



MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Cuyama Basin Water District

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.
Participation by Teleconference

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Yurosek, President
Byron Albano, Vice-President
Tom Bracken, Treasurer
George Cappello
Jane Wooster

Matt Klinchuch, CBWD GM
Alan Doud, CBWD Counsel
Brad DeBranch, CBWD Secretary
Jeff Shaw, EKI
Jim Menzies
Dan Wilke, Bolthouse Farms
Dan Clifford
Lorena Baste, Sunridge Nursery
Brenton Kelly

AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. **Call to Order** – President Yurosek called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Completed
3. **Roll Call** – Present: Directors Yurosek, Albano, Bracken, Cappello, and Wooster. Board quorum present.
4. **Self-Introductions** – All audience members on the teleconference were introduced.
5. **Public Comment** – No public comment received.
6. **Minutes**
 - a. A motion was made by Director Wooster and seconded by Director Bracken to approve the August 26, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.
7. **Financial Report**
 - a. YTD Financial Report & Accounts Payable – An overview of the current financial report and accounts payable was provided by General Manager. A motion was made by Director Cappello and seconded by Director Bracken to accept and pay the Accounts Payable for August 2020. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - b. Assessments Status Report – CBWD has received approximately 90% of landowner assessments for 2020.

8. Management/Administration

- a. Status Report – Audit for FY19 should be made available shortly for Board review.

9. Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Cuyama Basin

- a. Status Report on Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency – Next GSA meeting is scheduled for November 4th, 2020. No agenda has yet been provided by the GSA. An upcoming grant opportunity will be available to the GSA for implementing projects. Basins labeled as “critical” will be prioritized for initial round of funding. GSA Board approval will be critical with short turnaround time for grant proposals and awarding of funds.
- b. Potential CBGSA Agenda Items – Board has not received Agenda, but acknowledged that pumping fee collection and delegation of MA tasks will likely be topics of discussion. Board continued on to agenda item 9c.
- c. Review & Possible Action on Delegated Tasks from CBGSA – CBWD Staff briefed the Board on a draft response letter which broadened the MA boundary scope. The letter is requesting the GSA to provide clarification from original request to take on task delegation. The GSA has requested a response by September 30th. A member of the public asked about the MA including areas where individual wells are located and mandating well metering. The Board does not currently support a meter and felt that action would be premature. A motion was by Director Cappello and seconded by Director Bracken to accept the draft letter and send to GSA. The motion was unanimously carried.
- d. EKI Update on Technical Components – EKI provided overview of the MA map showing several optional boundaries based on varying model results. EKI’s goal was to determine a practical boundary in order to govern the MA. Some Board members wanted flexibility to change boundary between now and 2023 when reductions are enforced because there will be new data available to study. EKI has write up of how the boundaries were formulated and what criteria was used. The Board had consensus to provide GSA with technical memo from EKI requesting approval of the MA boundary recommendation which included the red boundary as provided in the presented options. EKI briefed the Board on a memo regarding Prop. 68 funding and the upcoming grant application. There is one application per basin and the Cuyama Basin does meet the criteria.

10. New Business

- a. No new business discussed.

11. Announcements

- a. Next meeting: October 28th, 2020
- b. Future meetings: November 18th, 2020

12. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by Director Yurosek at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Brad DeBranch, Secretary
Cuyama Basin Water District**