BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES February 20, 2020

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: (4)

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606:

Wm. Cory Carvalho, President

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

Micah Combs, Vice-President

Robert Motte (Arr. 9:54 a.m.)

Steven Stadler, Executive Director

NONE

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

DIRECTORS EXCUSED:

(1)

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

Thomas Chaney

INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT: (2)

FRESNO COUNTY:

Glenn Allen, Public Works

RANCH SYSTEMS:

Hylon Kaufmann

PUBLIC/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: (2)

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

Emanuele Amorelli, Office Manager Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("James GSA") was held Thursday, February 20, 2020, in the Agency office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m., by President, Wm. Carvalho. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

II. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

HYLON KAUFMANN, RANCH SYSTEMS, FRESNO, introduced herself and advised Ranch Systems offers technological assistance with wireless weather and climate monitoring, irrigation metering and pump control, soil moisture, etc., specializing in agriculture. Data is kept private.

B. <u>ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA</u>

A minor <u>correction</u> to the Agenda was approved as follows:

III. MINUTES

A. MINUTES: REGULAR SPECIAL MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 2019

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C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (FPPC §87105)

Directors were given an opportunity to identify a potential conflict-of-interest with items appearing on the Agenda; none were reported.

D. <u>APPOINTMENTS</u>

DEFERRED.

III. MINUTES

A. REGULAR SPECIAL MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 2020

MIS/C (M.COMBS / S.STADLER), to APPROVE as written PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:

M.Combs, S.Stadler, W.Carvalho (3)

ABSENT:

T.Chaney, R.Motte (2)

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Water Code §24273, reports were presented by Mr. Amorelli as follows:

A. <u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE / INTERIM WARRANTS: DECEMBER 13, 2019-FEBRUARY 20, 2020</u> (Att.1) <u>MMS/C (M.COMBS/S.STADLER)</u>, to <u>RATIFY/APPROVE</u> Interim Warrants totaling \$11,163.55 <u>PASSED</u> by the following vote:

AYES:

M.Combs, S.Stadler, W.Carvalho (3)

ABSENT:

T.Chaney, R.Motte (2)

- B. <u>Cash Position Report: January 31, 2020</u>
- C. INCOME STATEMENTS (BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL) PERIOD ENDING: JANUARY 31, 2020
- D. QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS: JANUARY 31, 2020 (Gov. Code §53646)

V. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

None presented.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Stadler presented his report as follows:

► <u>KINGS GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN</u> Groundwater Sustainability Plan has been submitted to the California Department of Water Resources and is available on the DWR website. The 45-day comment period is in process.

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- ANNUAL REPORT is due April 1, 2020. This is a basin-wide report and will require cooperative efforts between GSAs. A Coordination Meeting is scheduled tomorrow where report data will be discussed.
- ▶ <u>MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY</u> has sued the James GSA and the James Irrigation District under the Public Records Act. This matter will be discussed in Closed Session §54956.9, below.
- ► <u>KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT</u> will be holding a Community Workshop on February 24th in Easton for residents on private wells and rural communities. Fliers were distributed.

VII. REPORT ITEMS

A. JAMES GSA ADVISORY COMMITTEE: NOVEMBER 21, 2019

Meeting Notes were provided for review/discussion. Mr. Stadler indicated while Advisory Committee meetings have been very informative and beneficial during the process of developing a GSP, the function of Advisory Committee is being reevaluated and may be restructured.

B. AGENCY POWERS (02/20/2020)

Reviewed "Powers and Authorities" authorized under Chapter 5 of the SGMA which are available to GSAs post-Plan adoption and discussed the potential to exercise those powers (e.g., registering of groundwater extraction facilities within the GSA and the metering of those facilities with costs to be borne by the owner/operator of each facility). Mr. Stadler noted the Kings Groundwater Subbasin is not pursuing at this time. The McMullin GSA considered but failed to pass.

