

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	Scott Marcellin	OWENS VALLEY COMMITTEE	Mary Roper

January 30, 2024

The Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Special Meeting was called to order at 10:06 am via zoom.

1. Pledge of allegiance

Scott Marcellin 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 all Board members in attendance.

4. Amendment to the 2023-24 OVGA budget

Dr. Alpert stated she has brought forward a Budget Amendment to increase the 2023-24 OVGA budget by \$36,000 to allow for the contract with Daniel B Stephens & Associates to produce the Water Year 2022 OVGA Annual Report and provide a template for future reports to be utilized by the Water Department as well as database management services. Motion to increase the 2023-24 budget by \$36,000 by Mary Roper, seconded by Mel Joseph. The Chairperson requested a roll call vote; Scott Marcellin – Y, Luis Elias – Y, Karen Kong – Y, Mel Joseph - Y, BryAnna Vaughan – Y, Mary Roper – Y. Motion passed.

5. Discussion of agenda items for annual OVGA meeting

Dr. Alpert stated the annual meeting will be held on March 14, 2024, at 2:00pm. She stated the items she had were the 2024-25 budget; presentation of the annual report; the process for discussing and approving annual reports; and an update on the well registration process. BryAnna Vaughan asked for an update on the progress of the plan, election of officers, and an audit, and Karen Kong requested future plans for the OVGA. Luis Elias asked about the working relationship with the consultants, Dr. Alpert stated they are very responsive.

6. Adjourn

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:25 am.