

MINUTES

Owens Valley Groundwater Authority

Board Members:

INDIAN CREEK-WESTRIDGE CSD	Luis Elias	BIG PINE CSD	BryAnna Vaughan
COUNTY OF MONO	Fred Stump	LONE PINE PAIUTE SHOSHONE TRIBE	Mel Joseph
CITY OF BISHOP	Chris Costello	OWENS VALLEY COMMITTEE	Mary Roper
COUNTY OF INYO	Dan Totheroh		

January 21, 2021

The Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. via videoconference.

1. Pledge of allegiance

The Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Public Comment

The Chairperson opened up public comment and there was no one wishing to address the Board.

3. Introductions

The Board introduced themselves with no alternates in attendance.

4. Approval of minutes from the December 10, 2020 OVGA Board meeting

The Chairperson requested a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting. Motion to approve by Dan Totheroh, seconded by Mary Roper. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Rhonda Duggan – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Dan Totheroh – Y, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mel Joseph – Y, Mary Roper – Y. Motion passed 7 Yes.

5. Board Member Reports

The Chairperson stated the new OVGA website was live and the address was ovga.us. Rhonda Duggan stated Mono County would continue support of the OVGA.

6. OVGA staff reports

- Financial Report
- Report on Stakeholder Engagement efforts

Laura Piper, Inyo County Water Department provided the financial report and stated the OVGA cash balance is \$253,650.15; expenses were \$67,021.70 to consultant; \$9,223.69 in staff costs; and \$2,316 to Fechter and Company for the 2018/19 audit; revenues were 1st quarter interest in the amount of \$1027.13. Luis Elias asked about the Fechter and Company payments, Ms. Piper stated this was the second payment of the \$4500 contract which is now fully expended for the 18/19 OVGA audit. Dr. Steinwand stated he provided a presentation at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Tri Valley Groundwater Management District on December 16, 2020, and briefly reviewed the procedure and rationale to develop the sustainable management criteria for that portion of the basin. He stated the next outreach will be a direct mailer and survey due to the remoteness of the area; a similar presentation via zoom will be provided for the Owens Valley and Owens Lake area sometime in February; and another meeting will be scheduled for the tribes in late February.

7. Consideration of revision to OVGA Bylaws

John Vallejo stated last meeting that the Board requested the date be adjusted for when the Board appoints the Chair and Vice Chair. He stated most agencies typically appoint their members after the 1st of the year. With that direction, he provided the draft revision

to the Bylaws stating the Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed no later than March. Motion by Rhonda Duggan to approve the amendment of the Bylaws as presented, seconded by Luis Elias. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Rhonda Duggan – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Dan Totheroh – Y, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mel Joseph -- Y, Mary Roper – Y, motion passed 7 yes.

8. Presentation from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates on elements of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Tony Morgan provided an introduction on subjects reviewed at the previous month's meeting. Dr. Steinwand stated the Board is seeing early work products, and the updates will be an ongoing process. Tony Morgan reviewed the summary of progress, sampling and analysis, data gaps, project management; and is approaching the draft final status. Gus Tolley reviewed the reduction of storage and the lowering of groundwater levels, two of the sustainable management criteria; discussed the process of developing minimum thresholds; and why they came to establish those minimum triggers which he stated can be adjusted; reviewed the management areas and a few wells in each to show those minimum thresholds. Keith Rainville discussed well construction basics, types of aquifers, and definition of storage. Lynn Boulton stated she would like to see something that prevents surface vegetation from being impacted. April Zrelak inquired about intermediate triggers which may apply at Owens Lake. Keith Rainville indicated last month the staff agreed that trigger points were going to be included; and stated this presentation is examples and triggers can be more appropriately used in some areas more than others. Dr. Steinwand stated many declines in the hydrographs are due to drought or LADWP pumping so caution is advised as to what the management trigger should be and if you can implement corrective measures. April Zrelak stated the Owens Lake area is going to be DWP pumping; the triggers in that area are very important; and asked about the status of DWP models. Gus Tolley stated they have been requested and not received. Sally Manning stated 1-2 ft. of groundwater change in the Owens Valley is a big deal. Dr. Steinwand replied that we are preparing the GSP assuming it would apply to Owens Lake. Carol Ann Mitchell, TVGMD asked what type of local information was used as a base for the Tri Valley vulnerability assessment document; and where is the well in Hammil Valley. Tri Valley would like to discuss the vulnerability assessment at one of their future meetings. Gus Tolley stated it is a private well and he can't disclose the location. Peter Stickells asked with regard to management triggers, what a management trigger is going to be applied to if the pumping really is in the adjudicated area other than Tri Valley; who are these management triggers going to be applied too if the largest part of the basin is LADWP; the impacts it may have on the sub basins; and there is a great deal of concern with LADWP pumping in the Laws area and Fish Slough. The Board, staff, and public discussed this in detail and at length. Sally Manning wished to point out specific information on the slides provided by the consultant to the new Board members;. Lynn Boulton stated back in the 80's 385/386 were pumped in high volumes; has that time frame been reviewed; and what would that impact would be on Fish Slough.

The Chairperson called a break at 4:02 pm and reconvened the meeting at 4:02 pm.

