

MINUTES

Owens Valley Groundwater Authority

Board Members:

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

September 15, 2022

The Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 pm at the Bishop City Council Chambers, Bishop, CA.

1. Pledge of allegiance

BryAnna Vaughan 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, Jennifer Roeser, County of Inyo.

4. Board Member Reports

There were no Board members wishing to report.

5. Approval of minutes from August 11, 2022

Motion to approve the August 11, 2022 minutes as corrected by Mary Roper, seconded by BryAnna Vaughan. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Jennifer Roeser - abstain, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mel Joseph – abstain, Mary Roper - Y. Motion passed 4 Yes, 2 abstentions.

6. OVGA Staff Reports

Dr. Steinwand stated the Prop 1 final report was resubmitted with the requested changes; the auditors are still preparing the 2020-21 and 2021-22 audits.

7. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2022-01: An Ordinance of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Establishing the Regulations and Procedures for the Registration of Owners and Users of Groundwater Extraction Facilities within the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin

John Vallejo stated it is a staff recommendation to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Peter Stickles asked if the ordinance would apply in Mono County. Dr. Steinwand stated no, there was a boundary adjustment and Tri-Valley and Mono County are now their own GSA. The Board and staff discussed this item in detail.

Motion to waive further reading and adopt the Ordinance of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority establishing the Regulations and Procedures for the Registration of Owners and Users of Groundwater Extraction Facilities within the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin; BryAnna Vaughan made a motion to follow the recommendations of staff for this ordinance, seconded by Luis Elias. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Jennifer Roeser - abstain, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mel Joseph – Y, Mary Roper - Y. Motion passed 5 Yes, 1 abstention.

8. Election of OVGA Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Dr. Steinwand provided a brief overview of the process and timing to select a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson opened nominations for the Chairperson; motion by Mel Joseph to nominate Karen Kong as Chairperson with a second by Mary Roper. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Jennifer Roeser - abstain, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mel Joseph – Y, Mary Roper - Y. Motion passed 5 Yes, 1 abstention.

The Chairperson opened nominations for the Vice-Chairperson; motion by Mel Joseph to nominate BryAnna as Vice-Chairperson with a second by Mary Roper. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Luis Elias – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Jennifer Roeser - abstain, BryAnna Vaughan – abstain, Mel Joseph – Y, Mary Roper - Y. Motion passed 4 Yes, 2 abstentions.

9. Discussion regarding future meeting dates and agenda items.

The next meeting was suggested by the Executive Director to be March 9, 2023.

10. Adjourn

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:25 pm.

