

# 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		

March 30, 2022

The Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. via videoconference.

### 1. Pledge of allegiance

Mel Joseph 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 no alternates in attendance and 3 absent, Rhonda Duggan, Mono County; BryAnna Vaughan, Big Pine CSD; and Mary Roper, Owens Valley Committee.

### 4. 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

The Chairperson requested a motion to approve the 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. Motion to approve by Mel Joseph, seconded by Luis Elias. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Rhonda Duggan – absent, Karen Kong – Y, Dan Totheroh - Y, BryAnna Vaughan – absent, Mel Joseph – Y, Mary Roper - absent. Motion passed 4 Yes, 3 absent.

### 5. Discussion regarding future meeting dates and agenda items.

Dr. Steinwand stated the next scheduled regular meeting will be April 14, 2022. The Board and staff discussed having the April 14 meeting in person at the Bishop City Council Chambers if available.

### 11. Adjourn

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:16 pm.