Keith Rainville provided a presentation on the Tri Valley well vulnerability assessment. He stated the data used came from California Department of Water Resources GIS tool; if interested in viewing, google DWR well mapper; discussed minimum thresholds; and stated the analysis was completed to verify if any wells might be at risk of going dry based on the analysis using publicly available data.

9. Discussion regarding future agenda items and set next OVGA meeting

Financial report; consultant report; and update on Stakeholder Engagement. The next meeting was scheduled for February 11, 2021 via videoconference.

10. Adjourn

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:38 pm.

Lg BUDGET UNIT		Primary Ref	Transaction Description	SS Ref	Date	Job No	Debit	Credit	NET
3. Balance Forward 2019/2020									
GL 621601-1000	YEAREND			JE	07/01/20	02834594	257,728.58	0.00	257,728.58
GL 621601-1000	JE37035	AutoID: JS20722C Job: 2728031		JE	07/22/20	02728031	75,513.66	0.00	333,242.24
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: CS20722A Job: 2728577		CR	07/22/20	02728577	52,859.66	0.00	386,101.90
GL 621601-1000	JE37069	AutoID: JS20729D Job: 2733834		JE	07/29/20	02733834	22,654.00	0.00	408,755.90
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19721A Job: 2734188		OH	07/29/20	02734188	0.00	165.40	408,590.50
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19721B Job: 2734188		OH	07/29/20	02734188	0.00	66.24	408,524.26
GL 621601-1000	INTRCBL	AutoID: JA20806A Job: 2740435		JE	08/04/20	02740435	1,371.90	0.00	409,896.16
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: CR20805A Job: 2739981		CR	08/05/20	02739981	22,654.00	0.00	432,550.16
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19805A Job: 2747397		OH	08/17/20	02747397	0.00	2,174.85	430,375.31
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19811A Job: 2749131		OH	08/18/20	02749131	75,513.66	0.00	505,888.97
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: OW20827C Job: 2749832		OH	08/19/20	02749832	0.00	1,438.50	504,450.47
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: CI20818A Job: 2758428		OH	08/31/20	02758428	0.00	33,944.66	470,505.81
GL 621601-1000	JE37592	AutoID: WD19825A Job: 2760763		OH	09/02/20	02760763	0.00	2,494.90	468,010.91
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: JR20C15B Job: 2787152		JE	10/15/20	02787152	0.00	3,000.00	465,010.91
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20C30A Job: 2796630		OH	11/02/20	02796630	0.00	2,275.00	462,735.91
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD20028B Job: 2798921		OH	11/04/20	02798921	0.00	5,673.75	457,062.16
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20N12B Job: 2804082		OH	11/13/20	02804082	0.00	78,259.75	378,802.41
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20N24F Job: 2813653		OH	12/01/20	02813653	0.00	10,800.00	368,002.41
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20N30A Job: 2813653		OH	12/01/20	02813653	0.00	36,818.00	331,184.41
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20D10F Job: 2820273		OH	12/11/20	02820273	0.00	2,316.00	328,868.41
GL 621601-1000	JE38067	AutoID: SW20D14C Job: 2821410		JE	12/14/20	02821410	0.00	9,223.69	319,644.72
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20D15A Job: 2822929		OH	12/16/20	02822929	0.00	67,021.70	252,623.02
GL 621601-1000	INTEREST	AutoID: JA20C21E Job: 2826547		JE	12/21/20	02826547	1,027.13	0.00	253,650.15
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB21107G Job: 2837270		OH	01/12/21	02837270	0.00	37,882.50	215,767.65
CLAIM ON CASH							509,322.59	293,554.94	215,767.65
3. Balance Forward 2019/2020									
GL 621601-1160	YEAREND			JE	07/01/20	02834594	1,371.90	0.00	1,371.90
GL 621601-1160	INTRCBL	4th QTR INTEREST RVRS		JE	08/04/20	02740435	0.00	1,371.90	0.00
INTEREST RECEIVABLE							1,371.90	0.00	0.00
4. Balance forward 2019/2020									
GL 621601-2000	YEAREND			JE	07/01/20	02834594	0.00	37,624.25	37,624.25
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19721A Job: 2733181		OH	07/28/20	02733181	0.00	165.40	37,789.65
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19721A Job: 2734188		OH	07/29/20	02734188	165.40	0.00	37,624.25
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19721B Job: 2734188		OH	07/29/20	02734188	66.24	0.00	37,558.01
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19805A Job: 2747397		OH	08/17/20	02747397	2,174.85	0.00	35,383.16
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19811A Job: 2749832		OH	08/19/20	02749832	1,438.50	0.00	33,944.66
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OW20827C Job: 2758428		OH	08/31/20	02758428	33,944.66	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19825A Job: 2759412		OH	09/01/20	02759412	0.00	2,494.90	2,494.90
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD19825A Job: 2760763		OH	09/02/20	02760763	2,494.90	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20C30A Job: 2796227		OH	10/30/20	02796227	0.00	2,275.00	2,275.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20C30A Job: 2796630		OH	11/02/20	02796630	2,275.00	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD20028B Job: 2798240		OH	11/03/20	02798240	0.00	5,673.75	5,673.75
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: WD20028B Job: 2798921		OH	11/04/20	02798921	5,673.75	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20N12B Job: 2803602		OH	11/12/20	02803602	0.00	78,259.75	78,259.75
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20N12B Job: 2804082		OH	11/13/20	02804082	0.00	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20N24F Job: 2811282		OH	11/24/20	02811282	0.00	10,800.00	10,800.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20N30A Job: 2812959		OH	11/30/20	02812959	0.00	36,818.00	47,618.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20N24F Job: 2813653		OH	12/01/20	02813653	10,800.00	0.00	36,818.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20N30A Job: 2813653		OH	12/01/20	02813653	36,818.00	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20D10F Job: 2819778		OH	12/10/20	02819778	0.00	2,316.00	2,316.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID: OB20D10F Job: 2820273		OH	12/11/20	02820273	2,316.00	0.00	0.00