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SELECT BUDGET UNIT: 621601

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GL 621601-1000	YEAREND	1. Balance Forward 2021-2022	JE	07/01/22	03329139	298,906.93	0.00	298,906.93
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD22713A Job:3214139	OH	07/22/22	03214139	0.00	148.50	298,758.43
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID:OW22727A Job:3218880	OH	07/28/22	03218880	0.00	4,781.50	293,976.93
GL 621601-1000	PUBLIAB0722	AutoID:JS22C05B Job:3266803	JE	07/31/22	03266803	0.00	208.33	293,768.60
GL 621601-1000	INTRCBL	AutoID:JA22510C Job:3229291	JE	08/10/22	03229291	40.32	0.00	293,608.92
GL 621601-1000	TTLCR	Set:S220831001MSILVA	CR	08/31/22	03244998	12.50	0.00	293,821.42
GL 621601-1000	PUBLIAB0822	AutoID:JS22C05C Job:3266806	JE	08/31/22	03266806	0.00	208.33	293,613.09
GL 621601-1000	PUBLIAB0922	AutoID:JS22C05D Job:3266809	JE	09/30/22	03266809	0.00	208.33	293,404.76
GL 621601-1000	INTEREST	AutoID:JH22N08Z Job:3266745	JE	09/30/22	03286745	406.02	0.00	293,018.78
GL 621601-1000	JR42756	AutoID:JC22C05A Job:3266655	JE	10/05/22	03266655	0.00	4,500.00	289,310.78
GL 621601-1000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD22C04A Job:3267925	OR	10/10/22	03267925	0.00	268.15	289,042.63
GL 621601-1000	IS1022	AutoID:IS22C21A Job:3277573	JE	10/24/22	03277573	0.00	44.53	288,998.10
GL 621601-1000	PUBLIAB0922	AutoID:JS22C05E Job:3266748	JE	10/31/22	03266748	0.00	208.33	288,789.77
GL 621601-1000	PUBLIAB0922	AutoID:JS22C05F Job:3266751	JE	11/30/22	03266751	0.00	208.33	288,581.44
GL 621601-1000	PUBLIAB0922	AutoID:JS22C05G Job:3266754	JE	12/31/22	03266754	0.00	208.33	288,373.11
GL 621601-1000	JR43508	AutoID:JS23118B Job:3328284	JE	01/18/23	03328284	0.00	4,500.00	283,873.11
GL 621601-1000	PUBLIAB0922	AutoID:JS22C05H Job:3266757	JE	01/31/23	03266757	0.00	208.33	283,664.78
GL 621601-1000	JR43787	AutoID:JS23222B Job:3351470	JE	02/22/23	03351470	0.00	4,094.41	279,570.37
GL 621601-1000	PUBLIAB0922	AutoID:JS22C05I Job:3266759	JE	02/28/23	03266759	0.00	208.33	279,362.04
GL 621601-1000	JR43851	AutoID:JH23301A Job:3354777	JE	03/01/23	03354777	1,666.64	0.00	281,028.68
*****Total *OBJT 1000		CLAIM ON CASH			DR	301,032.41	20,003.73	281,028.68
GL 621601-1100	YEAREND	1. Balance Forward 2021-2022	JE	07/01/22	03329139	12.50	0.00	12.50
GL 621601-1100	TTLCR	Set:S220831001MSILVA	CR	08/31/22	03244998	0.00	12.50	0.00
*****Total *OBJT 1100		ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE			DR	12.50	12.50	0.00
GL 621601-1160	YEAREND	1. Balance Forward 2021-2022	JE	07/01/22	03329139	40.32	0.00	40.32
GL 621601-1160	INTRCBL	4th QTR INTEREST RVRS	JE	08/10/22	03229291	0.00	40.32	0.00
*****Total *OBJT 1160		INTEREST RECEIVABLE			DR	40.32	40.32	0.00
GL 621601-1200	YEAREND	1. Balance Forward 2021-2022	JE	07/01/22	03329139	2,440.00	0.00	2,440.00
GL 621601-1200	2223 PREPAID	UR428045:GOLDEN STATE RISK	JE	07/15/22	03209682	0.00	2,440.00	0.00
*****Total *OBJT 1200		PREPAID EXPENSES			DR	2,440.00	2,440.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	YEAREND	1. Balance Forward 2021-2022	JE	07/01/22	03329139	0.00	4,930.00	4,930.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD22713A Job:3214139	OH	07/22/22	03214139	148.50	0.00	4,781.50
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:OW22727A Job:3218880	OH	07/28/22	03218880	4,781.50	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD22C04A Job:3266646	OH	10/06/22	03266646	0.00	268.15	268.15
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:WD22C04A Job:3267925	OH	10/10/22	03267925	268.15	0.00	0.00
GL 621601-2000	TTLOH	AutoID:SW23301C Job:3355132	OH	03/01/23	03355132	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
*****Total *OBJT 2000		ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			CR	5,198.15	6,398.15	1,200.00
GL 621601-3000	YEAREND	1. Balance Forward 2021-2022	JE	07/01/22	03329139	0.00	296,469.75	296,469.75
*****Total *OBJT 3000		FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE			CR	0.00	296,469.75	296,469.75
GL 621601-4301	INTEREST	1ST QRT 22/23 INTEREST	JE	09/30/22	03286745	0.00	406.02	406.02
*****Total *OBJT 4301		INTEREST FROM TREASURY			CR	0.00	406.02	406.02
GL 621601-5129	IS1022	IS PHOTOCOPIES Q1	JE	10/24/22	03277573	44.53	0.00	44.53
*****Total *OBJT 5129		INTERNAL COPY CHARGES (NON-IS)			DR	44.53	0.00	44.53

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 621601-5155	PUBLIAB0722	JUL22PUBLIC LIABILITY	JE	07/31/22	03266803	208.33	0.00	208.33
GL 621601-5155	PUBLIAB0822	AUG22PUBLIC LIABILITY	JE	09/30/22	03266806	208.33	0.00	416.66
GL 621601-5155	PUBLIAB0922	SEP22PUBLIC LIABILITY	JE	09/30/22	03266809	208.33	0.00	624.99
GL 621601-5155	PUBLIAB0922	OCT22PUBLIC LIABILITY	JE	10/31/22	03266748	208.33	0.00	833.32
GL 621601-5155	PUBLIAB0922	NOV22PUBLIC LIABILITY	JE	11/30/22	03266751	208.33	0.00	1,041.65
GL 621601-5155	PUBLIAB0922	DEC22PUBLIC LIABILITY	JE	12/31/22	03266754	208.33	0.00	1,249.98
GL 621601-5155	PUBLIAB0922	JAN23PUBLIC LIABILITY	JE	01/31/23	03266757	208.33	0.00	1,458.31
GL 621601-5155	PUBLIAB0922	FEB23PUBLIC LIABILITY	JE	02/28/23	03266759	208.33	0.00	1,666.64
GL 621601-5155	JE43851	CORRECTION:OVGA	JE	03/01/23	03354777	0.00	1,666.64	0.00
*****Total *OBJT 5155		PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE			DR	1,666.64		0.00
GL 621601-5263	6200 0922	INYO REGISTER, ACCT#0006200	OH	10/06/22	03266646	268.15	0.00	268.15
*****Total *OBJT 5263		ADVERTISING			DR	268.15		0.00
GL 621601-5265	260239	DANIEL B STEPHE P# DR22.1188.0	OH	03/01/23	03355132	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
*****Total *OBJT 5265		PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL SERVICE			DR	1,200.00		0.00
GL 621601-5311	2223 PREPAID	UA428045:GOLDEN STATE RISK	JE	07/15/22	03209682	2,440.00	0.00	2,440.00
*****Total *OBJT 5311		GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSE			DR	2,440.00		0.00
GL 621601-5539	JE42756	JUL-SEP22 OVGA LEGAL SERVICES	JE	10/05/22	03266655	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
GL 621601-5539	JE43508	OCT22-DEC22 LEGAL SVCS	JE	01/18/23	03328284	4,500.00	0.00	9,000.00
GL 621601-5539	JE43787	JUL22-DEC22 I# 17 INVO STAFF	JE	02/22/23	03351470	4,094.41	0.00	13,094.41
*****Total *OBJT 5539		OTHER AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS			DR	13,094.41		0.00
*****Total *BUDG 621601		OVGA-OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER			DR-CR	327,437.11	327,437.11	0.00
		** G R A N D T O T A L **			DR-CR	327,437.11	327,437.11	0.00

