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UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
“Conserving Water since 1927”

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Monday, June 13, 2018, 1:30 P.M.**

**Board Room, UWCD G.I. “Irv” Wilde Headquarters**  
**106 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Paula, California**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Robert Eranio, President, Division 3  
Daniel C. Naumann, Vice President, Division 6  
Michael W. Mobley, Secretary/Treasurer, Division 2  
Sheldon Berger, Division 7  
Bruce E. Dandy, Division 5  
Lynn Maulhardt, Division 4  
Edwin T. McFadden III, Division 1

**STAFF PRESENT”**

Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager  
Tina Rivera, Chief Financial Officer  
Mike Ellis, Chief Operations Officer  
Jim Grisham, Engineering Manager  
Christy Ramirez, Executive Coordinator  
Clayton Strahan, Senior Park Services Officer  
Brian Collins, Supervising Instrument and Electrical  
Dan Detmer, Senior Hydrogeologist  
Katherine Ayres, Assistant Ecologist  
Jason Baumsteiger, Senior Ecologist  
Linda Purpus, Senior Environmental Scientist  
Kris Sofley, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Frank Brommenschenkel, Frank B. & Associates  
Megan Grossman-Sinclair, court reporter  
Miles Hogan, City of Ventura  
Jeanette Lombardo, Global Water Innovations  
Tony Morgan, Groundwater Strategies, Inc.  
Susan Rungren, Ventura Water

**1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:00 P.M.**

President Eranio opened the Board of Directors meeting at 12noon.

**1.1 Public Comments**

**Information Item**

President Eranio asked if there were any public comments; none were offered.

He then asked District's Legal Counsel David Boyer to announce the discussions in Executive (Closed) Session. Mr. Boyer said in accordance with Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board would discuss Public Employment of a Chief Engineer; conference with labor negotiators in accordance with Government Code section 54957.6, and conference with legal counsel on four cases of existing litigation, pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 (d)(1), and two cases of anticipated litigation, pursuant to Govern Code 54956.9(d)(2).

President Eranio then adjourned to public session and moved to Executive (Closed) Session.

**1.2 EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION 12:05 P.M.**

The Board discussed matters outlined in the attached Executive (Closed) Session Agenda (Exhibit A).

**2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:00 P.M.**

President Eranio called the second open session to order at 1p.m.

**2.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Berger led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2.2 Public Comment**

**Information Item**

President Eranio asked if there were any public comments; none were offered. Mr. Miles Hogan, representing the City of Ventura, did provide a speaker card to the Clerk of the Board, requesting the opportunity to address the Board on Motion item 4.1. The Clerk of the Board passed the speaker card to President Eranio.

**2.3 Approval of Agenda**

**Motion**

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Naumann; Second, Director Dandy. Voice vote: seven ayes (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

**2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session**

**Information Item**

Mr. Boyer reported that there were no reportable actions taken in Executive Session as reportable under the Brown Act.

## **2.5 Board Communication**

### **Information Item**

Director McFadden reported that he had attended the District's Budget Workshop on May 22 and the press conference with Jacqui Irwin that afternoon. He also met with the General Manager on May 24 to discuss the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and on May 31, attending the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting. On June 11, he attended the District's Special Board meeting at 1701 Lombard Street and on June 12, he attended the Fillmore Pumpers Association meeting.

Director Maulhardt reported that he attended one meeting with Mr. Guardado.

Director Mobley reported that he attended the Budget Workshop on May 22, an Environmental Committee meeting on May 24, a water issues meeting on May 29, a Mound Basin GSA meeting on May 17 and would be attending another on June 21. He will also be attending the Fox Canyon GMA meeting on June 23.

Director Berger attended the AWA board meeting, the District's Finance committee meeting and Operations meeting as the District's Special Board meeting on June 11.

Director Dandy announced that Cooper Dandy, his new grandson, was born on May 16 and that he attended the AWA Breakfast on May 17. He also attended the Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Issues meeting on May 21 and thought Mr. Guardado, Calleguas' Ms. Mulligan and Camrosa's Mr. Stafford did a very good job with their joint presentation. Director Dandy also attended the May 22 Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop and the press conference that same afternoon. He and Director Naumann attended a fundraiser for Jacqui Irwin. On May 24, he attended an ad hoc legislative committee meeting and the Environmental Committee meeting. On June 5, he attended the Ventura County Special Districts Association's presentation on Cyber Security with Zachary Plummer. On June 7, he attended a presentation in Ventura on the Water Bond that will likely be on the November ballot; on June 11 he attended the District's Special Board meeting at the Lombard property and he attended the Finance Committee meeting yesterday.

