



MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Cuyama Basin Water District

Wednesday, June 30th, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.
Board & Staff Participated In-Person and Public Participation by Teleconference

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Yurosek, President
Byron Albano, Vice-President
Lorena Stoller, Treasurer
Matt Vickery
Jane Wooster

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Klinchuch, CBWD GM
Alan Doud, CBWD Counsel
Brad DeBranch, CBWD Secretary
Jeff Shaw, EKI
Dan Clifford, Bolthouse Properties
Dan Wilke
Brenton Kelly
George Cappello
Meg Brown
Jim Menzies
Roberta Jaffe
Jean Gaillard

- 1. Call to Order** – President Yurosek called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** – Completed
- 3. Roll Call** – Present: Directors Albano, Stoller, Vickery, Wooster, and Yurosek. Board quorum present. Director Vickery present via teleconference.
- 4. Self-Introductions** – All audience members on the teleconference were introduced.
- 5. Public Comment** – A member of the public asked if the Board would be discussing new cannabis projects in the Valley. Staff responded that this topic would not be ready for discussion but may be present on August's Board meeting agenda. No other public comments received.
- 6. Minutes**
 - a.** A motion was made by Director Albano and seconded by Director Stoller to approve the May 26th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting minutes shall clarify that Director Yurosek's New Business item is to include not only new cannabis operations but new agricultural operations in general.

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 Vickery and seconded by Director Albano to accept and pay the Accounts Payable for May 2021. The motion was unanimously carried.
- b. 2021 Assessments Status Report – CBWD has received approximately 74% of landowner assessments for 2021. General Manager to follow up with five largest landowners with outstanding assessments.

8. Management/Administration

- a. Status Report – General Manager discussed potential venues for future Board meetings. The District will need to be aware of local guidelines and restrictions when considering a meeting venue. Elementary will allow meetings starting in October 2021. Board needs to address in-person only option vs hybrid approach with in-person and teleconference. General Manager to check on Cuyama Recreation Center for availability.
- b. Resolution Announcing November District Election – General Manager presented resolution for CBWD election. Seats up for reelection include Director Vickery, Director Stoller, Director Albano, and Director Wooster. Candidacy needs to be determined in July. The Board requested that Staff clarify how the election will work in the event there are more than 4 board member candidates. Staff to also clarify how the terms get set with newly filled Board member seats. Director Yurosek wants staff to provide memo of election process. A motion was made by Director Wooster and second by Director Albano to adopt Resolution 2021-003 announcing the November 2021 District election and procedures. The motion was unanimously carried.

9. Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Cuyama Basin

- a. Status Report on Cuyama Basin GSA – The next GSA meeting has been tentatively rescheduled for August 12th. GSA Staff is still working on a final meeting date. The Board discussed the various GSA Ad Hoc Committees related to metering and adaptive management. Director Vickery and Director Yurosek briefed board on recent GSA staff meeting and how it related to DWR's preliminary review letter. Important items moving forward include addressing DWR's comments, small pumper policy, groundwater model update, and management area delegation.
- b. Potential CBGSA Agenda Items – The GSA Agenda for upcoming meeting had not yet been drafted.
- c. EKI Update on Technical Components – EKI presented slides on DWR review of GSP and corrective actions. Cuyama is currently in a preliminary review stage with the issuance of letter dated June 3rd, 2021. Board discussed DWR's concern of why Northwest region and Ventucopa region were not included in management actions for areas of overdraft. EKI said the model needs to be in best shape because DWR will hold us to it as opposed to other unscientific reasoning. GSA

needs to press for more data. GSA will need to justify or correct why these decisions were made in the current GSP.

10. New Business

- a. Director Yurosek wants to discuss at the upcoming Board meeting new agricultural operations, including new cannabis operations, entering the Cuyama Valley. Director Albano would like to discuss the small pumper policy. It was noted that the GSA's Small Pumper Ad Hoc Committee held a call on June 1st, 2021. No follow up Ad Hoc meeting has not been scheduled.

11. Announcements

- a. Next meeting: July 28, 2021
- b. Future meetings: August 25, 2021

12. Closed Session – The Board entered closed session at approximately 5:00 p.m. (prior to Agenda Item #10)

- a. Government Code Section 54956.9 Anticipated Litigation Number of Potential Cases: One

13. Closed Session Item – No reportable action taken by Board in closed session. The Board ended closed session at approximately 5:50 p.m. and proceeded then with Agenda Item #10.

14. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by Director Yurosek at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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