**COUNTY OF INYO
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCES**

AS OF 06/30/2023

	Claim on Cash	Accounts Receivable	Loans Receivable	Prepaid Expenses	Accounts Payable	Loans Payable	Deferred Revenue	Computed Fund Balance	Encumbrances	Fund Balance
WDIR - WATER										
6272 OVGA-OWENS VALLEY	281,029				1,200			279,829	3,287	276,542
WDIR Totals	281,029		1140	1200	2000	2140		279,829	3,287	276,542
Grand Totals	281,029				1,200			279,829	3,287	276,542

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

Ledger: GL

As Of 3/2/2023

Object	Description	Budget	Actual	Encumbrance	Balance	%
Key: 621601 - OVGA-OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER						
Revenue						
4301	INTEREST FROM TREASURY	4,000.00	406.02	0.00	3,593.98	10.15
4498	STATE GRANTS	71,316.00	0.00	0.00	71,316.00	0.00
	Revenue Total:	<u>75,316.00</u>	<u>406.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>74,909.98</u>	<u>0.53</u>
Expenditure						
5129	INTERNAL COPY CHARGES (NON-IS)	500.00	44.53	0.00	455.47	8.90
5155	PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
5263	ADVERTISING	2,500.00	268.15	0.00	2,231.85	10.72
5265	PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL SERVICE	9,986.00	1,200.00	3,286.50	5,499.50	44.92
5291	OFFICE, SPACE & SITE RENTAL	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00
5311	GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSE	1,600.00	2,440.00	0.00	(840.00)	152.50
5539	OTHER AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS	60,395.00	13,094.41	0.00	47,300.59	21.68
5901	CONTINGENCIES	3,123.00	0.00	0.00	3,123.00	0.00
	Expenditure Total:	<u>82,004.00</u>	<u>17,047.09</u>	<u>3,286.50</u>	<u>61,670.41</u>	<u>24.79</u>
621601	Key Total:	<u>(6,688.00)</u>	<u>(16,641.07)</u>	<u>(3,286.50)</u>	<u>13,239.57</u>	

**OWENS VALLEY
GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT THEREON**

JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Annual Financial Report
June 30, 2021 and 2020

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OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Organization of Authority and List of Board of Directors
June 30, 2021 and 2020

Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (the Authority) was established on August 1, 2017, when eleven regional entities, including several local water agencies and Counties, executed the Joint Exercise of Power Agreement. The primary purpose of the Authority, as stated in the agreement, and pursuant to the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of the California Water Code, is to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and implement a Sustainability Plan.

GOVERNING BOARD

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MEMBER REPRESENTED</u>
Karen Kong	Chairperson	City of Bishop
BryAnna Vaughan	Director	Big Pine CSD
Dan Totheroh	Director	County of Inyo
Luis Elias	Director	Indian Creek-Westridge CSD
Mary Roper	Director	Owens Valley Committee
Mel Joseph	Director	Lone Pine Paiute Tribe
Rhonda Duggin	Director	County of Mono



Craig R. Fechter, CPA, MST
(1976 – 2022)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Owens Valley Groundwater Authority
Bishop, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (the Authority) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Board of Directors
Owens Valley Groundwater Authority
Bishop, California

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities of the Authority as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

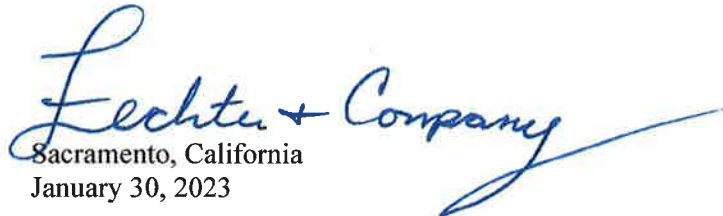
Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplemental information required by the Government Auditing Standards Board. Management has elected to omit the Management's Discussion and Analysis. Our opinion is not modified as a result of this omission.

