

MINUTES

Owens Valley Groundwater Authority

Board Members:

INDIAN CREEK-WESTRIDGE CSD	Luis Elias	BIG PINE CSD	BryAnna Vaughan
COUNTY OF MONO	Rhonda Duggan	LONE PINE PAIUTE SHOSHONE TRIBE	Mel Joseph
CITY OF BISHOP	Karen Kong	OWENS VALLEY COMMITTEE	Mary Roper
COUNTY OF INYO	Dan Tothoroh		

March 11, 2021

The Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting was called to order at 2:03 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 of Directors.

3. Introductions

The Board introduced themselves with no alternates in attendance.

4. Approval of minutes from the February 11, 2021 Board meeting

The Chairperson requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve by Rhonda Duggan, seconded by Dan Tothoroh. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Rhonda Duggan – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Dan Tothoroh – Y, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mel Joseph – Y, Mary Roper – Y. Motion passed 7 Yes.

5. Board Member Reports

Rhonda Duggan stated the GBAPCD provided a presentation on the Keeler Dunes recovery project, the outcome was better than expected, and she has obtained the slides if the Board has any interest. Mary Roper stated March 15 there is a webinar on “Water Wars – What are they good for”, go to “maven” and you should find it on her website.

6. OVGA staff reports

- Financial Report
- Report on Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority activities
- LADWP data requests update

Laura Piper, Inyo County Water Department provided the financial report and stated the OVGA cash balance is \$183,238.99; revenues were second quarter interest of \$866.84; expenses were \$31,211.50 to the consultant, and staff costs of \$2,184.00. John Vallejo provided an update on the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority activities and stated there are a lot of challenges to the pumping fees; an action has been brought forward by the water district to circumvent the SGMA process; and funding for a percolation test was approved and provided the background. Stacey Simon stated Mono County received a favorable ruling from Superior Court in its litigation related to Long Valley. Aaron Steinwand reviewed the data requests presented to LADWP and stated groundwater models were not provided; there are subsidence survey points around Owens Lake but the data is not available, and INSAR dated has been substituted for the data not provided. Tony Morgan provided information regarding the subsidence survey stating that the data exists, but we don't have access to the information.

7. Stakeholder engagement update

Dr. Steinwand stated two workshops for the general public were held in February; he is working with local tribes to schedule

individual workshops; additional public workshops will be held late summer; and expecting the final draft GSP to be adopted by the OVGA Board in December 2021. He stated a presentation was provided to the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District in December as well as at their meeting in February; and Mono staff is preparing a survey/mailed for the portion of the Tri-Valley area with connectivity issues. Sally Manning stated she attended both outreach meetings; she's concerned public comment will be pushed off until the administrative draft is completed; restated to the OVGA Board the authority provided to them by SGMA; and LADWP & Inyo County should work cooperatively on their own GSP; discussed monitoring, groundwater levels, and the Urban Water Management Plan.

8. Presentation of draft 2021-2022 OVGA budget

Dr. Steinwand presented the proposed draft 2021-2022 OVGA budget; reviewed the revenues and expenses; discussed the grant funding and retention; and the consultant costs. He stated the OVGA Board had fulfilled their three year obligation for funding contributions.

9. Direction to staff and consultants regarding Management Areas and the GSP

Tony Morgan reviewed the discussions leading up to the three management areas, Tri-Valley, Owens Valley, and Owens Lake. He inquired if the Board would like to continue the GSP with the proposed management areas, the Board concurred.

10. Update from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates on status of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Tony Morgan provided an overview on the GSP progress, the subjects in progress and under staff review, and those in final draft. He discussed the final process for the GSP; groundwater models; and management actions. The Board, staff, and consultant discussed this in detail.

11. Discussion regarding future agenda items

The future agenda items requested were; overview of GSP as it applies to Owens Lake to include jurisdictional issues, and final budget approval. Sally Manning stated the Board can complete a GSP that may apply to Owens Lake but State Lands Commission could decide not to follow the GSP and would like that clarified at the next meeting. Philip Anaya stated he would like the Board to write a letter to LADWP and Inyo County regarding a voluntary GSP in the area of the LTWA as a way to begin to manage the adjudicated/non adjudicated boundary.

10. Adjourn

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3:17 pm.