Mr. Stadler discussed the potential for James GSA to pre-empt State intervention by instituting a program to meter/monitor private wells with the thought that the State might be pacified; otherwise, the State could intervene, mandate we comply and charge accordingly. There is the potential that the DWR could find our GSP has deficiencies which could also trigger these mandates. No problems now, but it's possible within the next five years that GSAs could miss their mark and the State Board initiate action against the basin as a whole. Mr. Stadler requested Board members consider this thought. No action now.

Ms. Kaufmann indicated GSAs will be in a better position to deal with the State if their data is complete. Mr. Stadler responded that James Irrigation District meters inflow, deliveries, rainfall, wells and is, in fact, "information rich".

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C. FRESNO COUNTY WELL PERMITTING (02/20/2020)

Mr. Stadler discussed the County well permitting process and the potential for agency involvement. He stated he was uncertain how rules and regulations adopted by this GSA could work in concert with the Fresno County permitting process, especially affecting domestic wells. Mr. Allen affirmed Fresno County does not want to impede the permitting process and is expediting the processing. Mr. Stadler stated James GSA must be protective of homeowners' ability to obtain well permits.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. INVESTMENT POLICY (02/20/2020) (Att.2)

Conducted annual review of Investment Policy as adopted by Resolution 2019-04 (01/17/2019). MISIC (M.COMBS / S.STADLER), to RE-APPROVE (no change) by the following vote:

AYES:

M.Combs, S.Stadler, W.Carvalho (3)

ABSENT:

T.Chaney, R.Motte (2)

B. RESERVE POLICY (02/20/2020) (Att.3)

Conducted annual review of Reserve Policy as adopted by Resolution 2019-05 (01/17/2019). <u>M/S/C (M.COMBS / S.STADLER)</u>, to <u>RE-APPROVE</u> (no change) by the following vote:

AYES:

M.Combs, S.Stadler, W.Carvalho (3)

ABSENT:

T.Chaney, R.Motte (2)

C. FISCAL BUDGET: MARCH 1, 2020-FEBRUARY 28, 2021 (02/20/2020)

Reviewed proposed budget. Mr. Stadler noted he will be requesting release of remaining grant funds which are not reflected in this Budget. <u>M/S/C (M.COMBS/S.STADLER)</u>, to <u>APPROVE</u> by the following vote:

AYES:

M.Combs, S.Stadler, W.Carvalho (3)

ABSENT:

T.Chaney, R.Motte (2)

D. PREPARATION OF ANNUAL BASIN-WIDE REPORT (02/20/2020)

Considered ratification of the Executive Director's approval of proposal from Provost & Pritchard Consulting (Att.4) for the following:

1.	Task 11-DWR Planning Grant Round 3 Application	\$ 3,000
2.	Task COR-Basin Coordination and Facilitation	\$10,000
3.	Task GWP-Groundwater Pumping Estimation	\$17,000
4.	Task REP-Annual Report Preparation	\$25,000

The James GSA will not be involved in Task 3, GWP, as James Irrigation District has long metered their groundwater extractions and has maintained the data.

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Some objections were expressed where Task 4, Annual Report Preparation, was concerned as it was felt to be vague and "open ended". Mr. Stadler agreed to pass the comments on to Provost & Pritchard. MISIC (M.COMBS / S.STADLER), to MISIC (M.COMBS / S.STADLER), to RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FOR KINGS BASIN COORDINATION TASKS by the following vote:

AYES:

M.Combs, S.Stadler, W.Carvalho (3)

ABSENT:

T.Chaney, R.Motte (2)

E. SUBSIDENCE MONITORING PROGRAM (02/20/2020)

Reviewed correspondence from the Kings River Conservation District expressing their desire to "consult with the James GSA to discuss development of a long-term partnership for maintaining, collecting data, and reporting findings associated with KRCD's subsidence monitoring program within the Kings Subbasin". (Att.5) At Mr. Stadler's suggestion, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME. Mr. Stadler stated a survey should be done by licensed engineers who can be held accountable for the validity of the data and develop a creditable report. This matter will be explored further at the next Coordination Meeting.

