



MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Cuyama Basin Water District

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.
Participation by Teleconference**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Yurosek, President
George Cappello
Jane Wooster

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Byron Albano, Vice-President
Vacant Seat

AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

- 1. Call to Order** – President Yurosek called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** – Completed
- 3. Roll Call** – Present: Directors Yurosek, 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 Cappello to approve the January 27, 2021 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 Wooster and seconded by Director Cappello to accept and pay the Accounts Payable for January 2021. The motion passed.
 - b. Assessments Status Report – CBWD has received approximately 99% of landowner assessments for 2020.
 - c. EKI Technical Services Proposal – The Board reviewed a proposal for technical services from EKI based on potential tasks to be undertaken in the next year. A

motion was made by Director Cappello and seconded by Director Wooster to approve the proposal from EKI. The motion passed.

- d. FY 2020 Auditor Services – The Board reviewed the Audit Engagement for Fiscal Year 2020 with Barbich Hooper King. A motion was made by Director Cappello and seconded by Director Wooster to approve the engagement for FY 2020. The motion passed.
- e. Preliminary Discussion on 2021 Budget – General Manager discussed potential budget and assessment alternatives for the 2021 year. The Board discussed the options and directed to see a cashflow project from beginning to ending balance based on some of the alternatives provided. Final budget and assessment approval will be at the March Board meeting with landowner assessments mailed shortly after.

8. Management/Administration

- a. Status Report – A reminder was provided for the Form 700 which are due by April 1st for both Water District and GSA.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board Vacancy – The Board received update on process to fill Board Vacancy through appointment since the previous meeting. Staff had provided notice to Santa Barbara County of the vacancy and posted Notice of Vacancy within the District the required 15 days ahead of this February Board Meeting. These steps allowed the Board to appoint a replacement at this meeting. Lorena Baste of Sunridge Nursery was nominated to fill the seat. A motion was made by Director Cappello and seconded by Director Wooster to appoint Lorena Baste to the Board. The motion passed.

9. Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Cuyama Basin

- a. Status Report on Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency – Next GSA meeting is scheduled in March 3rd, 2021. All Board members are planning to attend. The General Manager provided update that the GSA Budget Ad Hoc had met to review the budget line items. These items will have costs developed and reviewed at a future Ad Hoc. The General Manager also updated that the GSA Ad Hoc for Management Area Delegation met and should be providing a response to the District's letter from September 2020.
- b. Potential CBGSA Agenda Items – The Board reviewed the GSA Agenda items.
- c. EKI Update on Technical Components – EKI did not have an update for this meeting but shared they would be reviewing the Model Refinement Technical Memo and draft Annual Monitoring Report recently released the previous day by the GSA.

10. New Business

- a. No new business discussed.

11. Announcements

- a. Next meeting: March 24, 2021
- b. Future meetings: April 28, 2021

12. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by Director Yurosek at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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