SORT ORDER: OBJECT within BUDONIT

SELECT BUDGET UNIT: 621601

Ig BUDGET UNIT		Primary Ref	Transaction Description	SS Ref Date	Job No	Debit	Credit	NET
GL 621601-1000	YEAREND		3. Balance Forward 2019/2020	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	TTLCR		AutoID: CS20722A Job: 2728577	CR 07/22/20	02728577	52,859.66	0.00	386,101.90
GL 621601-1000	JE37069		AutoID: JS20722D 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	INTRCBL		AutoID: WD19721B Job: 2734188	OH 07/29/20	02734188	0.00	66.24	408,524.26
GL 621601-1000	TTLCR		AutoID: JA20806A Job: 2740435	JE 08/04/20	02740435	1,371.90	0.00	432,550.16
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH		AutoID: CR20805A Job: 2739981	CR 08/05/20	02739981	22,654.00	0.00	450,896.16
GL 621601-1000	TTLCR		AutoID: WD19805A Job: 2747387	CR 08/17/20	02747387	0.00	2,174.85	430,375.31
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH		AutoID: CI20818A Job: 2749131	CR 08/18/20	02749131	75,513.66	0.00	505,888.97
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH		AutoID: WD19811A Job: 2749832	OH 08/19/20	02749832	0.00	1,438.50	504,450.47
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH		AutoID: OW20827C 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	JE 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
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH		AutoID: WD20216B Job: 2862067	OH 02/23/21	02862067	0.00	2,184.00	213,583.65
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH		AutoID: OB21224G Job: 2864850	OH 02/26/21	02864850	0.00	31,211.50	182,372.15
GL 621601-1000	INTEREST		AutoID: JA20308Z Job: 2870655	JE 03/08/21	02870655	866.84	0.00	183,238.99
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH		AutoID: WD20310A Job: 2876096	OH 03/17/21	02876096	0.00	280.00	182,958.99
GL 621601-1000	JE38701		AutoID: JI21317A Job: 2876914	JE 03/18/21	02876914	0.00	18,767.23	164,191.76
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH		AutoID: OB21317A Job: 2877120	OH 03/18/21	02877120	0.00	16,218.75	147,973.01
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH		AutoID: WD20311B Job: 2877120	OH 03/18/21	02877120	0.00	480.50	147,492.51
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH		AutoID: WD20316A Job: 2879638	OH 03/23/21	02879638	0.00	317.52	147,174.99
*****Total *OBJT 1000			CLAIM ON CASH		DR	510,189.43	363,014.44	147,174.99
GL 621601-1160	YEAREND		3. Balance Forward 2019/2020	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
*****Total *OBJT 1160			INTEREST RECEIVABLE		DR	1,371.90	1,371.90	0.00
GL 621601-2000	YEAREND		4. Balance forward 2019/2020	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: 2747387	OH 08/17/20	02747387	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	0.00	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	0.00	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

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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	78,259.75	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	36,818.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:OB20N24F Job:2813653	OH 12/01/20	02813653	10,800.00	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:OB20D15A Job:2822529	OH 12/15/20	02822529	67,021.70	0.00	67,021.70
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:OB20D15A Job:2822929	OH 12/16/20	02822929	0.00	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:OB21107G Job:2834074	OH 01/07/21	02834074	0.00	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:OB21107G Job:2837270	OH 01/12/21	02837270	37,882.50	0.00	37,882.50
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20216B Job:2859888	OH 02/18/21	02859888	0.00	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20216B Job:2862067	OH 02/23/21	02862067	2,184.00	0.00	2,184.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:OB21224G Job:2863578	OH 02/24/21	02863578	0.00	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:OB21224G Job:2864850	OH 02/26/21	02864850	31,211.50	0.00	31,211.50
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20310A Job:2875609	OH 03/16/21	02875609	0.00	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20310A Job:2876096	OH 03/17/21	02876096	280.00	0.00	280.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20311B Job:2876138	OH 03/17/21	02876138	0.00	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20311B Job:2876457	OH 03/17/21	02876457	0.00	16,218.75	16,218.75
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20311B Job:2877120	OH 03/18/21	02877120	0.00	480.50	480.50
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20311B Job:2877120	OH 03/18/21	02877120	16,218.75	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20316A Job:2878154	OH 03/19/21	02878154	480.50	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD20316A Job:2879638	OH 03/23/21	02879638	317.52	317.52	317.52
*****Total *OBJT 2000		ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		CR	332,023.52	332,023.52	0.00
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
GL 621601-4301	INTEREST	1ST QRT 20/21 INTEREST	JE 12/21/20	02826547	0.00	1,027.13	1,027.13
GL 621601-4301	INTEREST	2ND QRT 20/21 INTEREST	JE 03/08/21	02870655	0.00	866.84	1,893.97
*****Total *OBJT 4301		INTEREST FROM TREASURY		CR	0.00	1,893.97	1,893.97
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	02733834	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 2C/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
GL 621601-5155	GS200710060	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
GL 621601-5263	70243	INYO REGISTER, CUST#01110862	OH 07/28/20	02733181	165.40	0.00	165.40
GL 621601-5263	8660	THE SHEET INC INYO COUNTY WARE	OH 03/16/21	02875609	280.00	0.00	445.40
GL 621601-5263	13646	SIERRA READER INYO COUNTY WARE	OH 03/19/21	02878154	317.52	0.00	762.92
*****Total *OBJT 5263		ADVERTISING		DR	762.92	0.00	762.92
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