F. ACWA/JPIA INSURANCE (02/20/2020)

Reviewed "SGMA Litigation Expense Sharing Pool" developed by ACWA and ACWA/JPIA to "to provide assistance to participants in the cost of litigation in a validation claim. The pool would be made up of GSAs across California, looking to share in the expense of litigating validation claims that may have a statewide impact in the determination". <u>CONCURRED</u> with Mr. Stadler's recommendation to take <u>NO ACTION</u> at this time as there may be other risks/exposures to be considered in the future.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 9:54 a.m.

Attending:

Wm. Cory Carvalho, President Micah Combs, Vice-President Robert Motte, Director

Steven Stadler, General Manager, Executive Director

IX. <u>CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION</u>

A. McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency vs. James Irrigation District;

James Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 20CECG00507

Reconvened in Open Session at 10:34 a.m.

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X. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Stadler stated no reportable actions were taken during the Closed Session.

XI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was <u>ADJOURNED</u> at 10:35 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020.

RECORDED BY:

Donna Y. Hanneman , Executive Assistant JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

APPROVED BY:

Wm. Cory Carvalho, President

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Steven P. Stadler, P.E., Executive Director James Groundwater Sustainability Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Accounts Payable / Interim Warrants: December 13, 2019-February 20, 2020, \$11,163.55
- Resolution 2019-04, Establishing 2019 Investment Policy, Re-approved February 20, 2020
- 3. Resolution 2019-05, Reserve Policy, Re-approved February 20, 2020
- Correspondence: "Proposal for Kings Basin Coordination Tasks", Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, Ronald J. Samuelian, PE, December 13, 2019
- 5. Correspondence: "Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan-Subsidence Monitoring", Kings River Conservation District, Paul Peschel, P.E., General Manager, October 30, 2019

INTERIM WARRANTS

Activity From: 12/13/2019 to 2/20/2020 JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES - 02/20/2020 ATTACHMENT 1

Bank Code: A Check Number	A USB:MAIN BA Check Date	NK ACCT-CKG Vendor Number	Name	Check Amount	Check Type
000158	1/28/2020	0000071	PROVOST/PRITCHARD CONS GRP INC	7,538.70	Manual
000159	1/28/2020	0000853	BEDROCK ENGINEERING INC	1,875.00	Manual
000160	1/28/2020	0000889	KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT	1,081.85	Manual
000161	2/13/2020	0000071	PROVOST/PRITCHARD CONS GRP INC	668.00	Manual
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			Report Total:	11,163.55	

Run Date: 2/14/2020 2:40:53PM

A/P Date: 2/14/2020

RESOLUTION 2019-04

Resolution of the **Board of Directors**

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

ESTABLISHING 2019 INVESTMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("AGENCY") has heretofore established a General Fund from which monies may be expended for general operating purposes in accordance with the approved budgets for the AGENCY and its various project and activity agreements; and

WHEREAS, the AGENCY may have on hand in the General Fund from time to time monies which are surplus to the AGENCY'S immediate operating needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined it to be in the public interest to invest such surplus monies in a manner which insures safety as a first objective and liquidity of such surplus funds as a second objective, and obtaining a maximum yield consistent with the other criteria as a third objective; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has heretofore designated depositories, and may from time to time hereinafter designate additional or alternate such depositories, to have custody of AGENCY funds; and

WHEREAS, such designated depositories must provide security for such AGENCY funds as may be deposited with them, as provided by statute; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 53646(a) of the Government Code, the Executive Director has reviewed the proposed 2019 Investment Policy and recommends its approval following consideration by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- The recitals above are true and correct, and the Board so finds and determines. Section 1.
- The Board hereby approves and adopts that certain 2019 Investment Policy attached Section 2. hereto as Exhibit "A", and by this reference incorporated herein as of January 1, 2019.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the James Groundwater Sustainability Agency conducted January 17th, 2019, on motion of Director Robert Motte, and seconded by Director Thomas Chaney, by the following vote:

AYES:

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(R.Motte, T.Chaney, R.Chaney, S.Stadler)

NOES:

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ABSTAIN: EXCUSED:

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(W.Carvalho)

ABSENT:

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Riley Chaney, President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

ATTEST:

Steven P. Stadler, P.E., Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Re-approved:

Board of Directors, 02/20/2020

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The undersigned certifies that he is the Executive Director of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY and that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of said AGENCY at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly held on January 17th, 2019, at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand of the Board of Directors this 17th day of January, 2019.