Director Naumann reported his attendance at the AWA Breakfast in Thousand Oaks, the Oxnard Chamber Water Issues' meeting, the Special Workshop on May 22, and the press conference that same afternoon. He also attended the Environmental Committee meeting on May 24, the Special Board Meeting on June 11 and the ad hoc committee conference call on June 4. He also plans on attending the RiverPark JPA meeting on June 20 and the AWA Breakfast on June 21.

President Eranio attended an agenda preview meeting with Director Mobley for the Fox Canyon GMA and on May 29, met with Director Mobley and the UWCD water

team to discuss various issues. On May 1, he attended an Executive Committee meeting; the Budget Workshop Special Board Meeting on May 22, did a tour of the building on Lombard on May 3; attended the AWA Breakfast, met with Stacy and Gail to develop talking points; assisted the GM in the presentation to the Ventura Water Commission and the May 22 press conference.

## **2.6 General Manager's Report**

### **Information Item**

General Manager introduced Deputy GM Anthony Emmert to introduce new staff member Jason Baumsteiger. Mr. Emmert introduced Mr. Baumsteiger as the District's new Senior Ecologist in the Environmental Planning and Conservation department. He said that Mr. Baumsteiger graduated from University of the Pacific and was very familiar with NMFS and documenting Habitat Conservation Plans.

Mr. Baumsteiger said that he found the United group to be exceptional, and that he was very impressed with the good science being applied to the work and appreciates the opportunity.

Mr. Guardado then reported to the Board that on June 5, Sandy Jacobson from CalTrout, who has replaced Candice Meneghin, was given a tour of the Freeman Diversion. She said she was impressed with the knowledge of the staff and Mr. Guardado was encouraged by her understanding of the issues. Ms. Jacobson also said she would follow up with information regarding grand monies that may be available to the District.

On Saturday, June 9, Mr. Guardado made a presentation to the Jim Lloyd-Butler annual water meeting, providing an overview of UWCD's operations and projects moving forward. The group asked a lot of good questions, some of the family members were from Texas and New York and all seemed very well informed.

Mr. Guardado also mentioned to the Board that on June 22, the Oxnard Chamber of Commerce would be presenting a State of the City, with various representatives from the City of Oxnard.

## **2.7 Consider Cancellation of August Board Meeting**

### **Motion**

Christy Ramirez reminded the Directors that, as has been the District's tradition, the Board typically cancels its regular August 2018 Board meeting. Motion to cancel the UWCD Board of Directors meeting for August, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director McFadden. Voice vote: seven ayes (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

**2.8 Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)  
Countywide Oversight Board Elections**

**Motion**

Ms. Ramirez reminded the Board that the District's Tina Rivera had been nominated for Ventura LAFCo's Countywide Oversight Board's independent special district representative seat. Director Dandy reminded Ms. Ramirez that the vote had to be with LAFCo by June 15. She replied that she had agreed to scan and email the Board's vote to LAFCo today. Ms. Rivera added that she would protect the interest of the District and Ventura County entities, should she be elected.

Motion to cast the District's ballot for Tina Rivera for the Ventura LAFCo Countywide Oversight Board's independent special district representative, Director Naumann; Second, Director Mobley. Seven ayes: (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items as presented, Director Naumann; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: Seven ayes: (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion**

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of May 15, 2018 and the Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop of May 22, 2018.

**B. Groundwater Basin Status Reports**

**Information Item**

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

**C. Monthly Investment Report**

**Information Item**

Report on the District's investments and the availability or restriction of these funds. All investments are in compliance with the District's investment policy, which is reviewed and approved annually by the Board.

#### **4. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)**

##### **Groundwater Department – Staff**

##### **4.1 PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment and Setting of 2018-19 Zones and Extraction Charges**

##### **Motion**

President Eranio called on Miles Hogan from the City of Ventura to address the Board, as he submitted a speaker card at the beginning of the second open session.

Mr. Hogan identified himself as assistant city attorney for Ventura and told the Board that he was there to read a statement prepared by Kevin Brown, general manager of Ventura Water, who was unable to attend the meeting himself. He said that it was the City's fiduciary duty to .....

In accordance with Part 9 of Division 21 of the California Water Code (Section 75500 et seq.), the Board received public comment(s) chose to conclude the hearing today, establish zone(s) within the District and levy groundwater extraction charges within such zone(s) for the 2018-19 water year.