SORT ORDER: OBJECT within BUDUNIT

SELECT BUDGET UNIT: 621601

Lg BUDGET UNIT	Primary Ref	Transaction Description	SS Ref Date	Job No	Debit	Credit	NET
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 01/07/21	02834074	18,989.75	0.00	197,490.45
GL 621601-5265	245844	DANIEL B STEPHE INYO CO PROJ#D	OH 02/24/21	02863578	37,882.50	0.00	235,372.95
GL 621601-5265	246495	DANIEL B STEPHE INYO CO PROJ#D	OH 03/17/21	02876138	31,211.50	0.00	266,584.45
GL 621601-5265	246871	DANIEL B STEPHE INYO CO PROJ#D	OH 03/17/21	02876138	11,892.50	0.00	278,476.95
GL 621601-5265	247008	DANIEL B STEPHE INYO CO PROJ#D	OH 03/17/21	02876138	4,326.25	0.00	282,803.20
GL 621601-5265	6200 0221	INYO REGISTER, ACCT#00006200	OH 03/17/21	02876457	480.50	0.00	283,283.70
*****Total *OBJT 5265		PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL SERVICE		DR	283,283.70	0.00	283,283.70
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
GL 621601-5539	202102	MONO COUNTY 10/20-12/20 MONO C	OH 02/18/21	02859888	2,184.00	0.00	20,081.44
GL 621601-5539	JE38701	OCT-DEC20 OVGA INYO STAFF	JE 03/18/21	02876914	18,767.23	0.00	38,848.67
*****Total *OBJT 5539		OTHER AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS		DR	38,848.67	0.00	38,848.67
*****Total *BUDG 621601		OVGA-OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER		DR-CR	1,168,975.04	1,168,975.04	0.00
** G R A N D T O T A L **					1,168,975.04	1,168,975.04	0.00

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

Ledger: GL

As Of 4/6/2021

Object	Description	Budget	Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	%
Key: 621601 - OVGA-OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER						
Revenue						
4301	INTEREST FROM TREASURY	4,000.00	1,893.97	0.00	2,106.03	47.34
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>251,088.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>313,390.05</u>	<u>44.48</u>
Expenditure						
5129	INTERNAL COPY CHARGES (NON-IS)	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	762.92	0.00	1,237.08	38.14
5265	PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL SERVICE	319,534.00	283,283.70	309.00	35,941.30	88.75
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 CONTRIBUTIONS	104,470.00	38,848.67	0.00	65,621.33	37.18
5901	CONTINGENCIES	13,290.00	0.00	0.00	13,290.00	0.00
Expenditure Total:		<u>445,294.00</u>	<u>325,390.19</u>	<u>309.00</u>	<u>119,594.81</u>	<u>73.14</u>
621601	Key Total:	<u>119,185.00</u>	<u>(74,301.24)</u>	<u>(309.00)</u>	<u>193,795.24</u>	