SORT ORDER: OBJECT within BUDUNIT

SELECT BUDGET UNIT: 621601

LG BUDGET UNIT		Primary Ref	Transaction Description	SS Ref	Date	Job No	Debit	Credit	NET
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GL 621601-2000	TTL0H		AutoID:OB20D15A Job:2822529	OH	12/15/20	02822529	0.00	67,021.70	67,021.70
GL 621601-2000	TTL0H		AutoID:OB20D15A Job:2822929	OH	12/16/20	02822929	67,021.70	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTL0H		AutoID:OB21107G Job:2634074	OH	01/07/21	02834074	0.00	37,882.50	37,882.50
GL 621601-2000	TTL0H		AutoID:OB21107G Job:2837270	OH	01/12/21	02837270	37,882.50	0.00	0.00
*****Total *OBJT 2000			ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			CR	281,331.25	281,331.25	0.00
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GL 621601-3000	YEAREND		1. Balance Forward 2019/2020	JE	07/01/20	02834594	0.00	59,494.71	59,494.71
GL 621601-3000	YEAREND		2. Balance Forward 2019/2020	JE	07/01/20	02834594	0.00	161,981.52	221,476.23
*****Total *OBJT 3000			FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE			CR	0.00	221,476.23	221,476.23
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GL 621601-4301	INTEREST		1ST QRT 20/21 INTEREST	JE	12/21/20	02826547	0.00	1,027.13	1,027.13
*****Total *OBJT 4301			INTEREST FROM TREASURY			CR	0.00	1,027.13	1,027.13
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GL 621601-4599	JE37035		20/21 INYO OVGA CONTRIBUTION	JE	07/22/20	02728031	0.00	75,513.66	75,513.66
GL 621601-4599	CR119092		I#3 OVGA GSP CONTRIBUTION	CR	07/22/20	02728577	0.00	52,859.66	128,373.32
GL 621601-4599	JE37069		I#3 OVGA GSP DEVELOPMENT	JE	07/29/20	02733634	0.00	22,654.00	151,027.32
GL 621601-4599	CR119368		I#3 WESTRIDGE/INDIAN CREEK	CR	08/05/20	02739981	0.00	22,654.00	173,681.32
GL 621601-4599	CR119566		I#3 20/21 OVGA-MONO CO 2020-21	CR	08/18/20	02749131	0.00	75,513.66	249,194.98
*****Total *OBJT 4599			OTHER AGENCIES			CR	0.00	249,194.98	249,194.98
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GL 621601-5155	GS200710660		GOLDEN STATE RI ACCT#OWENVAL	OH	09/01/20	02759412	2,494.90	0.00	2,494.90
*****Total *OBJT 5155			PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE			DR	2,494.90	0.00	2,494.90
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GL 621601-5263	70243		INYO REGISTER, CUST#01110862	OH	07/28/20	02733181	165.40	0.00	165.40
*****Total *OBJT 5263			ADVERTISING			DR	165.40	0.00	165.40
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GL 621601-5265	042420		FECHTER & COMPA 18/19 AUDIT OV	OH	10/30/20	02796227	2,275.00	0.00	2,275.00
GL 621601-5265	244576		DANIEL B STEPHE INYO CO PROJ#D	OH	11/12/20	02803602	78,259.75	0.00	80,534.75
GL 621601-5265	6607		ALPEN ARETE OVGA WEBSITE DESIG	OH	11/24/20	02811282	10,800.00	0.00	91,334.75
GL 621601-5265	245042		DANIEL B STEPHE INYO CO PROJ#D	OH	11/30/20	02812959	36,818.00	0.00	128,152.75
GL 621601-5265	111220		FECHTER & COMPA 18/19 AUDIT OV	OH	12/10/20	02819778	2,316.00	0.00	130,468.75
GL 621601-5265	243077		DANIEL B STEPHE INYO CO PROJ#D	OH	12/15/20	02822529	48,031.95	0.00	178,500.70
GL 621601-5265	243552		DANIEL B STEPHE INYO CO PROJ#D	OH	12/15/20	02822529	18,989.75	0.00	197,490.45
GL 621601-5265	245844		DANIEL B STEPHE INYO CO PROJ#D	OH	01/07/21	02834074	37,882.50	0.00	235,372.95
*****Total *OBJT 5265			PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL SERVICE			DR	235,372.95	0.00	235,372.95
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GL 621601-5539	JE37592		OVGA-BOARD STAFF JUL-SEP20	JE	10/15/20	02787152	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
GL 621601-5539	202101		MONO COUNTY JUL-SEP 2020 OVGA	OH	11/03/20	02798240	5,673.75	0.00	8,673.75
GL 621601-5539	JE38067		JUL-SEPT2020 STAFF OVGA BOARD	JE	12/14/20	02821410	9,223.69	0.00	17,897.44
*****Total *OBJT 5539			OTHER AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS			DR	17,897.44	0.00	17,897.44
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*****Total *BUDG 621601			OVGA-OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER			DR-CR	1,047,956.43	1,047,956.43	0.00

