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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) will hold an **Operations Committee Meeting** at **2:00 p.m.** on **Monday, September 10, 2018** in the **Atlantic Conference Room**, at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, at **800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.**

FCGMA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

September 10, 2018

Members: Chair Steve Bennett
Co-Chair Robert Eranio

- A. Call to Order / Introductions**
- B. Public Comments** – Audience members may speak about FCGMA-related matters not on today's Agenda.
- C. Approval of Minutes** – Approve the minutes of the August 06, 2018 Operations Committee meeting.
- D. Extraction Reporting Requirements** – The current requirements do not address reporting through AMI or SCADA systems, and are insufficient to support potential new allocation systems.
- E. Next Meeting Scheduled for October 1, 2018.**
- F. Adjourn Operations Committee Meeting**

NOTICES

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's (FCGMA) Operations Committee Special meeting held **Monday, August 06, 2018 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 Steve Bennett
Vice Chair Robert Eranio

A. Call to Order / Introductions

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

In attendance were: (1) Steve Bennett, FCGMA Operations Committee Chair; (2) Robert Eranio, 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) Kathleen Riedel, Groundwater Specialist; (7) Susan Pan, Ventura County Water Works District (VCWWD) – Phoned In ; (8) Ian Pritchard, Camrosa; (9) Jodi Switzer, The Farm Bureau; (10) Nancy Broschart, City of Oxnard; (11) John Lindquist, United Water Conservation District (UWCD); (12) Mike Ellis, UWCD; (13) Bob Siemak, UWCD; (14) Maryann Bral, UWCD; (15) Dan Detmer, UWCD; (16) Jennifer Tribo, City of Ventura (17) Julia Dixon PWA - CSD; (18) Matthew Fienup, CLU; (19) Alma Quezada, Zone Mutual; (20) Bryan Bondy, Alta Mutual Water Company & CMWD; (21) Jurgen Gramckow, Southland Sod.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Approval of Minutes – July 25, 2018

Vice Chair Eranio approved the minutes with no corrections. Chair Bennett agreed.

D. NRCS Grant Implementation

Mr. Anselm announced that staff is holding weekly meetings with Ranch Systems, Cal Lutheran University, and members of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to staff on top of the project as it is rolling out and to rectify any unforeseen issues. He stated that Ranch Systems has been having trouble lately with growers not wanted to shut off their pumps for installation due to the recent heat wave. Mr. Anselm stated that TNC would like to ask the Natural Resources Conservation Services Grantor for a one-year, no cost extension for Phase II of the water market.

Mr. Anselm gave an update on the AMI/Water Market applications. He stated that the FCGMA currently has 504 active metered wells, of which 289 have applied for the AMI incentive with 273 deemed eligible. He stated that the main compliance issue has been meter calibrations.

Mr. Deter asked what moved the program from Phase I to Phase II. Mr. Anselm explained Phase I was a year ago, it was the first rollout of AMI and was more of a demonstration phase. He stated that the grant was awarded after Phase I.

E. Water Supply and Infrastructure Projects

Mr. Loeb stated that this discussion was a continuation of the discussion from the July 25, 2018 Operations Committee meeting. He stated that at the last meeting a number of policy issues were discussed, one of them being replenishment fees. The committee requested that the Agency use the replenishment fee discussion combined with the projects for future sustainability projections. The replenishment fees used for forecasting was \$150 per acre foot (AF) for the Las Posas Valley Basin and \$300 per (AF) for the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley Basins.

Ms. Riedel described the data shown in the charts for the estimate of project costs and water supply for the first five years and the estimate of annual funding available for projects during the first five years using the general replenishment fees first discussed for each basin.

The cost of imported water versus pumping was discussed.

Chair Bennet asked if the projects discussed were the ones staff was recommending. Mr. Loeb explained that the projects discussed were the ones that require GMA funding.

Vice Chair Eranio stated that some projects look as though they can be started now, while others look further down the road. He said that he would like to see the analysis from modeling them. He said that even if all of the projects discussed were done it still leaves a big deficit of available groundwater.

There was a discussion on the GREAT program with the City of Oxnard and that the cost seems high per (AF).

Mr. Lindquist expressed that it seems that the replenishment fees discussed were at the high end of the spectrum.

There was a discussion about the impact following land would have on the amount of water available.

Chair Bennett stated to move forward with the notion that it is still just a rough estimate in terms of projects and replenishment fees.

Vice Chair Eranio stated to move forward with the modeling for the projects, but the funding needs to be showed with a cost/benefit analysis.

Mr. Loeb stated that his intent is to make it very clear and simple for the Board.

F. Adjourn Operations Committee Meeting

The next Operations Committee meeting was moved to September 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Chair Bennett adjourned the Operations Committee meeting at 3:24 p.m.

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