

# FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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## MINUTES

Minutes of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's (FCGMA) Operations Committee Special meeting held **Monday, May 2, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Atlantic Conference Room at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura California.

**Members:** Chair Carmen Ramirez  
Vice Chair Lynn Maulhardt

### **A. Call to Order / Introductions**

Chair Ramirez called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

### **B. Introductions:**

In attendance were: (1) Carmen Ramirez, FCGMA Operations Committee Chair; (2) Lynn Maulhardt, FCGMA Operations Committee Vice Chair; (3) Arne Anselm, WPD, Deputy Director; (4) Kim Loeb, FCGMA, Groundwater Manager; (5) Keely Royas, FCGMA Clerk of the Board; (6) Jason Canger, Assistant County Counsel; (7) Jennifer Tribo, City of Ventura; (8) Shiri Klima, City of Oxnard; (9) Joseph Marcinko, City of Oxnard; (10) John Lindquist, United Water Conservation District (UWCD); (11) Sam Collie, OPV Coalition; (12) Jurgen Gramckow, Southland Sod; (13) Omar Castro, City of Oxnard.

### **B. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **D. Water Supply and Infrastructure Projects**

Kim Loeb presented background information, the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) project selection process, Department of Water Resources (DWR) scoring criteria for project grant funding, and the goals, guidelines and policies for establishing a Capital Improvement Projects List.

The Committee discussed the criteria from DWR on whether the Agency would be considered for Round 2 Grant funding.

Vice Chair Maulhardt stated that the DWR criteria might change and he asked what the criteria methodology that the Agency will use to push projects through for state review. He said that the Agency criteria and DWR's criteria should mimic each other.

Mr. Loeb said that while grant funding is very helpful and the Agency will be very aggressive in applying for grant funding, it won't be enough and that local funding will be needed.

Chair Ramirez stated that projects need to be feasible, with assurance they will not be harmful to the aquifer and neighbors.

Mr. Loeb stated that stakeholders are looking for the best cost/benefit. Additionally, he said that projects don't exist in a vacuum, some projects rely on each other, and some are exclusive alternatives.

The Committee discussed the agenda for the next meeting. Vice Chair Maulhardt requested that for the next meeting, staff memorialize the process used by FCGMA to adopt projects onto the list for the GSPs. Next, the Committee should review and revise the criteria and work to develop a revised checklist that incorporates the DWR grant criteria as well. He also said that he is concerned with some entities who may be cheating the system and the Agency needs to revisit how we track well systems from pump head to meter. It was agreed that this issue needs to come to the full Board first. The Committee set the next meeting date for June 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

**E. Adjourn Operations Committee Special Meeting**

Chair Ramirez adjourned the Operations Committee meeting at 3:25 p.m.