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COUNTY OF INYO
Budget to Actuals with Encumbrances by Key/Obj

Ledger: GL

As Of 3/5/2021

Object	Description	Budget	Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	
Key: 621601 - OVGA-OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER						
Revenue						
4301	INTEREST FROM TREASURY	4,000.00	1,027.13	0.00	2,972.87	25.67
4498	STATE GRANTS	311,284.00	0.00	0.00	311,284.00	0.00
4599	OTHER AGENCIES	249,195.00	249,194.98	0.00	0.02	100.00
Revenue Total:		<u>564,479.00</u>	<u>250,222.11</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>314,256.89</u>	
Expenditure						
5129	INTERNAL COPY CHARGES	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
5155	PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,500.00	2,494.90	0.00	5.10	99.79
5263	ADVERTISING	2,000.00	165.40	0.00	1,834.60	8.27
5265	PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL	319,534.00	235,372.95	309.00	83,852.05	73.66
5291	OFFICE, SPACE & SITE RENTAL	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
5311	GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSE	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
5539	OTHER AGENCY	104,470.00	17,897.44	0.00	86,572.56	17.13
5901	CONTINGENCIES	13,290.00	0.00	0.00	13,290.00	0.00
Expenditure Total:		<u>445,294.00</u>	<u>255,930.69</u>	<u>309.00</u>	<u>189,054.31</u>	
621601	Key Total:	<u>119,185.00</u>	<u>(5,708.58)</u>	<u>(309.00)</u>	<u>125,202.58</u>	

COUNTY OF INYO
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCES

AS OF 06/30/2021

		Claim on	Accounts	Loans	Prepaid	Accounts	Loans	Deferred	Computed	Fund	
		Cash	Receivable	Receivable	Expenses	Payable	Payable	Revenue	Fund	Balance	Undesignated
		1000	1100,1105,1160	1140	1200	2000	2140	2200	Balance	Encumbrances	Balance
WDIR	- WATER										
6272	OVGA-OWENS VALLEY	215,768							215,768	309	215,459
WDIR	Totals	215,768							215,768	309	215,459
Grand Totals		215,768							215,768	309	215,459



OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Members: Big Pine CSD — City of Bishop — County of Inyo — County of Mono — Indian Creek-Westridge CSD

Interested Parties: Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribe — Owens Valley Committee

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DATE: February 11, 2020

TO: Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

FROM: Counsel

SUBJECT: Process for Adoption of Conflict of Interest Code.

One important requirement for local public agencies is the update of its Conflict of Interest Code (Code) which requires the filing of Form 700's by those board members, employees and consultants that advise the Board on the use of an agency's funds. Board Members were not included in the OVGA's initial Code since the Board was initially comprised of those already statutorily required to file form 700's. The Interested Party Board Members, however, are not already statutorily required to file, so an amendment to the OVGA's Code is necessary. A copy of the current code is attached for your reference.

The process for adopting an amendment to the Current Code is briefly set forth as follows:

- 1) The Board reviews the accompanying Notice of Intent and Code, including the attached Appendixes A & B and the Organizational chart. If acceptable, the Board should determine a 45-day comment period during which time the required Notice period shall take place and at the end of which the Board can formally adopt the Code.

Staff suggests February 15 to March 30, 2021, for the 45-day comment period.

- 2) After setting the date, the Board should adopt the accompanying resolution titled "A RESOLUTION OF THE OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY ANNOUNCING THE INTENT TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO ITS CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND ESTABLISHING A COMMENT PERIOD" by recorded vote.

- 3) The Authority will send the appropriate notice to the FPPC and allow the 45- day notice period to pass.
- 4) At the conclusion of the 45-day notice period, the Board Chair shall then review and sign the accompanying Declaration and the Board is expected to formally adopt the Code by a recorded vote.
- 5) Upon completion of the above steps, the Code amendment is deemed to have been adopted by the Authority. However, the Code must still be formally reviewed and adopted by the Authority's Code Reviewing Body, in this instance, the FPPC, before it shall be deemed effective.
- 6) Copies of the Notice of Intent and Code will be sent to the FPPC for review concurrently with the public comment period.
- 7) The FPPC will review the Code and within 90 days of receipt and do one of the following:
 - a. Approve the Code as submitted;
 - b. Revise the Code and approve as revised;
 - c. Return the Code to the Authority for revision and resubmission within 60 days.
- 8) Once approved by the FPPC, the Authority's Code shall be promulgated by the Authority and designated filers under the Code will be required to file 700 forms within 30 days, but staff recommends the Interested Party Board Members file as soon as you adopt the above-referenced resolution.

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY ANNOUNCING THE
INTENT TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO ITS CONFLICT OF INTEREST
CODE AND ESTABLISHING A COMMENT PERIOD THEREFOR**

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA) Board of Directors determined that an amendment to its Conflict of Interest Code should be adopted at this time; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law the OVGA prepared the attached Conflict of Interest Code amendment and Notice of Intent; and

WHEREAS, state law requires the Authority to provide a 45-day comment period before adopting said Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the OVGA that the Conflict of Interest Code attached hereto as an exhibit and incorporated herein by this reference is hereby preliminarily adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mandatory 45-day comment period begins on February 15, 2021, and ends March 30, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES :
NOES :
ABSTAIN :
ABSENT :

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

Chair

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
OF THE OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

SECTION 1: Conflict of Interest Code - Adopted.