Motion to conclude the Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment and Setting of 2018-19 Zones and Extraction Charges, Director Dandy; Second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: Seven ayes: (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

##### **Resolution 2018-03**

##### **Making Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning the Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District.**

##### **Motion**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-03, making Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted concerning the Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District, Director Naumann; Second, Director Mobley. Roll call vote: Seven ayes: (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

**Resolution 2018-04**

**Making Additional Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District, Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Charge Zones and Levying, Assessing and Fixing Groundwater Extraction Charges against All Persons Operating Groundwater Producing Facilities within Such Zones for the 2018-19 Water Year**

**Motion**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-04, making additional findings and determinations from the evidence submitted concerning groundwater conditions of United Water Conservation District, determining and establishing groundwater extraction charge zones and levying, assessing and fixing groundwater extraction charges against all persons operating groundwater producing facilities with such zones for the 2018-19 Water Year, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: Seven ayes: (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

**4.2 Groundwater Model Expert Panel – \$150,000**

**Motion**

Dan Detmer addressed the Board, reporting that the Groundwater flow model had been presented to an expert panel last month. The expert panel had a few comments specific to the model documentation but reacted favorably overall to the demonstration. Staff will be presenting another demonstration next week to the Fox Canyon GMA Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

Motion to authorize the General Manager to execute contract amendments totaling \$150,000 for three groundwater modeling experts (Expert Panel) to continue providing model-review consulting services during development, calibration, expansion, and application of United's Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model (VRGWFM) over the next 12 months, Director Naumann; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: Seven ayes: (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

**Administrative Department – Christy Ramirez and Tina Rivera**

**4.3 Resolution No. 2018-05 Adopting the Proposed District Budget Plan, Financial Policies, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and Appropriation Carryovers for Fiscal Year 2017-18**

**Motion**

Ms. Rivera addressed the Board, reminding them of the extensive Budget Workshop conducted on May 22 and highlighted some changes to the proposed budget, including clarification to the procurement policy, which is listed on page four of the staff report for this motion item. She summarized the clarification as

allowing invoices to be paid by department heads once the initial purchase order has been approved by the appropriate management levels. Another item was a change in the Environmental position.

Mr. Guardado interrupted, saying that there were some cost savings between the vacated position of Environmental Manager and in that the current Engineering Manager would be retiring at the end of the calendar year. He said there is a proposal in the budget for a new Chief Engineer position and Assistant GM position. Then he said he wanted to revise the existing organizational structure chart that is inside the Board packet and budget documents. The new structure would include two assistant general managers overseeing various component of the organization, which will need some additional funding, approximately \$7,000.

Ms. Rivera said that the funding varies depending on the level or step at which that person is brought in.

Mr. Guardado added that the new structure does not change the job description of the deputy general manager, it's just a change in the title but with the same roles and responsibilities, and adding an additional position to the organizational structure, which would be at the same salary range as the current deputy general manager.

Ms. Rivera said that there was two analysis -- one was regarding the step that is being proposed for the new person, which the lowest cost would be \$7,000 and the highest cost would be an additional \$35,000 to \$40,000 a year to the district. Mr. Boyer confirmed that and added that would be at a step five.

Mr. Guardado said that if the Board approves this new organizational structure and additional salary range for that position at the max, it would be an additional \$40,000 for an entire year.

Ms. Rivera then clarified that the amount would also be impacted by whether or not the new hire was a Pepra or Classic employee in the PERS system.

Director Maulhardt asked a procedural question, for clarification, asking if staff was proposing to amend the organizational plan that was submitted with the new budget, and to adjust the budget by the appropriate amount range, does that go into Resolution 2018-05 as an amendment, changing the organizational structure as Mr. Guardado has proposed and the additional amount added to the budget.

Mr. Boyer instructed him to amend the Resolution first, then adopt the Resolution as amended. First a motion to amend the Resolution, per Mauricio's suggested changes, and then, assuming that is approved, the second motion is to adopt the Resolution 2018-05 as amended.



Motion to amend Resolution 2018-05, the proposed budget and the organizational chart in the proposed budget with the revised organizational chart with two assistant general manager positions and adjust the budget accordingly, to reflect the new salary and benefits, which if it reaches step five, will be a maximum of about \$40,000, unless it's a classic employee, which would be an additional \$30,000 approximately, Director Naumann; Second, Director Mobley.

President Eranio then asked if there were any public comments. None were offered. President Eranio then called for a roll call vote. Seven ayes (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-05 as amended, Director Dandy; Second, Director Mobley. President Eranio asked if there were any public comments. None were offered. President Eranio called for a roll call vote. Seven ayes (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio), none opposed. Resolution 2018-05 is unanimously adopted as amended.