Fechter & Company
Certified Public Accountants


Sacramento, California
January 30, 2023

OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
Assets			
Cash and investments	\$ 423,687	\$ -	\$ 423,687
Accounts receivable	9,605	-	9,605
Interest receivable	592	-	592
Prepaid expense	2,473	-	2,473
Total assets	436,357	-	436,357
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	6,463	-	6,463
Total liabilities	6,463	-	6,463
Fund Balance			
Unassigned	429,894	(429,894)	-
Total fund balance	429,894	(429,894)	-
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 436,357		
Net position			
Unrestricted		429,894	429,894
Total net position		\$ 429,894	\$ 429,894

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
Assets			
Cash and investments	\$ 271,019	\$ -	\$ 271,019
Prepaid expenses			
Accounts receivable	123,708	-	123,708
Interest receivable	1,409	-	1,409
Total assets	396,136	-	396,136
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	37,624	-	37,624
Total liabilities	37,624	-	37,624
Fund Balance			
Unassigned	358,512	(358,512)	-
Total fund balance	358,512	(358,512)	-
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 396,136		
Net position			
Unrestricted		358,512	358,512
Total net position		\$ 358,512	\$ 358,512

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2021

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Expenses:			
General operating expenses	\$ 3,259.00	\$ -	\$ 3,259.00
Professional and specialized services	289,271	-	289,271
Other agencies expense	78,951	-	78,951
Total expenses	<u>371,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>371,481</u>
General revenues:			
Contributions from other agencies	249,195	-	249,195
State grants	190,702	-	190,702
Interest revenue	2,966	-	2,966
Total general revenues	<u>442,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>442,863</u>
Net change in fund balance	71,382	(71,382)	-
Change in net position	-	71,382	71,382
Fund balance/Net position, beginning	<u>358,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>358,512</u>
Fund balance/Net position, ending	<u>\$ 429,894</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 429,894</u>

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OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Expenses:			
General operating expenses	\$ 3,765	\$ -	\$ 3,765
Professional and specialized services	321,313	-	321,313
Other agencies expense	82,713	-	82,713
Total expenses	<u>407,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>407,791</u>
General revenues:			
Contributions from other agencies	258,634	-	258,634
State grants	333,345	-	333,345
Interest revenue	7,935	-	7,935
Total general revenues	<u>599,914</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>599,914</u>
Net change in fund balance	192,123	(192,123)	-
Change in net position	-	192,123	192,123
Fund balance/Net position, beginning	59,495	-	59,495
Prior period adjustment	<u>106,894</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,894</u>
Fund balance/Net position, beginning, restated	<u>166,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,389</u>
Fund balance/Net position, ending	<u><u>\$ 358,512</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 358,512</u></u>

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OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity: Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (the Authority) was established as an independent special agency in August of 2010 under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, California Government Code, Section 6500.

As of June 30, 2021, 10 public entities, filling 10 Board seats, were approved members of the Authority as follows:

County of Mono	Tri Valley Groundwater Management District
City of Bishop	Wheeler Crest CSD
Indian Creek-Westridge CSD	Lone Shoshen Paiute Tribe
County of Inyo	Owens Valley Committee
Big Pine CSD	

Changes to the Governing Board's composition that have occurred subsequent to June 30, 2021 are reflected in the status of the Governing Board summary on page 1.

The Authority is a public entity district and therefore, falls under the guidelines of a special district governmental entity. The Authority is governed by a board of directors that consists of one representative of each member. The Authority is a pass-through entity receiving all funding and personnel support from the member agencies. Therefore, the Authority has no employees, fixed assets, or debt.

The Authority was formed for the purpose of safeguarding the sustainability of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin through locally tailored management of groundwater resources to protect and sustain the environment, local residents and communities, agriculture, and the economy.

Financial Statement Presentation: The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities* display information about the primary government (the Authority). These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. These statements report the governmental activities of the Authority, which are normally supported by inter-governmental revenues. The Authority had no business-type activities as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

The *Statement of Activities* presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Authority's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include operating grants. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented instead as general revenues.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Fund financial statements of the Authority are organized into one fund which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. The Authority reports a single fund, the General Fund, which accounts for all revenues and expenditures necessary to carry out the administrative activities of the Authority.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus: Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Authority gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants, entitlements, and donations.

Revenues from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Charges for services, operating grants, and use of money and property are accrued when their receipt occurs within sixty days after the end of the accounting period so as to be both measurable and available. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Cash: The Authority's cash includes demand deposits. The Authority had no investments during the years ending June 30, 2021 and 2020.

The governing board has formally adopted the County of Inyo's deposit and investment policies that limits the Authority's allowable deposits or investments and addresses the specific type of risk to which the Authority is exposed.

Due from Other Governments: Amounts due from other governments represent amounts due from member agencies that have been earned but not received by the end of the period.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Authority has determined that all amounts are collectable and therefore, no doubtful account allowance was deemed necessary.

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NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Capital Assets: The Authority defines capital assets as property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets with an initial individual cost of \$5,000 or more and a useful life of three years or more. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Authority had no capital assets.

Unearned Revenue: This represents amounts received from members that will be applied to future membership dues and billings.

Revenue: The Authority's revenue is comprised of the following:

General Fund – Authority Revenue

The Authority is comprised of both paying and non-paying members. The number of votes for each member is based on their contribution, if any. Any funding contribution provided through sources other than Members shall reduce the contribution of the Members, pro-rated to their funding commitment for said budgets. Authority members, under normal operating circumstances, pay an annual membership fee which is established by the Authority. The membership fees for paying members in 2021 and 2020 ranged from \$22,654 to \$52,860 per member, based on participation and desired voting rights.