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000 *et seq.*) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Reg. Section 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference and may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission after public notice and hearings to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 Cal. Code of Regs., Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendices, designating positions and establishing disclosure requirements, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority.

SECTION 2: Statements of Economic Interest: Filing Officer.

Individuals holding designated positions shall file Statements of Economic Interests with the Inyo County Clerk-Recorder, who shall be and perform the duties of filing officer for the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority, and who shall make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Sec. 81008).

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
OF THE OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
APPENDIX A**

LIST OF DESIGNATED POSITIONS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DISCLOSURE CATEGORY</u>
Primary & Alternate Directors	1
Executive Manager	1
Treasurer	1
Legal Counsel*	1
Consultants/New Positions**	1

Comment [JV1]: Changed

Comment [JV2]: All changed to just #1

Comment [JV3]: Added

Note: Except for Primary and Alternate Directors, who are appointed pursuant to the joint powers agreement, the designated positions are filled by employees of Member Agencies who act in a staff capacity for the Authority, or independent contractors hired by the Authority.

* Legal Counsel means the Inyo County Counsel and/or such other legal counsel as the Authority may choose to utilize.

** Consultants and new positions shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code subject to the following determination:

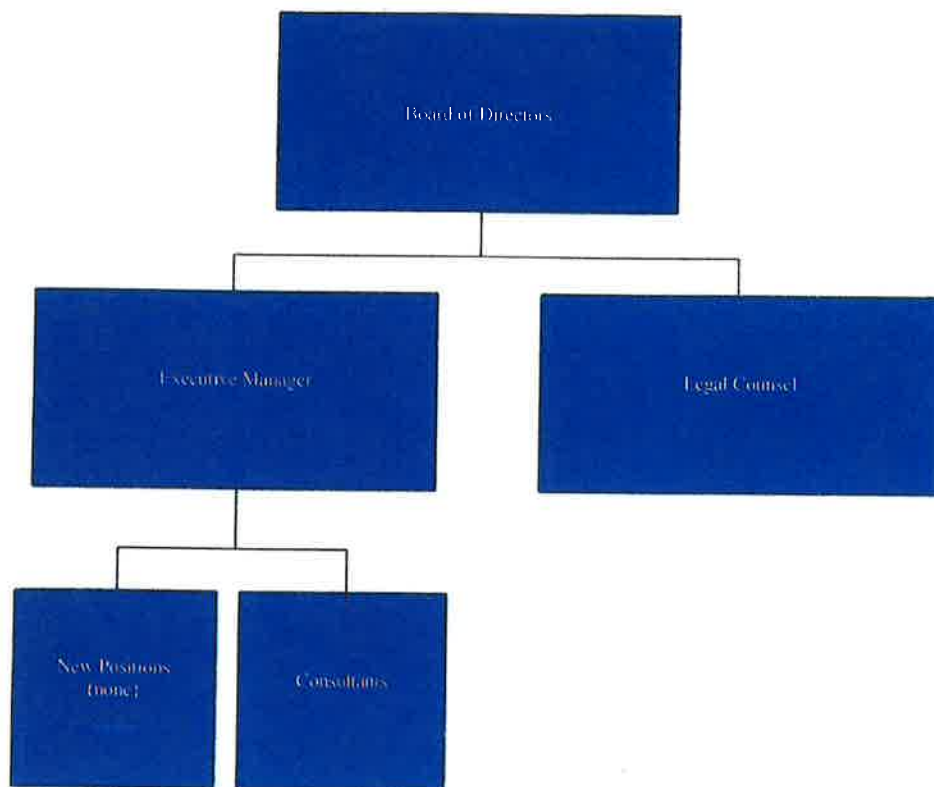
The Executive Manager may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus, is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements described in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultants'/new positions' duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of the disclosure requirements. The Executive Manager's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict of interest code (Gov. Code Sec. 81008).

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
OF THE OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
APPENDIX B**

LIST OF DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

Disclosure category

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| 1 | <u>Full Disclosure:</u> Designated positions in this category are treated as mandated/statutory filers and thus must report all reportable interests in real property within the Authority's jurisdiction, as well as reportable investments, business positions and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments. |
| 2 | <u>Full Disclosure Excluding Real Property Interests:</u>
Designated positions in this category must report all reportable investments, business positions and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments. |
| 3 | <u>Interests in Real Property:</u>
Designated positions in this category must report all reportable interests in real property within the Authority's jurisdiction. |
| 4 | <u>General Contracting for Entire Authority:</u>
Designated employees in this category must report all reportable investments, business positions and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, from sources that provide leased facilities, goods, equipment, vehicles, machinery or services, including training or consulting fees, of the type utilized by the Authority. |



**DECLARATION OF BOARD CHAIR FOR THE
OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

The proposed amendment to the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Conflict-of-Interest Code specifically includes newly added classes of Board Members within the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material financial effect on an economic interest.

The disclosure categories are written to address the Authority's current programs and require disclosure of only foreseeable interests that may create a conflict of interest.