COUNTY OF INYO
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCES

AS OF 04/06/2021

		Claim on	Accounts Receivable	Loans Receivable	Prepaid Expenses	Accounts Payable	Loans Payable	Deferred Revenue	Computed Fund Balance	Encumbrances	Fund Balance
		1000	1100,1105,1160	1140	1200	2000	2140	2200			Undesignated
WDIR	- WATER										
6272	OVGA-OWENS VALLEY GRO	147,175							147,175	309	146,866
WDIR	Totals	147,175							147,175	309	146,866
Grand Totals		147,175							147,175	309	146,866



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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Staff Report

Date: April 8, 2020

Subject: Agenda item # 8: Presentation of Final 2021-22 OVGA Budget

A Draft OVGA budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was presented and discussed at the March 11, 2021 meeting. The Final Budget presented for approval is the same as the Draft Budget; all expected revenues and proposed expenditures remain the same.

Table 1: Final FY 2021-22 OVGA budget.

Revenues	
Interest from treasury	\$4,000
Other Agencies (member contributions)	\$0
Grant Funding	
(a) Grant Administration	\$18,750
(b) Stakeholder Engagement Plan	\$0
(c) GSP Development	\$130,792
Total Revenue	\$153,542
Expenditures	
Fiscal Services	
Insurance	\$2,500
Reserve Fund	\$13,290
Subtotal	\$15,790
Staff Services	
Agency: Inyo, Executive Manager	
(a) Staff services	\$33,970
(b) Grant Administration	\$13,000
Agency: Inyo, Legal	\$18,000
Agency: Inyo, Fiscal Agent/Financial Services	\$4,000
Agency: Mono, Administrative & Legal	\$33,000
Agency: Bishop, Administrative	\$5,500
Subtotal	\$107,470
Professional Services	
Website Development	\$0
Outside Audit	\$4,850
DBS&A	\$7,500
Subtotal	\$12,350
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Internal Copy Charges	\$1,500
Advertising	\$3,000
Office, Space & Site Rental	\$1,500
General Operating	\$500
Subtotal	\$6,500
Total Expenditures	\$142,110
Anticipated carry over balance	\$11,432