Government-Wide Net Position:

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Authority's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Government-wide net position is reported in three components – net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

Net investment in capital assets – This component consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted – This component consists of constraints placed on net position through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, regulations of other governments, or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – This component consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets", as defined above.

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NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Governmental Fund Balance: In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable – Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.

Committed – Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by formal action of the Authority.

Assigned – Amounts that are designated by the Authority to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The board of directors has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

Unassigned – All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

Estimates: The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

A. Investment Policy

California statutes authorize local government agencies to invest idle or surplus funds in a variety of credit instruments as provided for in the California Government Code, Section 53600, Chapter 4 – Financial Affairs. The Authority adopted the County of Inyo's investment policy that addresses its interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk.

B. Cash in the County of Inyo's Investment Pool

The Authority maintains its cash in the County of Inyo's Treasury cash and investment pool which is managed by the County Treasurer. The Authority's cash balances invested in the Inyo County's cash and investment pool are stated at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. The amount invested in the County of Inyo's cash and investment pool at June 30, 2021 and 2020 is \$423,686 and \$271,019, respectively.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

B. Cash in the County of Inyo's Investment Pool - continued

The County of Inyo does not invest in any derivative financial products directly. The County of Inyo Treasury Oversight Committee (TOC) has oversight responsibility for the cash and investment pool. The TOC is required to annually review and monitor the Investment Policy prepared by the County Treasurer, pursuant to Government Code Section 27133, and cause an annual compliance audit, pursuant to Government Code Section 27134. The value of pool shares in Inyo County that may be withdrawn is determined on an amortized cost basis, which is different than the fair value of the Authority's position in the pool. Investments held in the County of Inyo's investment pool are available on demand to the Authority and are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

C. Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating issued by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The County of Inyo's investment pool does not have a rating provided by a nationally recognized rating organization.

D. Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that the government will not be able to recover its deposits or the value of its investments that are in the possession of an outside party. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect deposits or investments in securities through the use of government investment pools (such as the County of Inyo's investment pool).

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NOTE 3: PROFESSIONAL FEES

Professional and government fees for the provision of water planning and hydrologic consulting services in the preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, consisted of the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Public Stakeholder Engagement	\$ 9,570.00	\$ 1,903.00
Progress Reports-Public Meetings/Public Engagement Plan	8,126.00	57,308.00
Data Document and Compilation	98,119.00	153,556.00
GSP Area and Area Information	6,800.00	7,434.00
Professional Personnel	37,570.00	-
Coordination Meetings between consultants	14,011.00	28,070.00
Basin Setting	41,922.00	50,418.00
Compilation, Presentation, Submittal	18,925.00	2,977.00
Public Engagement Plan	5,205.00	-
Sustainable Management Criteria	14,169.00	1,500.00
TriValley/Owens Valley/Fish Slough Groundwater	689.00	7,626.00
Assessment & Reconciliation of Groundwater	-	2,121.00
Coordination to Identify Stakeholders	3,224.00	-
Develop/Refine Monitoring Program	13,861.00	-
LADWP: Groundwater Development at Owens	500.00	-
Analysis of Effects of Climate Change	375.00	-
Enhanced Efforts for GDE's	-	1,249.00
Examination of Hydrologiv Factors Affect	814.00	6,901.00
OVGA Webinar Set Up	10,800.00	250.00
Government Services	65,451.00	69,213.00
Accounting Services	4,591.00	-
Legal Services	13,500.00	13,500.00
	<u>\$ 368,222.00</u>	<u>\$ 404,026.00</u>

NOTE 4: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks and general liabilities. The Authority retains policies for general liability, automotive liability, and crime coverage with the Golden State Risk Management Authority. There are no current or pending claims or contingencies.

NOTE 5: PARTICIPANTS REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

According to the Authority's participants reimbursement policy, the participants are entitled to a credit equal to the unspent funds from the close out of the GWS plan and related projects. The amount due to each participant is based on its contribution percentage towards the project. These amounts will be applied towards future contributions due from the participants. There were no amounts due to participants under the reimbursement policy at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

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NOTE 6: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability. The amount of expenditures, if any, which may be disallowed by the grantor, cannot be determined at this time although the Authority expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

NOTE 7: BUDGETARY VARIANCES

The Authority experienced significant variances from the following budgetary categories for the year ended June 30, 2021:

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
State grants	\$ 311,284	\$ 311,284	\$ 190,702	\$ (120,582)
Expenses				
Professional and specialized services	309,771	309,771	289,271	20,500
Other agencies expense	97,500	97,500	78,951	18,549

Grant revenue for 2021 was over-stated as the revenue was actually received in prior years. The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was completed at less cost than anticipated so Professional Services and Other Agency Expenses were over-budgeted.

The Authority experienced significant variances from the following budgetary categories for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
State Grants	\$ 261,551	\$ 261,551	\$ 333,345	\$ 71,794

Grant Revenue for 2020 was under-stated due to grant revenue received in prior year was not recognized until 2020.

