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**AD HOC SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING ADVISORY
 COMMITTEE **ACCEPTED** MEETING SUMMARY**
 Teleconference Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Absent
Kirk Schmidt, Chair	Javier Zamora, Director
Bob Culbertson, Director, Vice Chair	Gary Vincelet
Amy Newell, Director	
Tom Broz, Director, <i>Alternate</i>	
Mary Bannister, Director, <i>Alternate</i>	
John Ricker	
Robert Rodoni	
Beau Kayser	
Sandy Coplin	
Robert Johnson	
Mayra Hernandez, <i>Alternate</i>	
Jonathan Pilch	
Sandra Hoppe	
Christi Suchil	
Tannis Thorlakson	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Helen Rodriguez, Finance and Administrative Services Manager (FASM)
Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)	Marcus Mendiola, Conservation and Outreach Specialist (COS)
Ellen Cross, Strategy Driver Inc.	Cameron Tana, Montgomery & Associates
Aurelio Gonzales, City of Watsonville Council Member	John Kegebein, 14 th District Agricultural Association, Santa Cruz County Fair
Monica Barricarte, Central Coast Water Quality Control Board	Michelaina Johnson, University of California at Santa Cruz Graduate Student
Amanda Peisch-Derby, Department of Water Resources	Daniel Pelikan, Central Coast Water Quality Control Board

- **INTRODUCTIONS**

Appointed committee members, applicant candidates, the project team, and other attendees provided brief introductions of themselves. Introductions were followed by an overview of the meeting objectives and guidelines by the project team.

- **MANAGEMENT/GOVERNANCE**

- **Selection of Applicant Committee Members by the Appointed Committee.**

There were no applicants for the Rural Residential Well Owner Representative; one applicant each for representation for the Environmental Representative (Jonathan Pilch, Watsonville Wetlands Watch), Mutual Water Company Representative (Sandra Hoppe, San Andreas Mutual Water Company); Agriculture (Tannis Thorlakson, Driscoll's); and two applicants for the Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Group Representative (Mayra Hernandez, Community Water Center, and Christi Suchil, Resident).

After discussion by the appointed committee members, committee member Ricker moved to nominate Christi Suchil to serve as the DAC Group Representative, Mayra Hernandez to serve as the alternate Rural Residential Well Owner Representative, and the remaining seats to be filled by the unopposed applicants; committee member Johnson seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Schmidt, Culbertson, Newell, Ricker, Rodoni, Kayser, Coplin, Johnson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Broz; (*Broz was present but did not respond due to technical difficulty)

- **Review & Consider Draft Committee Bylaws.**

GM Lockwood provided a summary of the Draft Committee Bylaws specifically noting that a quorum is a majority of seated members and a passing vote is a majority of members present. Director Newell made a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors approve of the committee bylaws as drafted; committee member Ricker seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Schmidt, Culbertson, Newell, Ricker, Rodoni, Kayser, Johnson, Hernandez, Pilch, Hoppe, Suchil, Thorlakson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Broz, Coplin; (*Broz and Coplin were present but did not respond due to technical difficulty)

- **Election of Committee Chair/Vice Chair.**

Director Newell nominated committee member Schmidt to serve as Chair and Director Culbertson expressed willingness to serve as Vice Chair of the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee. The candidates for Chair and Vice Chair were confirmed by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Schmidt, Culbertson, Newell, Ricker, Rodoni, Kayser, Coplin, Johnson, Hernandez, Pilch, Hoppe, Suchil, Thorlakson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Broz; (*Broz was present but did not respond due to technical difficulty)

- **GSU22 DEVELOPMENT**

- **Summary of PV Water Groundwater Management To-Date.**

GM Lockwood delivered a presentation summarizing groundwater management activities to-date, the state of the basin, existing water supply facilities, and planning for new water supply projects.

- **BMP: Groundwater Sustainability Update Project Overview.**

Mr. Tana, project lead from Montgomery & Associates, delivered a presentation that provided an introduction to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and a overview of the Basin Management Plan: Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022 (GSU22) project.

- **COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT (C&E)**

- **Summary of Communication and Engagement approach.**

Due to the limited amount of time available, this item was postponed to Meeting #2.

- **NEXT STEPS**

Following a brief discussion, the Committee reached a consensus on the dates and times for Meeting #2 and #3, which are to be on November 4, 2020 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and December 10, 2020 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., respectively.

- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

- **Meeting Adjourned at 4:03 p.m.**