The Authority satisfied all of the requirements of Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations section 18750 preliminary to approval of the proposed code amendment, including providing a comment period for both employees and the public.

This is the Authority's first amendment to its code and future amendments will be made as needed.

Date

Chair

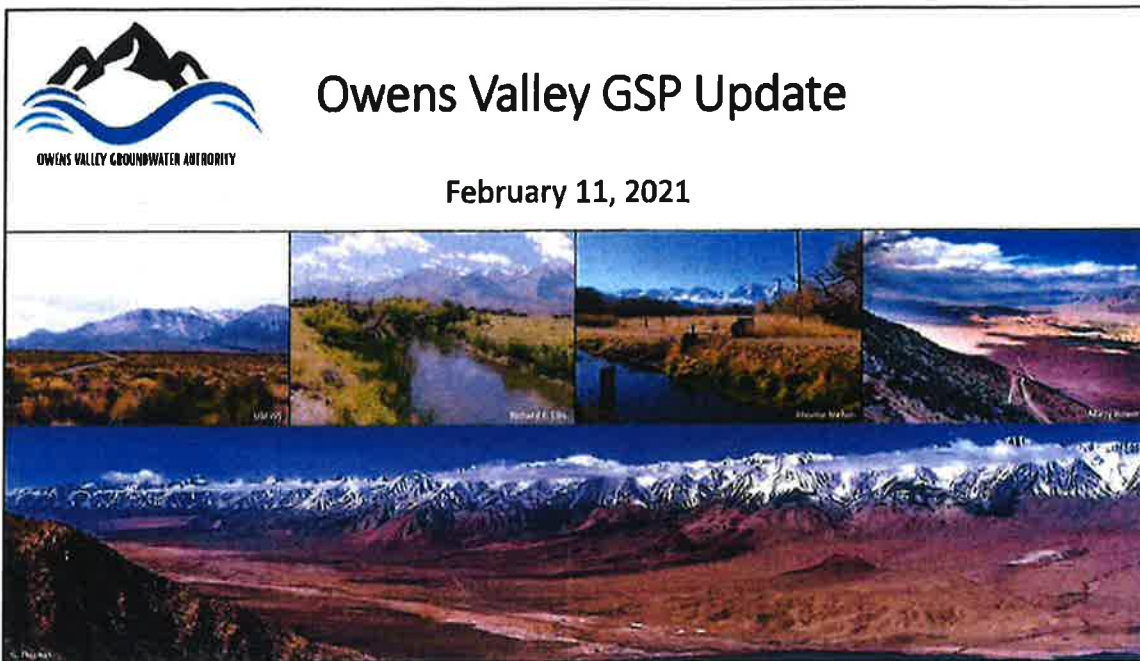
**OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO ITS
CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (OVGA) intends to adopt an amendment to its conflict-of-interest code pursuant to Government Code Section 87300 et seq. Pursuant to Government Code Section 87302, the code amendment will add new classes of Board members that were added to the OVGA who must disclose certain investments, income, interests in real property and business positions, and who must disqualify themselves from making or participating in the making of governmental decisions affecting those interests.

A written comment period of more than 45 days has been established commencing on _____, 2021 and terminating on _____, 2021. Any interested person may present written comments concerning the proposed code no later than _____, 2021 to the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority, in care of Aaron Steinwand, Water Director, County of Inyo, 135 S. Jackson St. (POB 337) Independence, California 93526. No public hearing on this matter will be held unless an interested person or his or her representative requests one no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

To the extent there are future changes, the Authority will amend the code as and when needed.

Copies of the proposed code and all of the information upon which it is based may be obtained from the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority, attention Laura Piper, 135 S. Jackson St. (POB 337) Independence, California 93526. Any inquiries concerning the proposed code should also be directed via phone at (760) 878-0001, and/or email at lpiper@inyocounty.us.



Questions from January Meeting?

- Topics covered:

- ✓ Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs)

- ✓ Basin-wide SMC matrix

- ✓ Management area SMC matrices

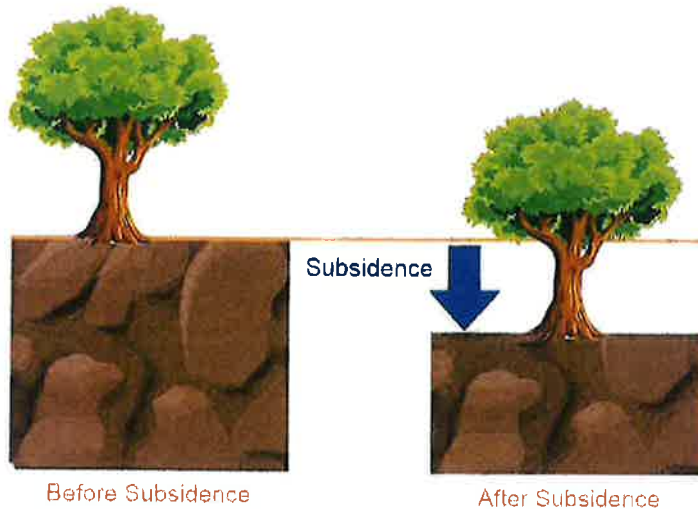


Today's Topics...