**4.4     Resolution 2018-06 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of UWCD Requesting the Auditor-Controller to Compute and Affix a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Period 2018-19 Sufficient to Satisfy the State Water Project Charges**  
**Motion**

President Eranio asked if there were any questions or discussion needed by the Board. None were asked. President Eranio asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-06, requesting the County Auditor-Controller to compute and affix a tax rate for FY 2018-19 to provide approximately \$2,178,500 in property tax revenue sufficient to satisfy a portion of the voter approved debt for State Water Project costs, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote, seven ayes (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio), none opposed. Resolution 2018-06 is unanimously adopted.

**Engineering Department – Jim Grisham**

**4.5     Lake Piru Recreation Management Plan Contract Amendment and Budget Transfer**  
**Motion**

Mr. Grisham explained that the amendment covers the public and stakeholder process for the Recreation Management Plan, which is being repackaged. The revised document could potentially save the District substantially in no longer requiring improvements or devising less expensive improvements to meet the same

requirements. Mr. Grisham also said that there was still money in the budget to accommodate this request.

Director Berger said the Finance Committee reviewed the item and found it to be beneficial in reworking the overly ambitious master plan that had been submitted previously.

Mr. Grisham said that the previous conditions had been inserted by UWCD into the Master Plan in 1999, which was then rolled into the FERC license. This included updating the day use area and the Juan Fernandez boat ramp, adding 25 parking spaces and picnic tables, et cetera, in spite of the fact that the Juan Fernandez boat ramp hasn't been used since the drought.

Clayton Strahan added that the District painted itself into a corner. FERC is amenable to a less costly, more realistic plan based on what is actually possible.

Director Maulhardt asked if the \$1 million proposed obligated the District to do that amount or is what the Board is approving today going to get the cost obligation reduced. If FERC is amenable to a realistic plan variable of \$1 million, do we have factual evidence of that because he was concerned about chasing the money?

Linda Purpus said that current Article 412 has very specific requirements that don't make sense for the District, even with higher demand. FERC advises to take a look at the current and potential demand to replace Article 412. It doesn't have to be equal value, but a specific type of recreation opportunity that is not available now. That could be a bike path or Recreation Center. The District just needs to be creative in identifying opportunities that don't currently exist. Staff is working with other requirements and it appears that FERC is being reasonable, and understands the conditions. For example, in the Trail Plan, there are no trails on the east side of the lake.

Mr. Grisham said that the Recreation Management Plan that Stantec is working on is more reasonable and is packaging it as a license amendment, which is more economical.

Mr. Strahan added that the Plan is proposing alternatives in the existing core areas which allows what people really want like information kiosks, picnic tables at the store.

Director Dandy said that the Plan is trying to get from a five star RV park to something more reasonable.

Motion to approve a contract amendment in the amount of \$28,000 for Stantec to modify the District's draft Recreation Management Plan and authorize a budget amendment transferring \$3,000 currently allocated under In-House Salaries to the project's Design budget, Director Berger; Second, Director Mobley. Roll call vote: seven ayes (Berger, Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)**

### **Park and Recreation Division – Clayton Strahan**

#### **5.1 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report**

##### **Information Item**

Mr. Strahan updated the Board on recent security/public safety issues that occurred in the camping area of Lake Piru Recreation area. Mr. Strahan believes that by limiting the camping area to three sites per person, as it may help to prevent the problems that occurred in the future.

Director Maulhardt reminded the Board of Lake Piru's history of issues and that the no alcohol rule seemed to help at one point. He recognized staff's efforts to improve Lake Piru Recreation area and develop it as a family recreation area and encouraged staff to examine what happened and what can be done to prevent future incidents.

Mr. Strahan said that the Sheriff Deputy on site is a tremendous benefit, allowing for an immediate response to potential risk situations. He reported that while some visitors did leave when fighting erupted, most appreciated the quick response to the problem. Mr. Strahan thought a review of how camp sites are rented out and how the flow of campers in and out of the recreation area might help as well. He also said that through improved communication and the support of the General Manager, once the formal policy is changed, a public announcement should be made.

On a positive note, Mr. Strahan said, HBO is coming back to the Lake to film its new series "Camping" starring Jennifer Garner and will be using the whole recreation area.

He also reported that the weekend after the previously mentioned incident, the campsites were full again and that there has been an increase in camping since the beginning of the season.

Director Berger said he had seen some of the scenes filmed at Lake Piru and the lake and recreation area look very good.

### **Environmental Planning and Conservation Department – Anthony Emmert**

#### **5.2 Monthly Environmental Planning and Conservation Department Report**

##### **Information Item**

Linda Purpus reported that Environmental staff are focused on the HCP. She also reported that NMFS' comments on the Fish Passage are being integrated into the HIP and that staff have removed the HIP tasks from the Management plan. She said that the Recreation and Engineering teams have been helping with the Recreation Trail Plan and that staff have also been working with FERC and she

expects that the plan will be approved. She said there will be some minor revisions but it is the first thing that has been completed in quite a while, but based on feedback, staff intends on bringing a motion to the Board next month to address CEQA findings.

