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Minutes of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's (FCGMA) Operations Committee Special meeting held **Monday, October 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Via VideoConference (Zoom)** at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura California.

Members: Chair Steve Bennett
Vice Chair Michael Mobley

A. Call to Order / Introductions

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Zoom Panelists in attendance were: (1) Steve Bennett, FCGMA Operations Committee Chair; (2) Michael Mobley, 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.

Ms. Royas read the names of the Zoom Attendees.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Agenda Review

No changes to the agenda.

D. Water Market Participant's Allocations

Mr. Anselm introduced the item and stated that the Water Market pilots have always had separate allocations. He said that with the adoption of the new allocation system for the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley (OPV) basins and the proposed ordinance for surcharge forgiveness for the first year the new allocation system is in place, it will cause confusion on what the water market participant's allocations will be without incurring surcharges. Mr. Anselm said that the Water Market Exchange Administrator proposed having the Water Market allocations be the new allocation under the OPV allocation ordinance or under the proposed ordinance to waive surcharges, whichever is greater.

Matthew Fienup presented the "Water Market Ordinance" PowerPoint to the Committee.

Chair Bennett asked Mr. Anselm what his opinion was on Mr. Fienup's recommendation.

Mr. Anselm said that he supports Mr. Fienup's proposal. Mr. Kim Loeb agreed.

Public comments were made by:

(1) E.J. Remson, TNC.

Vice Chair Mobley made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Chair Bennett seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

E. Criteria for Domestic Meters for AMI Ordinance Exemption

Mr. Loeb introduced the item and presented a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Loeb presented background information on the AMI ordinance and its requirements for installation based on the type of well.

Mr. Loeb stated that the Agency does not require certain domestic wells be equipped with flowmeters and those wells are exempt from AMI. He stated that there are currently 83 wells that are required to have a flowmeter, most of which extract less than two acre-feet (AF) per year. He said that staff has created a two-tier exemption process. He said that the first-tier exemption criteria are if the pump pipe size is two inches or less, the horsepower is 10 or less and if they extract less than two AF per year. He said that the conditions for the second tier are a pump size pipe is four inches or less, the horse power is 15 or less, and the extractions are 15 AF or less. Mr. Loeb said that with the support of the Operations Committee staff can bring a revised ordinance to the full Board.

Public comments were made by:

(1) Lynn Abel, Self; (2) Frank Brommenschenkel, Self; (3) David Nose, Self.

Vice Chair Mobley made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Chair Bennett seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

F. Adjourn Operations Committee Special Meeting

Chair Bennett adjourned the Operations Committee special meeting at 2:35 p.m.