the Aggregate Pit Recharge Evaluation (MO #58)

Mr. Kalaria reported as part of the GSP, three projects were identified. Significant progress has been made on Projects 1 and 2. Project 3 is prioritizing the evaluation and effects of aggregate pits on the groundwater flow and water quality. Referring to a presentation, several pits were shown with mining operations. The mining permits indicate that reclamation plants incorporate some type of recharge basins. These quarries will have an impact on future groundwater management as operation expands. The City of Corona has been proactive in developing a strategic plan to use the aggregate pits.

As mines are being closed, there may be some opportunities for recharge basins. Confirming to Director Casillas, Chandler Assets is looking to close out within the next 4 years. Final reclamation includes backfill material to existing conditions which could cause an impact to water quality within the basin. The need to understand from hydrogeologic standpoint is important. Director Edmondson mentioned that there is an opportunity for a regional project for storage. Discussion ensued. The City of Corona knows that there is surface water and groundwater interaction and is in their best interest to diligently work to prevent degradation.

Given Todd Groundwater's expertise and familiarity with the groundwater model, BCGSA staff agreed that they were best suited to conduct the recharge feasibility study for the aggregate pits. The BCGSA staff requested that Todd Groundwater collaborate with the BCGSA Administrator to develop a scope of work based on several meetings with BCGSA staff. This scope of work was presented at the July 10, 2024 BCGSA staff meeting and revised to incorporate staff comments.

Staff recommends award of a Professional Services Agreement with Todd Groundwater, Inc. in the amount of \$124,980.

ACTION: Director Harich made a motion, Director Edmondson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Todd Groundwater, Inc. for the Aggregate Pit Recharge Evaluation in the amount of \$124,980; and,
2. Authorize the Deputy Treasurer to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of Bedford Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority

II. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2024**
- B. **Receive and File Financial Statements for Period Ending March 31, 2024 and June 30, 2024**
- C. **Ratification of Demands**
- D. **Outside Contract Summary Report**

ACTION: Director Harich made a motion, Director Edmondson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

III. **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

Mr. Cruikshank provided highlights on information provided in the meeting packet in the form of the PowerPoint presentation. State is still reviewing the GSP. Answering a question from Director Harich, medium and high priority GSPs are still being reviewed and responded to and comments have been minimal. Mr. Cruikshank is hopeful we will hear from DWR by the end of this year.

DWR officially closed the grant and released retention in the amount of \$100,00 to BCGSA. The 2024 Annual Report is scheduled to be submitted in March 2025. Several wells and groundwater levels were reviewed. An update on the three projects were provided.

Project and management actions were reviewed.

IV. **Legal Counsel Report**

Mr. Kazanowicz had no report.

V. **Comments of the Board**

Chairperson Casillas confirmed the next meeting date of November 21, 2024, and welcomed Director Edmondson to the Board.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, the August 15, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Bedford-Coldwater Groundwater Sustainability Authority was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

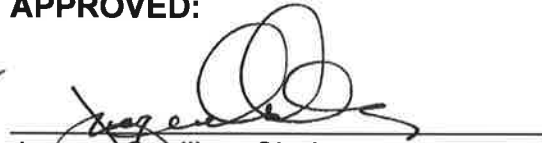
ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Matthew Dobler, Secretary

Date: 2.20.2025



Jacquie Casillas, Chairperson

Date: _____