- Subsidence



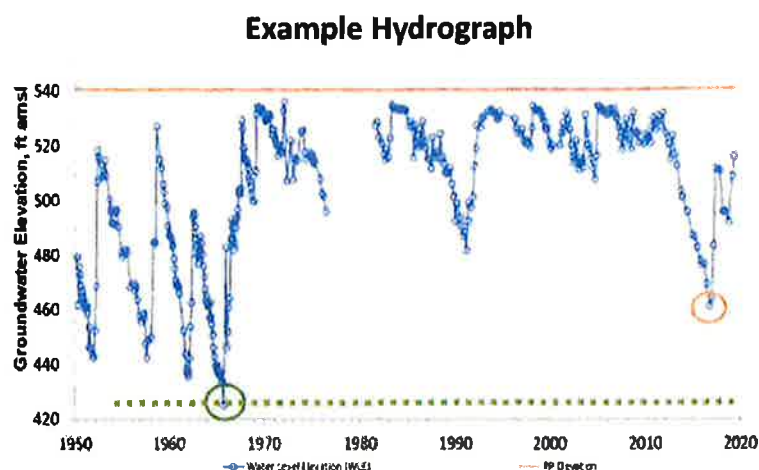
Subsidence - Ground Sinking because of Underground Compaction



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Common Conditions

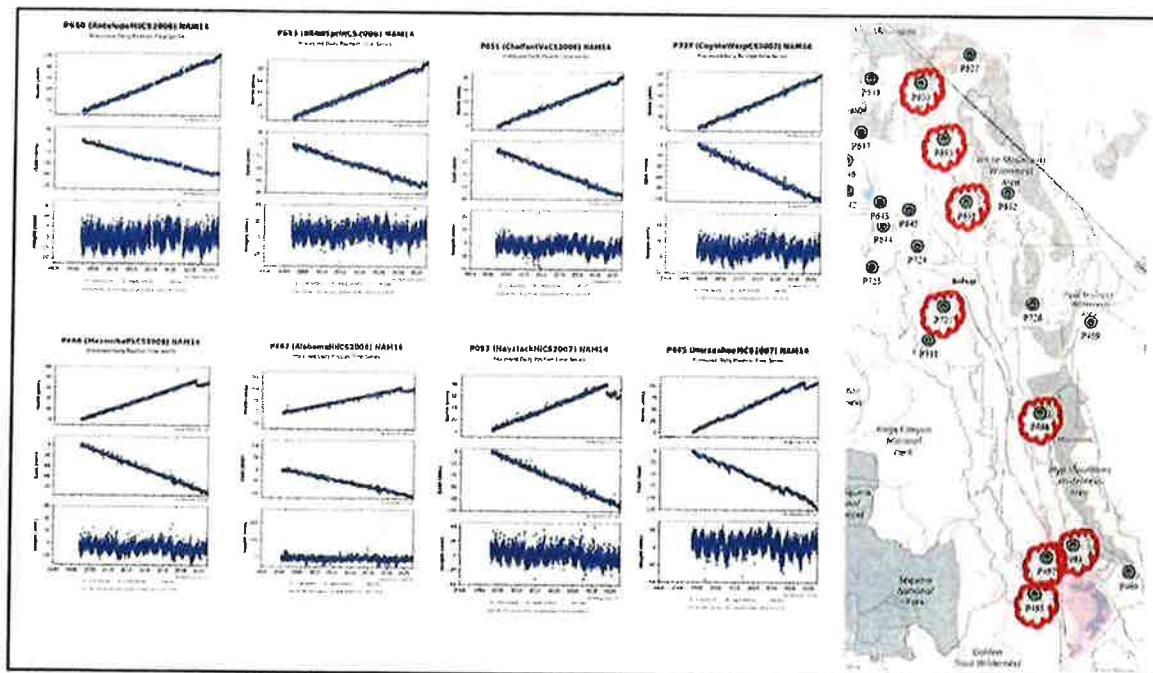
- Thick subsurface layers of fine-grained deposits (e.g., silts, clays, peat)
- Groundwater declines below the historic low



Subsidence - Monitoring Technologies

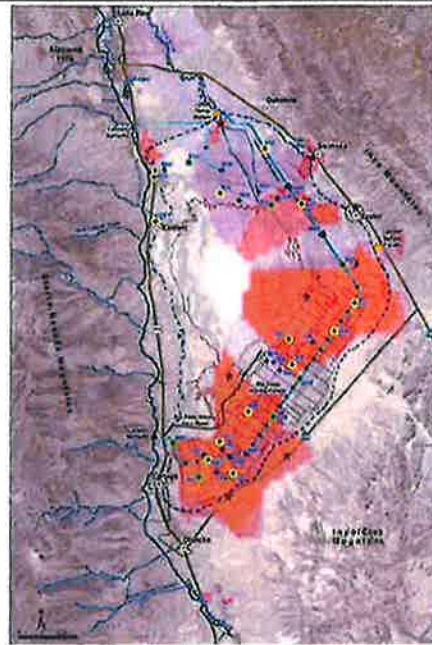
- ✓ Literature review (e.g., DWR 2014)
- ✓ County General Plans
- ✓ Geodetic surveys - continuous operating geodetic instrument networks (CGSP - Continuous Global Positioning System)
- ✓ InSAR - Interferometric Synthetic Aperture - satellite based technology
- ✓ Extensometers / Tiltmeters