**1st AMENDED 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

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

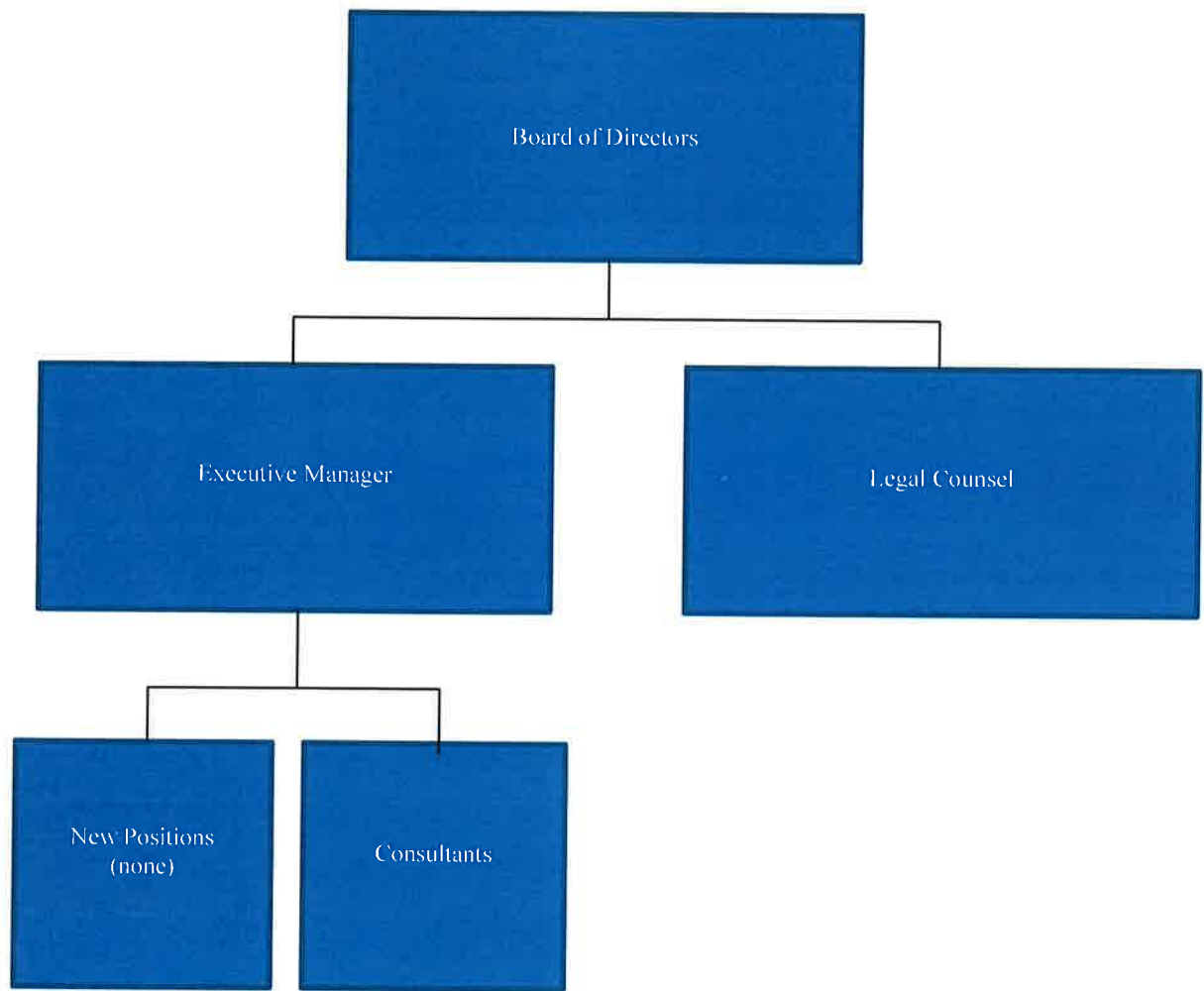
Disclosure category

- 1 Full Disclosure: 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 Full Disclosure Excluding Real Property Interests: Designated positions in this category must report all reportable investments, business positions and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments.

- 3 Interests in Real Property: Designated positions in this category must report all reportable interests in real property within the Authority's jurisdiction.

- 4 General Contracting for Entire Authority: 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

Discussion of Owens Lake Management Area

Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Regular Meeting

April 08, 2021



photo: C. Howard

Objectives for the Agenda Item #10



1. Briefly review Owens Lake Management Area
2. Review of the jurisdictional/oversight factors in the Management Area
3. Overview of SGMA provisions and OVGA Proposition 1 Grant commitment

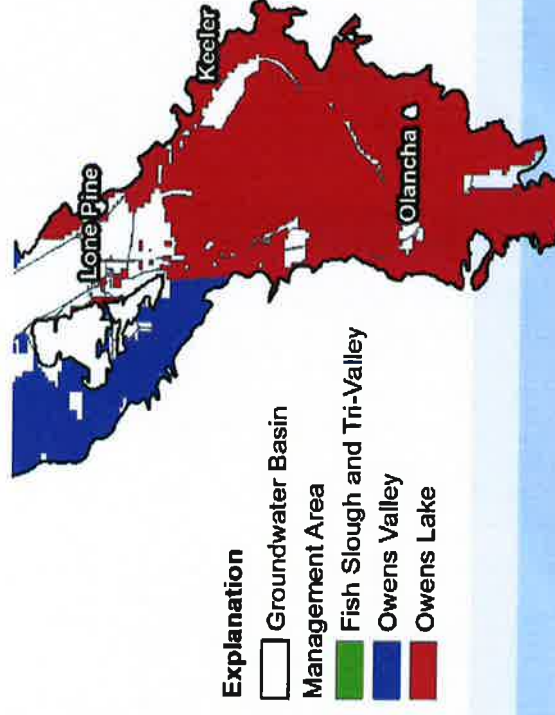
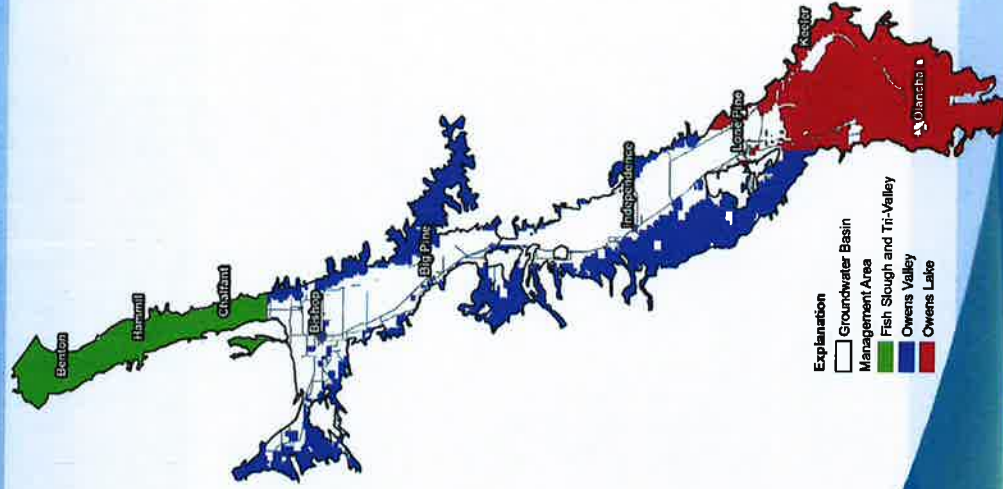
OVGA JPA Provisions



