

# 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 Totheroh		

January 27, 2022

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

### 1. Pledge of allegiance

Bob Gardner led the pledge of allegiance.

### 2. Public Comment

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

### 3. Introductions

The Board introduced themselves with one alternate in attendance, Mono County, Bob Gardner.

### 4. Approval of minutes from the January 6, 2022 Board meeting

The Chairperson requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2022 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Luis Elias, seconded by Dan Totheroh. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Bob Gardner – abstain, Karen Kong – Y, Dan Totheroh - Y, BryAnna Vaughan – abstain, Mel Joseph - Y, Mary Roper – Y. Motion passed 5 Yes, 2 abstentions.

### 5. Request that OVGA adopt finding pursuant to AB 361 that: A) the Board reconsidered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person

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### 6. Discussion regarding future meeting dates agenda items

The next two meetings were scheduled for February 10, 2022 and March 10, 2022. Dr. Steinwand stated upcoming agenda items will be the boundary of the GSA; potential management actions; a draft budget; and a future staffing model. Luis Elias inquired about the view of attendees for the public; Dr. Steinwand stated it was discussed at the January 6, 2022 meeting, under this software platform, there is not the ability to allow the public to view attendees during the meeting webinar but a screen shot will be placed on the meetings page of the OVGA website.

### 10. Adjourn

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:13 pm.