- ✓ Permanent monitoring stations
- ✓ Mostly positioned on bedrock



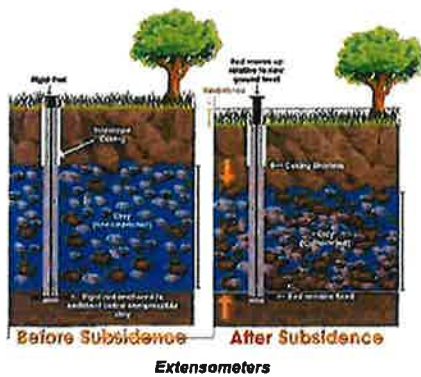
Subsidence - LADWP Monitoring Stations

- Primary Subsidence Monitoring Location
- Back-Up Subsidence Monitoring Location
- ★ New Survey Point
- ◆ Existing Survey Point



Subsidence - LADWP Proposed Extensometer Locations

- ✓ Aquifer-specific subsidence monitoring

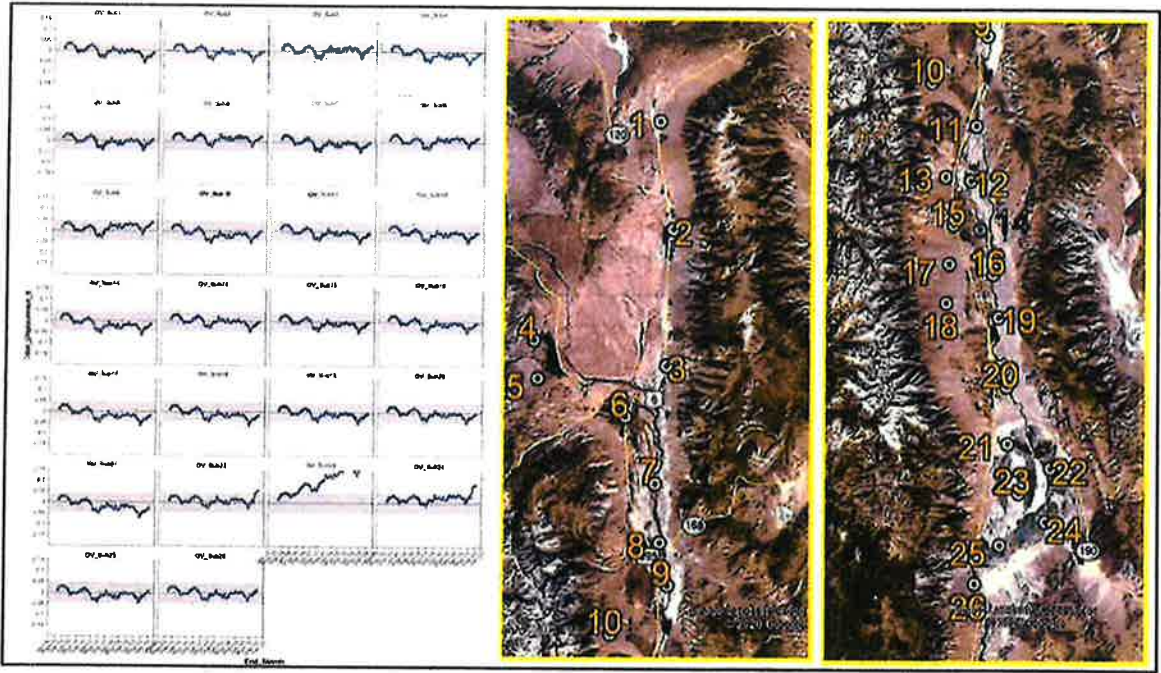


Extensometers

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Subsidence -
Representative
InSAR Monitoring
Points



Subsidence - Summary of Previous Investigations

Study/Investigator	Subsidence	Comments
Neponset Geophysical Corp (1999)	maximum subsidence of 0.0363 feet (0.43 inches) with 0.0077 ft (0.09 inches) of inelastic subsidence	23 day pumping test near Owens Lake
Geodetic Data	No recorded subsidence	Basin-wide data
Various Regional General Plans or Hazard Mitigation Plans	No recorded subsidence	
DWR, 2014	Low potential	Ranking for entire basin
InSAR	Less than +/-0.05 ft (land elevation changes less than instrumental resolution)	June 2015 – Sept 2019 study period / basin-wide data

Subsidence - Susceptibility Evaluation

Management Area	Hydro-stratigraphic Setting Susceptibility	Chronic Declines in Groundwater Levels	Geodetic / Extensometer / Tiltmeter Evidence of Subsidence	InSAR Evidence of Subsidence	Subsidence Susceptibility Ranking
Tri Valley & Fish Slough	Low	Yes	No	No	Low
Owens Valley	Low to Moderate	No	No	No	Low
Owens Lake	High	No	Yes	No	Low

Subsidence - Recommended Monitoring Program

	Priority	Technique	Comments
I	In arrears	InSAR data	Low cost (data provided by others) / Good areal coverage
II	Real time or near real time	Extensometers / CGPS	Expensive to install / Ongoing maintenance costs / Site-specific data / Extensometers allow aquifer-specific measurements
III	Predictive, future subsidence	Analytical tools / subsidence groundwater flow module	Semi-quantitative results / Must have detailed lithologic data (e.g., borehole geophysical logs, well drillers reports)

