

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Flood Control and Water Conservation District Minutes

July 9, 2024

The Honorable Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 7th day of July 2024; there being present Directors Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff and Nancy Ogren, County Administrator Angela Davis, District Counsel Natalie E. Reed, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Directors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham. Director Ray A. Haupt was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kobseff.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

Public Hearings - Flood Control District / Natural Resources - Public hearing to consider Resolution readopting the Butte Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Resolution FLD 24-04 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution readopting the Butte Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Natural Resources Policy Specialist Matt Parker appeared before the District Board and provided an overview of the request to consider readopting the Butte Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), as the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) deemed the GSP as incomplete. Mr. Parker summarized the process to develop corrections to deficiencies identified in DWR's determination letter and advised that the Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (GSA's) consultant would be available and presenting via ZOOM.

Participation in this item by various members of the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Larry Walker Associates representative Dr. Laura Foglia presented a powerpoint presentation, including an overview of the deficiencies identified by DWR (related to overdraft conditions/mitigation, avoiding quantitative undesirable results, revising minimum threshold levels and evaluating impacts to Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs)).

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had not received any correspondence related to this item.

Klamath National Forest Supervisor Chris Christofferson requested information regarding possible impacts of changes in vegetation (i.e. following wildfire events) on GSPs.

Caller Angelina Cook requested clarification regarding mitigation efforts (i.e. possible deepening or drilling of new wells).

In response, Dr. Foglia summarized efforts being made to address those questions for all of the County's GSPs.

There being no further public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Director Criss, seconded by Director Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Director Haupt ABSENT to adopt Resolution FLD 24-04 approving and adopting the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Butte Valley groundwater subbasin and authorizing its submission to the Department of Water Resources.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

By: _____
Deputy