

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 Tothoroh	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.