Management Areas

"...the GSP may provide for discrete areas with the GSA boundary in which the GSP is implemented and managed by at least one Member...."

- Designation based on hydrological conditions
- A management area can have requirements specific to the area
- Costs borne by Members responsible for the management area



Examples of Owens Lake MA Pumps

Existing Pumping

- Irrigation (private and LADWP)
- Crystal Geyser
- CSD's or Domestic wells
- Recreation/wildlife

LADWP Groundwater Development Project

“..the objective of the Owens Lake Groundwater Development Program (OLGDP) is to utilize groundwater from beneath Owens Lake to provide a portion of water demand for dust mitigation on Owens Lake in an environmentally sustainable manner.”

- Owens Lake Groundwater Working Group
- Recognized resource concerns: subsidence, dune vegetation, springs/seeps, private wells. Triggers: water levels, water quality, ground elevation, vegetation change



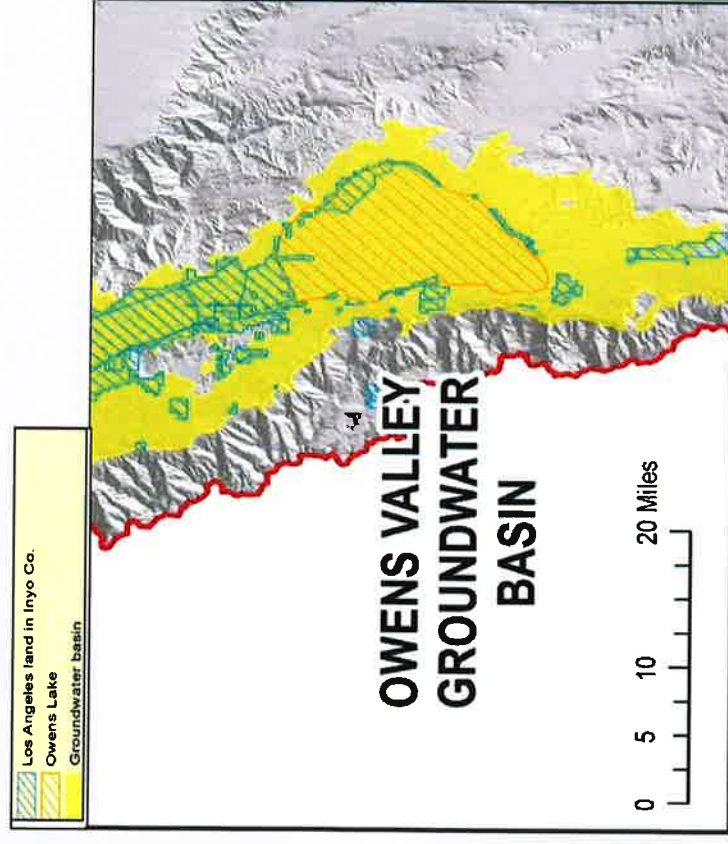
Figure 1: Overview of the Owens Lake, Showing the Location of TW-E and Previous Operational Test Wells Conducted by LADWP and Others

Possible Oversight for Owens Lakebed Pumping



1. CEQA: project proponent prepared, public comment, response to comment, certified document probably containing mitigation measures
2. Long Term Water Agreement
3. SGMA: OVGA's GSP
4. State Lands Commission: Owens lakebed are sovereign or Public Trust lands managed by the SLC.