Katherine Ayres said in an effort to advance the Administrative Draft of the HCP, staff held a small workshop group with NMFS. Staff, including the three consultants, are nearing the draft stage of the chapters of the HCP. Fish Passage reports will be presented for the Board's consideration in July.

Director Maulhardt asked that, once the Board approves the draft in July, will staff submit the HCP? Ms. Ayres said that they are following the attorney's direction regarding how it should be submitted. Staff will prepare a cover letter that could say District considers this as the final draft, but HCP still has to go through the NEPA process.

Director Maulhardt asked if a final draft report would be ready by the first week in August and is FERC required to respond by a specific date. Ms. Ayres said that under Section 10, there are no timelines.

Mr. Guardado added that staff had attempted to establish a Memo of Understanding with NMFS that included deadlines but staff has not received anything yet. Once the final draft of the HCP is submitted, rather than comments going back and forth, the District's attorney would like to establish a series of workshops to accelerate the finalization of the HCP.

Director Maulhardt said the judge was supposed to have an answer in February or March but got delayed due to the homeless situation in Orange County. District is telegraphing to judge that staff is moving along in the process and NMFS still has no credible evidence. If the District can get this done and on the books, Director Maulhardt asked, is there was a "Plan B" so that the District isn't waiting another nine months. He asked how staff can continue to move this down the road and if it would be beneficial to make calls to NMFS or to elected officials in DC.

Director Naumann asked if that was regarding the final draft of the HCP. Ms. Ayres said staff was asking for input from attorney Paul Simmons. Mr. Emmert said there would be a closed session discussion at the Monday, July 9 Environmental Committee meeting.

Director Maulhardt said that three months ago he gave staff a directive and the situation is still serious. He acknowledged that staff had done what they had committed to do, listened to what Board wanted, and that the Board is keeping its "foot on the throttle" in an effort to call NMFS on the carpet. He said NMFS is afraid of a lawsuit and he's willing to go there if that's what is needed.

### **5.3 Quagga Mussel Management Efforts Update**

#### **Information Item**

Katherine Ayres reported that not much has changed in the ongoing management and monitoring efforts related to the Lake Piru quagga mussel infestation. She said that there have been no new quagga sightings. Staff submitted the 7<sup>th</sup> draft of the Monitoring and Control Plan, the 2017 Annual Report and had a kick off meeting with Catalyst regarding permitting.

She reported that quagga are “back with a vengeance” based on monitoring data. Consultant updated the timeline, ecological risk assessment completed in November 2018. The 2019 Treatment Plan and permitting could work in coordinating with the dam safety improvement take down, which would move the treatment application to 2020. Director Mobley asked if the gap between March 2019 and February 2020. Special NEPA permitting. Consultant working to expedite permitting, which could trigger Section 7, designated critical habitat, which is a worst case scenario. CEQA could be potentially a long process, a lot depends on impact on endangered species, which would determine if a negative declaration or EIR is required. There are many variables she stated.

### **Groundwater Department – Staff**

### **5.4 Monthly Groundwater Department Report**

#### **Information Item**

Dan Detmer reported that staff is five years into the Groundwater Flow Model, and the expert panel is very enthusiastic about it and the documentation staff has submitted to date. Staff will be making a special demonstration at a workshop for the Fox Canyon GMA Technical Advisory Group on June 19. Following the workshop, staff believes FCGMA will want to use the model for various scenarios for different projects and pumping strategies for the Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

Mr. Detmer reported that discussions with pumpers on the Oxnard Plain and Pleasant Valley, Ag and M&I allocations were at about 60% for Ag and about 40% for M&I. He added that surface water was the big variable. Assuming basin yield is based on 100,000 but should be based on 70,000. Meeting with Ag groups to discuss various projects and allocation as groups are saying the allocations are unrealistic, suggest borrowing against average; or save/bank on allocation for credits. Mr. Detmer said that risk is in allocation groups not proposing realistic allocations, which GMA would just dismiss. FCGMA wants to look at longer allocation period, looking at a 14 year window of wet and dry years and to factor in surface water that was available during that time. It’s not a legal arena yet, but people are looking at that.

Mr. Detmer added that the District's support or consideration of potential projects as modeling priorities and there could be early modeling runs for the GMA as projects are deemed possibilities, including Brackish Water Treatment project; Freeman Diversion operating at 750cfs; AWPf to Forebay; State Water Intertie between Camarillo and Ventura, including a turnout at the recharge basins; Table A State Water purchase; Anacapa; and the Alternative Solution Alliance Pipeline (ASAP) project for the Santa Clara River Valley. That's what the District staff has proposed.