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NOTE 8: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Because the Authority has no employees, it has established contracts with the County of Mono, County of Inyo, and the City of Bishop for the provision of staff and legal services. Each of these agencies are a member of the Authority and also have a representative that serves on the Board. During the course of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Authority paid \$14,595, \$60,470, and \$3,886 to the County of Mono, County of Inyo, and the City of Bishop, respectively, for basic administrative operating needs. During fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, staffing and legal fees paid to the County of Mono, County of Inyo, and the City of Bishop were \$25,539, \$54,998, and \$2,175, respectively.

NOTE 9: COVID-19

In January 2020, the virus SARS-CoC-2 was transmitted to the United States from overseas sources. This virus, responsible for the Coronavirus disease COVID-19, has proved to be extremely virulent with transmission rates as yet unknown. The long-term economic impact in the State of California as yet has not been determined and therefore any impact on the Authority is not yet known.

NOTE 9: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The Authority received a multi-year grant from the California Department of Water Resources to assist with creating the proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The initial disbursement of funds was received in June 2019, which was not included in the accounting records upon closing the books for the 2019 fiscal year. A prior period adjustment was recorded to recognize the installment funds received prior to commencement of the 2020 fiscal year.

NOTE 10: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through January 30, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Mono County withdrew from the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority on July 1, 2022. As a result, the Authority will not be able to implement the GSP in that portion of the basin and was required to redraw its boundaries.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2021**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Other Agencies	\$ 249,195	\$ 249,195	\$ 249,195	\$ -
State grants	311,284	311,284	190,702	(120,582)
Interest revenue	4,000	4,000	2,966	(1,034)
 Total revenues	 564,479	 564,479	 442,863	 (121,616)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General operating expenses	8,000	8,000	3,259	4,741
Professional and specialized services	309,771	309,771	289,271	20,500
Other agencies expense	97,500	97,500	78,951	18,549
 Total expenditures	 415,271	 415,271	 371,481	 43,790
 Excess of revenues over expenditures	 \$ 149,208	 \$ 149,208	 \$ 71,382	 \$ (77,826)

See notes to required supplementary information.

**OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Other Agencies	\$ 249,196	\$ 249,196	\$ 258,634	\$ 9,438
State grants	261,551	261,551	333,345	71,794
Interest revenue	4,000	4,000	7,935	3,935
Total revenues	<u>514,747</u>	<u>514,747</u>	<u>599,914</u>	<u>85,167</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General operating expenses	8,000	8,000	3,765	(4,235)
Professional and specialized services	314,834	314,834	321,313	6,479
Other agencies expense	82,713	82,713	82,713	-
Total expenditures	<u>405,547</u>	<u>405,547</u>	<u>407,791</u>	<u>2,244</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 109,200</u>	<u>\$ 109,200</u>	<u>\$ 192,123</u>	<u>\$ 82,923</u>

See notes to required supplementary information.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
June 30, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 1: BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Budgets are prepared on the cash and expenditures or encumbrances basis. Revenues are budgeted in the year receipt is expected; expenditures are budgeted in the year that the applicable warrant requisitions are expected to be issued. The budget and actual financial statements are reported on the above basis, with no material differences between them.

Annual budget requests are submitted by the Authority's staff to the board of directors for preliminary review and approval. After public hearing, a final budget is approved by the board of directors, with a resolution adopting said budget. Copies of the approved budget are sent to all required agencies.



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Well Registration and Reporting Form

The Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA) was formed for the express purpose of carrying out the requirements of the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), including, but not limited to, the development, adoption and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) that achieves groundwater sustainability in the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin). The GSP that was adopted on December 9, 2021 included a program or management action to compile a more accurate understanding of the amounts and location of groundwater extraction within the Basin. Subsequently, the OVGA adopted Ordinance 2022-01: *An Ordinance of the OVGA establishing the regulations and procedures for the registration of owners and users of groundwater extraction facilities within the Owens Valley Groundwater* ([insert link](#)). The purpose of this registration and reporting program is to ensure that data describing the groundwater uses and conditions in the Basin are as complete and accurate as possible. The Ordinance does not regulate or restrict pumping or uses.

The OVGA requires that no later than April 1, 2024, all owners and users must register their groundwater extraction facilities that are located within the boundary of the OVGA ([see map and add database link](#)). A groundwater extraction facility means any device or method used for the extraction of groundwater from the Basin such as a well, including wells with pumps and those flowing under artesian pressure. Lands in Mono County are not included within the OVGA boundary.

This form to register wells and report pumping amounts will be used in the implementation of the GSP for the Basin. Completion of the form is **voluntary** for extractors that meet the definition of a de minimis extractor. De minimis extractor means a person who extracts, for domestic purposes only, two acre-feet or less per year (an acre-foot is approximately 326,000 gallons) (CWC §10721(e)). Most single home residences with private wells are considered de minimis. Extractors other than de minimis extractors must comply with Ordinance 2022-01 by completing this form.

Please fill this form out carefully and to the best of your ability for each well you own or use. Completed forms should be mailed or delivered to the OVGA address above or submitted electronically at ([insert link to online form](#)).

