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MINUTES
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday, April 12, 2021 at 11 a.m.
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Boardroom, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

Committee Members Present:

Chair Edwin McFadden
Director Maulhardt
Director Naumann – arrived 11:39 am

Staff Present:

Dr. Maryam Bral, Chief Engineer
Dan Detmer, Supervising Hydrogeologist
Anthony Emmert, Assistant General Manager
Dr. Zachary Hanson, Hydrogeologist
Eva Ibarra, Administrative Assistant
Kathleen Kuepper, Hydrogeologist
John Lindquist, Senior Hydrogeologist
Murray McEachron, Principal Hydrologist
Zachary Plummer, IT Administrator
Robert Richardson, Senior Engineer
Dr. Bram Sercu, Senior Hydrologist
Dr. Jason Sun, Senior Hydrogeologist/Modeler

Public Present: (via WebEx)

Frank Bromenschenkel, Frank B & Associates
Jurgen Gramckow, Southland Sod Farms
Burt Handy
James Maxwell
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Monica Noeng, Ventura Water

OPEN SESSION: 11:05am

Chair McFadden
Director Maulhardt

Committee Members roll call

Director Maulhardt and Director Naumann were in attendance in the Boardroom, although Director Naumann arrived at the meeting about 40 minutes late. Chair McFadden joined remotely.



1. Public Comment

Chair McFadden asked if there were any public comments for the Water Resources Committee; none were offered.

2. Approval of Minutes - Motion

Motion to approve the February 2, 2021 Water Resources Committee meeting minutes, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: two ayes (McFadden and Maulhardt); none opposed; one absent (Naumann), motion carries 2/0/1.

3. Draft Urban Water Management Plan Dr. Hanson presented (see slides)

Dr. Hanson summarized content and conclusions from the March 2021 Draft Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan for the Oxnard Hueneme public water supply system.

Director Maulhardt asked if the Urban Water Management Plan was a document for United Water staff to follow, or a plan for United Water and Stakeholders to all followed?

Dr. Hanson stated it is prepared by United Water and is open for reviewer comments from the public.

Director Maulhardt and Dr. Hanson continued their discussion on the plan. Director Maulhardt reiterated the importance of building relationships with all the constituents that have an impact on usage and water supply to eliminate any surprises.

Chair McFadden and Mr. Dan Detmer both stated that United is doing its part in working with the GSAs to ensure they are fully informed in order to avoid surprises.

Jurgen Gramckow from the public asked if United had a role in the cutbacks the City of Oxnard is imposing for ramp downs on the agricultural water?

Dr. Hanson replied that he is aware of the Ocean View lateral area that was absorbed into Oxnard's distribution and cannot say much more about that and requested someone come forward if they had information on the subject.

Mr. Detmer and Director Maulhardt confirmed that United is aware of agricultural water use on the Ocean View line and would support efforts to amend water use records, as necessary.

4. Reports on Groundwater Flow Model Expansion and Application Dr. Sun presented (see slides)

Dr. Sun provided a presentation on recent efforts to convert United's 2018 groundwater flow model to a newer version, and shared initial results of that work.



Director Maulhardt agreed with Dr. Sun's recommendation that United invest in the newer ModFlow USG model instead of the older SEAWAT model and requested the expert panelists be listed in future slide presentations, as questions may arise asking who are the experts behind the model review. This will help show the public United is investing the time and money to provide the best possible model for the project.

Director Naumann asked Mr. Detmer about the different layers or projected depth of the wells.

Mr. Detmer said the District intends to have distinct wells for both the Mugu and Oxnard aquifers in the Coastal Brackish Project area. The Oxnard wells will be as close to the coast as possible, and the Mugu wells will be slightly more inland.

5. Summary of Drought Conditions Dr. Bram Sercu presented (see slides)

Director Naumann asked when the District has a release from Pyramid to United, is there a cap at 3,100 acre feet? Dr. Sercu replied that the District is currently limited to 3,150 acre feet. Director Naumann asked if there is still Proposition 1 grant money available. Dr. Bral mentioned that she is aware of grant funding availability now.

Chair McFadden asked if anyone had any further questions for Dr. Sercu, none were offered.

6. Water Resources Department Update Mr. Dan Detmer presented (see slides).
There was no discussion, comments or questions for Mr. Detmer.

7. Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Update Mr. Dan Detmer presented (see slides).
There was no discussion, comments or questions for Mr. Detmer

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None were mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair McFadden adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the UWCD Water Resources Committee Meeting of April 12, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edwin T. McFadden".

Chair Edwin McFadden