President Eranio said the FC GMA Operations Committee received proposals for about 30 projects, some of which were well thought out, some were not. The committee is now going through to determine viability and whether or not the model should be applied to the proposed projects.

Jeanette Lombardo asked if staff were weighing and prioritizing projects for the GSPs, which was initially described as four to five projects.

President Eranio said staff was doing that now and then FCGMA TAG would review which are most practical and then give those back to the District for modeling. The goal, he said, is to have a final draft GSP by the end of the year to go to DWR, and that the GSP should look five, 10 and 20 years out, especially since the Water Fix is a 20 year project.

Ms. Lombardo said that the Operations Committee was looking for updates every five years and asked if somebody is tracking projects and accurately accounting for those plans when the GSP is updated every five year, to account for how much water is being added to the basins. She also asked about project funding through assessments for the GSP or if it would be done privately, stressing that the water has to be accounted for.

President Eranio said that yes, someone will be tracking the projects and update schedules, but who that someone will be has not been decided yet. GSPs updated every five years is what is being suggested but it could be updated more frequently.

Mr. Detmer said that basin conditions will be updated and will demonstrate the process and conditions of the basins, saying that it would be nice to itemize what is being done and the progress made. He added that the Fox Canyon GMA GSA consultant revised the schedule and scope of work based on ten classes of comments, but are not responding in writing to the comments provided. He also said that tomorrow's TAG discussions would be related to the timeline and budget, and believes there will be modifications to the scope of work.

**5.5 Update on Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)**

**Information Item**

Mr. Detmer reported that the Department of Water Resources revised priority rankings of local basins, moving both Fillmore and Mound Basins from medium to high priority; and that Santa Paula, because it is adjudicated, is rated very low. DWR took some UWCD references, such as seawater intrusion existing in the District, and since these basins are in the District's boundary, assumed they had seawater intrusion as well. Public comment on these rankings closed July 18 and District staff was preparing comments.

He also reported that the GSA for Fillmore and Piru had submitted basin boundary modifications. Mound Basin has filed an intent to change its boundaries, secured insurance and its Conflict of Interest Code was approved by the County. Director McFadden added that the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA had sent out bills and was collecting money. Mr. Detmer added that although it was not included in the presentation, the District is providing financial and administrative staff support to both Fillmore and Piru Basins and Mound Basin GSAs. Next meeting dates are June 19 for Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA and June 20 for Mound Basin.

Regarding basin conditions, Mr. Detmer said less than 3,000 AF of water has been diverted to date, and the drought continues.

**Administration Services – Tina Rivera and Christy Ramirez**

**5.6 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report – Tina Rivera**

**Information Item**

Board received the summary report on Administration Department activities and offered no comments and had no questions.

**Outreach, Legislative, Grants and Training Report – Christy Ramirez**

**5.7 Monthly Outreach, Legislative, Grants and Training Report**

**Information Item**

Board received summary report on outreach, legislation, grants and training for the past month and offered no comments and had no questions. Ms. Ramirez added that a copy of the Water Bond PowerPoint was included in Directors' folders for their review and that she should be making a presentation regarding the Board's legislative platform and positioning next month.

**Engineering Department – Jim Grisham**

**5.8 Monthly Engineering Department Report**

**Information Item**

Board received summary report on various Engineering activities. The Board had no comments or questions.

**Operations and Maintenance – Mike Ellis**

**5.9 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report**

**Information Item**

Brian Collins presented the summary report on monthly operations and maintenance activities. The Board had no questions or comments.

**ADJOURNMENT 4:00p.m.**

The Board will adjourn to the **Regular Board Meeting** on **Wednesday, July 11, 2018** or call of the President.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Board meeting of June 13, 2018.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Michael W. Mobley, Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board





# OFFICIAL BALLOT

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS SELECTION COMMITTEE  
Countywide Oversight Board  
Member Representing Independent Special Districts

## United Water Conservation District

This is the Official Ballot for the Independent Special Districts Selection Committee for the purpose of electing **one** member to the Countywide Oversight Board representing independent special districts. The election consists of four candidates (listed below in alphabetical order).

### VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE

A minimum of 16 qualified votes must be returned by the deadline to establish a quorum of the independent special districts. The candidate receiving the most votes of the quorum shall be elected. In the event of a tie vote, the outcome will be determined by lot.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED BALLOT to the Ventura LAFCo, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, L #1850, Ventura, CA 93009, or if previous consent has been given to conduct this election via e-mail, send your signed ballot to [kai.luoma@ventura.org](mailto:kai.luoma@ventura.org). All Ballots MUST be signed by the district president/chair or presiding officer of the board and received by 5 P.M. Friday, June 15, 2018 to be considered.**

As the District President, Chair or Presiding Officer, I duly certify that the United Water Conservation District does hereby cast its ballot as follows:

*(Please mark the box next to the name of **one** candidate to cast the District's vote)*

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Russ Baggerly          | Ojai Valley Sanitary District                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Johnson           | Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Mishler           | Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Rivera | United Water Conservation District           |

Robert Eranio

Board President/Chair/Presiding Officer (print name)

Robert Eranio

Board President/Chair/Presiding Officer (Signature)

June 13, 2018

Date

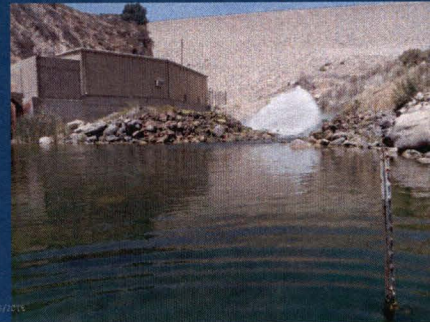


## Agenda Item #5.2 EPCD Update

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## Santa Felicia Project FERC License Update



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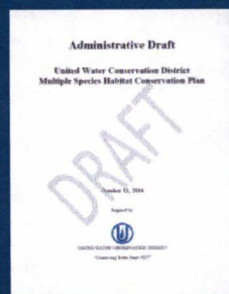
- SFD Fish Passage
  - 5/11/2018 – executed contract with Cramer to initiate Pre-implementation Studies
- Habitat Improvement Plan
  - 11/13/2017 – revised draft provided to NMFS
  - 4/18/2018 – NMFS provided comments
    - Staff has developed strategies for response
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan
  - 11/30/2017 – United filed schedule update with FERC
    - Proposed due date: final plan filed with FERC 10/10/2018
  - Removal of HIP actions will effect schedule

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- Recreation Trail Plan (EPCD providing support)
  - 4/25/2018 - Mitigated Negative Declaration out for public review
  - 5/25/2018 – Review and comment period closed
  - 7/11/2018 - Anticipate submittal of motion for Board to consider adoption of CEQA findings
- Ongoing implementation of other license actions
  - Water releases
    - Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring Plan
  - Aquatic exotic control
  - Invasive vegetation removal and monitoring

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## Habitat Conservation Plan Update



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## Habitat Conservation Plan (Incidental Take Permit Application)

### 10/11/2016 – Admin Draft MSHCP

- 12/20/16 – NMFS, USFWS, CDFW meeting
- 3/23/2017 – UFWS Freeman tour
- 2/13/2017 and 3/1/2017 NMFS comments
- 2/1/2017 – CDFW comments
- 6/23/2017 – United response to NMFS comments
- 10/20/2017 – NMFS, USFWS, CDFW MSHCP comments meeting
- 10/4/2017 – NMFS, USFWS, CDFW fish passage design meeting
- 3/8 and 9/ 2018 – Effects Analysis Workshop (Riverine and Estuary)
- 4/11/2018 – Board direction for accelerated timeline
- 4/26/2018 – Small working group with NMFS on HCP proposed operations

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## Habitat Conservation Plan (Incidental Take Permit Application)

### Near Future Target Dates:

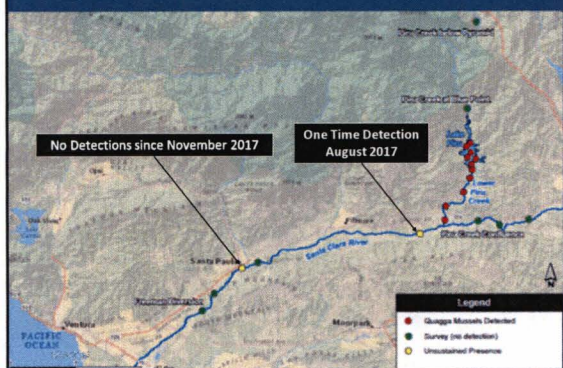
- June – Final fish passage reports due
- July – MSHCP Draft completed for Board approval prior to MCHCP submission

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## Agenda Item #5.3 Quagga Mussel Management Efforts Update

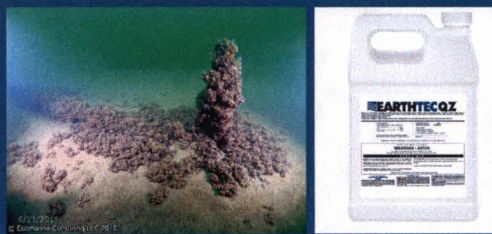
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## Quagga Mussel Presence/Absence