For questions or assistance in completing this form: Please consult OVGA.us for frequently asked questions and to view a sample completed well registration form. Further inquiries can be directed to: Tim Moore, OVGA Hydrogeologist, (760) 878-0001 or tmoore@inyocounty.us.

Well Owner and User Information

Owners Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Address of Property Using Groundwater: _____

Home/Cell/Business Phone No: _____ / _____ / _____

Email Contact(s): _____

Well user or Additional Contact(s)

Check this box if the User information is same as Well Owner above.

User Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home/Cell/Business Phone No: _____ / _____ / _____

Email Contact(s): _____

Well Identification (enter unknown if necessary)

Parcel Number: _____

County Permit Number: _____

Well Name or Identification Number: _____

Physical Address: _____

Description of Well Location on the Property: _____

Current Type of Water Use Information (Check all boxes that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Residential use (in the home)

Residential landscaping and or garden

Agriculture: Acres in Production: _____

Commercial/Industrial: _____

Other or Combination (*Specify use*): _____

Annual Water Use Information (Please fill out carefully and completely)

Domestic/Residential Users

I am a de minimis extractor using less than 2 acre-feet per year for domestic purposes only.

IF YOU ARE A DE MINIMIS EXTRACTOR AND CHECKED THIS BOX, YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THE REST OF THIS FORM.

Domestic/Residential Users (continued)

I use more than more than 2 acre-feet per year for domestic purposes and/or for landscaping or animals. Please provide the annual production in acre feet for each of the following years (Jan to Dec) *Fill in the years in the table below for which data are available. If you wish to provide additional data or submit it directly to the OVGA please contact the Executive Manager to arrange the data transfer.*

Year	Pumping amount in gallons or acre-feet (<i>specify below on this form</i>)
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	
2019	
2020	
2021	
2022	

Agricultural Users

Please provide the annual production in acre-feet for each of the following years (Jan to Dec). *Fill in the years in the table below for which data are available. If you wish to provide additional data or submit it directly to the OVGA please contact the Executive Manager to arrange the data transfer.*

Year	Pumping amount in gallons or acre-feet (<i>specify below on this form</i>)
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	
2019	
2020	
2021	
2022	

Commercial/Industrial Users

Please provide the annual production in acre-feet for each of the following years (Jan to Dec). *Fill in years in the table below for which data are available. If you wish to provide additional data or submit it directly to the OVGA please contact the Executive Manager to arrange the data transfer.*

Year	Pumping amount in gallons or acre-feet (specify below on this form)
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	
2019	
2020	
2021	
2022	

Well Information (enter unknown if applicable)

Does well serve a cooperative or mutual water company, small water system, or non-public water system? _____
 If yes, provide name/number of connections: _____

Year Well Installed: _____

Well Depth (ft): _____ Casing Diameter (inches): _____

Static Water Level (ft): _____ Ground Elevation (ft): _____

Water Meter Data. Complete the information below if the well has a water meter.

Water Meter Manufacturer: _____

Model No.: _____

Size (inches): _____

Recording Units:

Gallons

100s of gallons

Acre-feet

Cubic feet

100s of cubic feet

Cubic meters

Does this well have a dedicated electrical meter? _____



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Staff Report

Date: March 9, 2023

Subject: Agenda item # 8: OVGA annual report

Article 1, section 5.9 of the Joint Powers Agreement requires an annual report be prepared.

By April 1 of each year, the Authority shall prepare an annual report of its operation, in a form determined by the Board of Directors.

Also, SGMA (CWC 10728) requires certain groundwater data (water levels, pumping amount, total water use, surface water recharge) be reported annually to DWR. The OVGA is also required to annually assess whether amendments to the GSP are necessary. That situation would arise if a new pumping project arose or if monitoring sites demonstrated that some portion of the groundwater system or management is exhibiting undesirable results (defined in Chapter 3 of the GSP). Because the Basin is still ranked low priority, compliance with these reporting requirements is voluntary.

This agenda item requests direction to staff regarding the form, presentation, and scope of the OVGA annual report necessary for budget preparation.

Below is a proposed outline of the contents of the annual report. A summary of the current status of the report section or activity provided:

1. Executive Summary
2. Introduction/background: 80% complete
 - a. SGMA implementation and developments in the previous year
3. OVGA GSP status and changes: there have been no changes to the GSP.
4. GSP Management Actions
 - a. Representative monitoring sites and database management (water levels, spring flow, subsidence, water quality): water level data for most wells have been entered in the database. Acquisition of water quality and subsidence data is progress.

- b. Groundwater balance information for the basin (pumping amount, water use, surface water recharge): all DWP data acquired, none from other pumpers yet.
 - c. Well Registration and Reporting Ordinance: ready to proceed.
 - d. Well Permit Review: internal review process complete, several wells to add to database.
 - e. Increased groundwater monitoring results: monitoring in Olancha conducted by private individual; data not shared yet
 - f. Provide assistance acquiring state or federal funding: the Water Department staff coordinated with Mono County to sponsor the proposal for a Tri-Valley Groundwater Model that has been selected for funding under the Integrated Regional Water Management Program.
 - g. Participate in the Owens Lake Groundwater Working Group: the group has not met this fiscal year.
5. Administration and Budget summary

The proposed scope in the outline above is consistent with Board direction at its February, 2022 meeting regarding staff activities, and consistent with the required reporting under SGMA.