LTWA and Owens Lake Groundwater Pumping



" (a) ...this part (SGMA) does not apply to the following adjudicated areas...

" (c) Any groundwater basin or portion of a groundwater basin in Inyo County managed pursuant to the terms of(Inyo County Case no. 12908) shall be treated as an adjudicated area..." (CWC §10720.8)

Whether the Water Agreement applies to LADWP
Owens Lake pumping project was the subject of
Inyo/LA dispute resolution

The dispute was set aside in February 2012 in lieu of
participating in the Groundwater Working Group.

SGMA and Owens Lake Groundwater Pumping



State agencies are required to “..consider the policies of [SGMA], and any groundwater sustainability plans adopted pursuant to [SGMA], when revising or adopting policies, regulations, or criteria, or when issuing orders or determinations, where pertinent” (CWC §10720.9)

“ a state or local agency that extracts groundwater shall be subject to a fee imposed under [SGMA] to the same extent as any nongovernmental entity” (CWC §10726.8(d))

SGMA “ ...does not authorize a local agency to impose any requirement on the state or any agency, department, or officer of the state. State agencies and departments shall work cooperatively with a local agency on a voluntary basis” (CWC §10726.8(d))

SGMA and Owens Lake Groundwater Pumping



The GSP would apply to non LADWP lands in the Owens Lake Management Area

Unless managed pursuant to LTWA, LADWP Owens Lake pumping may be subject to regulation by a GSP

The California State Lands Commission could make compliance with an adopted GSP part of their lease requirements.

Proposition 1, Grant Implications



"The work plan includes activities associated with planning, development, and the preparation of a GSP for the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin). The resulting GSP will incorporate appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) as developed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), and will result in a more complete understanding of the groundwater Basin to guide future groundwater management in the Basin. (Grant Agreement, Exhibit A-Work Plan)

SGMA requires the entirety of medium and high priority basins be covered by a GSA and managed according to a GSP. It is not certain how GSPs for low priority basins will be evaluated

For the submitted GSP to be considered "complete" by DWR to comply with the Grant Agreement, it is likely whether or not the GSP addresses the entire Basin will be a criterion.

Closing



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Funding for this project has been provided in part from the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 and through an agreement with the State Department of Water Resources

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Staff Report

Date: April 8, 2021

Subject: Item 11: Direction to staff to submit a project for Tri-Valley groundwater model development to the IRWMP for consideration in the next round of Proposition 1 IRWM funding.

The OVGA is a signatory to The Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP) which has requested that members submit projects for consideration for funding by a Proposition 1, Round 2 Implementation grant. Approximately \$2.85M will be made available for the IRWMP region in Round 2. The need for a groundwater model for the Tri-Valley and Fish Slough Management Area has been mentioned at several OVGA meetings and will be included as a future project in the draft GSP. This is an opportunity for the OVGA to seek state funding for this necessary project.

Details of the Round 2, Proposition 1 grant program are not known at this time. The Proposal Solicitation Package which will describe the types of projects eligible for funding and requirements for matching funds may be released this summer. We are seeking Board direction on the assumption that projects for groundwater model development will be eligible for funding, but that is not certain.

The IRWMP process to evaluate projects consists of several steps. The first step is to assemble an eligibility list of potential projects suggested by members. Projects at all stages of development can be submitted to the list. The IRWMP members will then decide which projects will be added to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Plan). Any member can object to adding a project to the Plan. Projects added to the Plan will be vetted and ranked by the members for inclusion in the grant proposal from the IRWMP. Throughout this process the OVGA could be asked to provide additional information to assist the IRWMP prioritization or to develop the proposal. The approximate timeline to complete this process is the end of 2021.

Submitting a project for inclusion on the eligibility list does not obligate the OVGA to proceed with the project proposal, and a final decision to commit to complete the project may only be necessary if the project is ranked highly in the future steps. Staff recommends the OVGA direct the Executive Manager to submit the Tri-Valley groundwater model project to the IRWMP to maintain the possibility for obtaining funding in the future,