## Quagga Mussel Monitoring and Control Plan

- 4/10/2017 – 7<sup>th</sup> Draft Monitoring and Control Plan submitted to CDFW
- 4/27/2018 – 2017 Annual Report Submitted to CDFW
- 5/10/2018 – Quagga mussel population control kickoff meeting with Catalyst Environmental Solutions



## Quagga Mussel Treatment Planning

1. Ecological Risk Assessment (November 2018)
2. Permitting:
  - ❖ Special Local Need Permit: Section 7/NEPA Support (March 2019)
  - ❖ EPA/NMFS Section 7 consultation (February 2020)
  - ❖ NPDES – SIP (March 2020)
  - ❖ CEQA (March 2020)
3. Quagga Mussel Treatment Plan (May 2019)
4. Procure Applicator and Apply Treatment (2020)

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## 5.4 GW Dept Update

### GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL

- ✓ Working to complete model documentation report
  - Draft submitted to Expert Technical Panel for review on March 30
  - Expert Technical Panel met with staff on April 24
  - Staff is responding to feedback and finalizing report for release in late June
- ✓ Special meeting of the FCGMA TAG on June 19, a workshop to present final model calibration results, water budgets, sensitivity analysis, etc.
- ✓ Following report publication and model workshop the FCGMA and others can then decide if they want United to run scenarios for their various planning efforts

## 5.4 GW DEPT UPDATE

### OPV and M&I Allocation Groups

- ✓ Staff has met with representative of both the OPV (Ag) group and the M&I group to better understand their positions and priorities
- ✓ How allocations include surface water use remains an area of great interest
- ✓ Staff has shared some analysis and characterizations of surface water and groundwater use on the Oxnard Plain since formation of the FCGMA
- ✓ As deadlines approach both groups are considering asking for more generous starting conditions for a ramp down to sustainable pumping.
  - This could generate "credits" based on unrealistically-high starting allocations
  - Would likely lead to more severe pumping reductions in later years to attain sustainable basin conditions

## 5.5 GSA UPDATES

### WATER PROJECT SUMMARIES SUBMITTED TO FCGMA

- ✓ As requested by the Operations Committee of the FCGMA, staff submitted brief summaries of potential water supply projects that would produce water or increase the yield of the Oxnard Plain and Pleasant Valley basins
- ✓ The seven potential projects proposed by United were :
  - Brackish water treatment plant, southern Oxnard Plain
  - Freeman Expansion to 750 cfs diversion rate
  - Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project (AWPF water to Noble basins)
  - State Water Intertie pipeline (Camarillo to Ventura, with turnout at Satcoy)
  - Purchase of additional State Water Project Table A water
  - Anacapa Project
  - Water imports and pipelines in Santa Clara River Valley (ASAP)

## 5.5 GSA UPDATES

### FCGMA / GSA

- ✓ Comments were provided on the Preliminary Draft GSPs for OP, PV & LR basins. Consultant will take comments into consideration but will not be drafting response to comments
- ✓ Consultant will propose a revised schedule and scope of work to the FCGMA Board and the TAG.

## 5.5 GSA UPDATES

### Revisions to Basin Priority Rankings

- ✓ DWR proposed revising the priority rankings of a number of local basins
- ✓ SCMA treats medium- and high-priority basins the same way
  - Fillmore changed from Medium to High
  - Mound basin changed from Medium to High
  - Santa Paula Very Low Priority (because adjudicated)
  - Public comment period closes July 18

	Mound Basin GSA	Fillmore & Piru Basins GSA
Prop 1 Grant Application	Prelim award - \$758,000 with 50% matching fund requirement	Minor application adjustments submitted (work plan/schedule)
Basin Boundary Modification	NOI filed	NOI filed / BOD Resolution to submit (need letter of support from VC)
Legal Counsel	Legal counsel retained	Legal counsel retained
Budget	Adopted for Jan-Jun 2018	Adopted through June 2018
Liability Insurance	Provider selected, starts July 1	Coverage obtained
Conflict of Interest Code	Adopted, County BOS review 6/12/18	Adopted
Next meeting(s)	June 21, 1:00 pm - BOD meeting Santa Cruz Room, Ventura City Hall	June 19, 6:00pm - BOD meeting, City Council Chambers, City of Fillmore City Hall
BOD Officers	Mike Mobley-Chair Kevin Brown-VC/Secy	Kelly Long, Chair Ed McFadden, VC/Secy
Interim Executive Director	Jennifer Tribio, City of VIA	Kris Saffey, UWCD (Clerk of the Board)
Bylaws		Adopted