The preferred form of publication of the OVGA annual report will be discussed at the meeting.



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Staff Report

Date: March 9, 2023

Subject: Agenda item # 9: Presentation of draft 2023-2024 OVGA Budget

On October 23, 2017, the Board of Directors adopted an initial three-year Development Budget which outlined the expected expenditures to prepare the GSP and guide members' decisions regarding funding contributions. The Development Budget and the associated funding obligations were terminated when the GSP was adopted by the OVGA (Member Funding Agreements, Item 3). The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) requires the Executive Manager present a draft annual budget to the OVGA Board of Directors and each of the Members by April 1 (Article III, Section 3.1.7). This staff report presents the 2023-2024 draft annual budget. A final budget must be adopted by a majority of the votes of the OVGA Directors on or before May 1 (Article I, Section 5.8), and it is recommended the Board consider adopting the final budget at this meeting.

The draft budget for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 is presented in Table 1. The draft budget projects that revenue and expenditures will be less than last year reflecting the reduced activity of the OVGA. Two invoices submitted for reimbursement by the Proposition 1 grant remain outstanding as well as the grant retention amount (approximately \$76,000 total). The draft budget assumes these will be completed within the current fiscal year. The expected amount of interest on OVGA accounts was based on the most recent quarter. It is less than in previous years reflecting the smaller balance and lower rates generally. No revenues from member contributions were included in the draft budget. It is not a requirement to provide funding to remain a Member of the OVGA. If the Executive Manager is notified that an agency is willing to provide funds, the budget will be revised and the vote shares recalculated in accordance with Article IV, Section 2 of the JPA. If no Members provide a contribution in fiscal year 2023-24, each will have two votes, and Interested Parties will have one vote each.

The primary expenditures in the draft budget are staff and professional services (Table 1). Expenses for the Executive Manager are less than in previous years and include tasks required by the JPA and Bylaws, one annual meeting preparation, and time to track developments in SGMA implementation. It is anticipated that future meetings will be coordinated with the City of Bishop, and the budget includes funds for staff assistance that may be necessary. Approximately 30 hours of Water Department staff time were budgeted for responding to the initial GSP review by DWR due in early 2024. It is likely that revisions to the GSP would be completed after the annual meeting in March 2024 allowing the Board an opportunity to revise this budget depending on the extent of the DWR recommendations. Other tasks include: annual data acquisition at Representative Monitoring Sites and reporting to DWR; well permit review; well registration data entry, and administrative tasks. Hours necessary to complete those management actions were estimated from similar work performed during the GSP development or professional judgement. Hourly rates were based on Inyo County Water Department salaries and benefits in the existing staff services contracts; no overhead or profit were included.

Legal services and Fiscal Agent services are performed by Inyo County under separate contracts. Estimates for legal services were based on the monthly flat rate in the current Inyo County Counsel contract but only for months with meetings or when tasks to complete management actions are required. The amount of hours anticipated is less than in previous years. The Fiscal Agent cost is unchanged.

Additional services from other providers included in the budget were the same as in previous years. General liability insurance is unchanged from last year's budget. Professional services include website and database maintenance and an outside audit of OVGA finances using the current contractors. The database is currently hosted on DBS&A servers and includes limited technical support. The Inyo County Auditor's office recommended that one additional audit be conducted next year for the final year of the Proposition 1 grant, 2021-22. Fechter and Co. completed the 2018-2021 fiscal year audits, and that contract has expired. A new contract would be required to complete an audit for 2021-22. Fechter and Co. is familiar with the OVGA, and staff recommends developing a contract with them if another audit is desired. The potential cost is within the authority granted the Executive Manager by the OVGA purchasing policy to acquire those professional services. Miscellaneous expenses are based on previous budgets or actual expenditures from recent years.

The OVGA Bylaws (Article VII, Section 1) require that the projected expenses not exceed projected revenues. The 2023-24 draft budget would be balanced by relying on approximately \$38,000 from the existing fund balance.

Table 1: Draft FY 2023-24 OVGA budget.

Revenues	
Interest from treasury	\$1,500
Other Agencies (member contributions)	\$0
Fund balance transfer	\$38,000
Grant Retention	\$0
Total Revenue	\$39,500
Expenditures	
Fiscal Services	
Insurance	\$2,500
Subtotal	\$2,500
Staff Services	
Executive Manager- Water Dept.	\$15,810
Staff services- Bishop	\$2,000
Agency: Inyo, Legal	\$4,500
Agency: Inyo, Fiscal Agent/Financial Services	\$4,000
Subtotal	\$26,310
Professional Services	
Website Maintenance	\$500
Outside Audit	\$5,000
Database Hosting	\$2,000
Subtotal	\$7,500
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Internal Copy Charges	\$500
Advertising/mailer	\$1,500
Office, Space & Site Rental	\$0
General Operating	\$500
Zoom Account	\$0
Subtotal	\$2,500
Total Expenditures	\$38,810
Anticipated carry over balance	\$690