

# State of California, County of Siskiyou

## Flood Control and Water Conservation District Minutes

### August 10, 2021

The Honorable Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021; there being present Directors Ray A. Haupt, Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ed Valenzuela, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Directors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Haupt.

#### Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

**Closed Session** – Flood District - Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), one case, commenced at 9:19a.m., concluded at 10:03a.m., with no action taken.

#### Report On Closed Session

District Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session concluded at 10:03a.m., with no reportable action taken. In addition, Mr. Kiernan advised that Director Valenzuela stepped out of closed session from 9:48a.m. to 9:51a.m., and that Director Kobseff stepped out from 9:51a.m. to 9:53a.m.

**Natural Resources / Flood District** - Discussion, direction and possible action re update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and request for approval of the release of a 45-day comment period for Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Shasta Valley, Scott Valley and Butte Valley Basins, and approval of Notices of Intent to be provided to affected cities and counties. Approved.

Natural Resource Policy Specialist Matt Parker appeared before the Board, acknowledging several interested parties who were participating via ZOOM/teleconference phone call and provided an overview of the request to prepare a Notice of Intent related to the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) 45-day comment period.

Mr. Parker provided an update regarding the process to develop a GSP for each of the Shasta, Scott and Butte Valley groundwater basins, and advised that members of various Groundwater Advisory Committees were available via ZOOM/teleconference phone to provide comments.

Pursuant to California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21, June 11, 2021, participation in this item by various members of the public was provided via teleconference phone.

Butte Valley Groundwater Advisory Committee Chair Richard Nelson spoke in support of the draft GSP for Butte Valley, sharing concerns regarding the ongoing impacts associated with the declining availability of irrigation water.

Shasta Valley Groundwater Advisory Committee Chair John Tennaci spoke about the processes utilized to develop a GSP for the Shasta Valley, advising that the draft plan was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Scott Valley Groundwater Advisory Committee Chair Tom Menne spoke about the Scott Valley GSP development process.

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**Natural Resources / Flood District – (continued)**

Mr. Parker provided an overview of the draft letter template regarding notice to impacted residents of an upcoming hearing for adoption of the GSPs, advising of plans to hold a hearing on December 7, 2021. Mr. Parker further advised that the public comment period would begin on August 11, 2021, which would provide for the submission of comments on the proposed draft Plans, and advised of plans to provide notify local Tribes regarding the upcoming hearing and comment period.

The Chair opened the item to public comments.

Scott Valley resident Theo Johnson appeared before the District Board, sharing concerns regarding potential negative issues contained in the Scott Valley groundwater draft GSP (i.e. conservation easements, encouraging lands to be set aside and urban expansion).

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Caller Angelina Cook advised of the need to address groundwater supplies in the future through the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) process.

In response to Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham, Mr. Parker requested that the date of the public hearing be changed from November 16, 2021 to December 7, 2021 in the recommended motion.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Criss to approve “Notice of Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan” template letter, which includes a notice of public hearing on December 7, 2021 in which the District may adopt the GSPs. Authorize the Chair to sign the NOI directing staff to send to relevant Cities and direct staff to post the draft GSPs for Butte, Scott and Shasta Valley groundwater basins for a 45 day public comment period, starting August 11<sup>th</sup> and ending September 26<sup>th</sup>. Following a roll call vote with Directors Criss, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Haupt voting YES, the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment** - There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:  
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

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Ray A. Haupt, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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