

# UPPER SAN LUIS REY

## Groundwater Management Authority

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UPPER SAN LUIS REY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

**Date:** March 19, 2024

**Time:** 3:02 p.m.

#### Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Management Authority was held at the offices of the Yuima Municipal Water District at 34928 Valley Center Rd., Valley Center, California on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

#### Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Administrator Reeh conducted the roll-call and a quorum of the Board was established.

#### Directors In Attendance

Greg Kamin	Tim Lyall	Michael Perricone
Roland Simpson	Rich Stehly	Chuck Bandy
Bill Pankey	Eric Steinlicht	Steve Wehr (arrived 3:11 p.m.)

#### Directors Absent

None

#### Others In Attendance

Amy Reeh – Administrator  
Jeremy Jungreis – USLRGMA Counsel  
Jack Hoagland - SLRMWD  
Lauren Wicks – Geoscience Support Services (Via Zoom)  
Ryan Aston – SCI Consulting, Rate Study Consultant (Via Zoom)  
Anita Regmi – DWR (via Zoom)  
Lavonne Peck – SLRIWA  
A. Flink (via Zoom)

## Approval of the Agenda

Director Perricone motioned to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by Director Stehly. The motion was passed by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: Kamin, Lyall, Perricone, Simpson, Stehly, Bandy, Pankey, Steinlicht  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Wehr

## Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## Consent Calendar

Director Lyall noted a correction to the minutes to reflect that Rich Williamson with the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority was in attendance and the Director Lyall was appointed to the Cost-of-Service Study Ad-Hoc Committee. With motion being offered by Director Bandy and seconded by Director Simpson, the Consent Calendar items including the Minutes of the February 20, 2024 Board meeting (with noted corrections), Accounts Paid and Payable for February 2024 and Monthly Financials for February 2024 were approved by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: Kamin, Lyall, Perricone, Simpson, Stehly, Bandy, Pankey, Steinlicht  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Wehr

## Action Discussion

### Acceptance of the Annual Water Report for Water Year 20234 for Submission to the Department of Water Resources

After a brief discussion, Lauren Wicks of Geoscience Support Services summarized the minor corrections made to the Annual Report since the draft was presented to the Board in February. The amount of local surface water diversion was increased by 200-acre feet and Appendix A discussing the governance structure of the GMA was added. Upon motion by Director Stehly and seconded by Director Lyall, the *Annual Water Report for Water Year 2023* was accepted for submission to the Department of Water Resources by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: Kamin, Lyall, Perricone, Simpson, Stehly, Bandy, Pankey, Steinlicht  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Wehr

**Director Wehr arrived at 3:11 p.m.**

**Proposed Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Management Authority, Successor to the Pauma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Providing for the Calling and Holding of Meetings, Determining the Time and Place of Such Meetings, Determining How its Records Shall Be Kept, Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing Procedure of Said Board and Adopting Administration and Staffing for the Authority.**

After a brief discussion as to the necessity of changing the meeting time to accommodate attendance by DWR, a motion for approval was offered by Director Lyall and seconded by Director Simpson. *Resolution number 12-2024 of the Board of Directors of the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Management Authority, Successor to the Pauma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Providing for the Calling and Holding of Meetings, Determining the Time and Place of Such Meetings, Determining How its Records Shall Be Kept, Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing Procedure of Said Board and Adopting Administration and Staffing for the Authority* was approved by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: Kamin, Lyall, Perricone, Simpson, Stehly, Bandy, Wehr, Pankey, Steinlicht  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**Presentation / Discussion – Preliminary Cost-of-Service Study**

Ryan Aston from SCI reviewed the revised information contained within the rate study that takes into account the discussion and direction from the Cost-of-Service Ad-Hoc Committee. Discussion was held in relation to which methodology to use for determining the number of acre feet of water being extracted that could realistically be charged a fee. SCI intends to do a hybrid methodology using both the actual extractions being reported and Open ET crop type estimates for the unknown well variable. The Board felt that Open ET crop coefficient was becoming an industry standard that growers utilize for irrigation purposes and therefore the best methodology. The group discussed having a dual fee approach where some of the fixed costs would be collected on a fixed revenue source such as a \$300 per well fee. This approach is similar to the State's approach and allows the Authority to ensure a revenue stream that covers fixed costs such as the administration fee and the annual report fee. A brief discussion was conducted in relation to a lower per well fee for de minimis wells, but no decision was made.

**Closed Session**

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation – 1 case, San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority v. Pauma Groundwater Sustainability Agency – pursuant to GC §54956.9**

The Board entered Closed Session at 4:05 p.m.

The Board exited Closed Session at 4:18 p.m. with nothing to report.

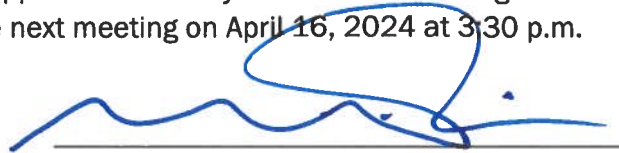
## Other Business

Director Kamin pointed out the two reports that were included in the Board packet regarding an analysis of SGMA and well permitting. He briefly discussed a webinar he attended in relation to engaging with stakeholders in relation to SGMA, its history and the reason for the fees and charges that will need to be imposed.

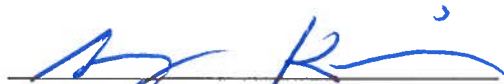
Next Regular Meeting – April 16, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

## Adjournment

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Management Authority was adjourned at 4:37 p.m. until the next meeting on April 16, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.



Michael Perricone, Secretary



Greg Kamin, Chairman