Steven P. Stadler, P.E., Executive Director

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EXHIBIT A

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

2019 INVESTMENT POLICY

PURPOSE

This statement is intended to provide a guideline for the prudent investment of temporary idle cash, restricted monies and any trust funds, and to outline a policy for maximizing the efficiency of the cash management system.

OBJECTIVE

The cash management system of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("AGENCY") will be maintained to accurately monitor and forecast expenditures and revenues, thus enabling the AGENCY to invest funds to the fullest extent possible.

POLICY

All investments will be made under the terms and conditions of Sections 53600-53683 and Sections 16429.1 to 16429.3 of the Government Code of California. Criteria for the selection of investments and the order of priority of such criteria are as follows:

- 1. Safety
- 2. Liquidity
- 3. Yield

The following instruments are authorized for investment of Agency funds:

- 1. Funds may be invested in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation-insured accounts in a bank.
- 2. Funds may be invested in United States treasury instruments or agencies for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the repaying of principal and interest.
- 3. Funds may be invested, to the extent permitted by law and as conditions dictate, in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund ("LAIF") in accordance with Section 16429.1 of the Government Code.

4. Funds may be invested, to the extent permitted by law and as conditions dictate, in shares of beneficial interest issued by the Investment Trust of California ("CalTRUST") in accordance with Section 53601(p) of the California Government Code.

The Executive Director shall render a quarterly report to the Board of Directors showing all investments in accordance with Section 53646(b) of the Government Code. This report shall include:

- 1. The last statement from the LAIF, CalTRUST and any banks holding the funds.
- 2. A description of any of the AGENCY'S funds, investments, or programs, that are under management of contracted parties, including lending programs.
- 3. A statement of the extent to which the AGENCY'S investments are or may be out of compliance with this policy.
- 4. The report shall include a statement denoting the ability of the AGENCY to meet its cash demands for the next six (6) months or shall provide an explanation as to why sufficient cash shall, or may, not be available.

This 2019 Investment Policy will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors on an annual basis in accordance with Section 53646(a) of the Government Code, and may be modified only upon action of the Board of Directors of the Agency.

RESOLUTION 2019-05

Resolution of the Board of Directors

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESERVE POLICY

WHEREAS, the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("AGENCY") Board of Directors recognizes the need to ensure that the AGENCY will have sufficient funding available to meet its operating, emergency, capital, and debt service obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes the need for sound financial policies as stewards of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes the need for funds to be held in reserve for unanticipated and unforeseeable expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes a need for long-term strategic financial policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY hereby establishes a Reserve Policy as follows:

1. <u>Designated Funds</u>

a. General Reserve

The cash flow of the AGENCY is expected to fluctuate during the course of the fiscal year. The AGENCY is expected to carry higher balances in reserves at the beginning of the fiscal year when AGENCY contributions are received. The AGENCY is expected to carry lower balances at the end of the fiscal year as those contributions are used to pay AGENCY expenses. The AGENCY is not expected to carry significant reserves from year-to-year given the current funding mechanism for the AGENCY and the AGENCY may rely on additional or supplemental contributions for unusual or unbudgeted expenses. Any reserves carried by the AGENCY will be specified in the adopted budget. All funds shall be invested in money market accounts or other similar investments that can be liquidated within two (2) working days. Funds may be invested in money market accounts or other similar investments that can be liquidated within thirty (30) calendar days with AGENCY Board approval specifying the amount of investment and identifying the specific account or investment as well as any conditions placed on the maintenance of the investment.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the James Groundwater Sustainability Agency conducted January 17th, 2019, on motion of Director Robert Motte, and seconded by Director Thomas Chaney, was hereby authorized by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

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(R.Motte, T.Chaney, R.Chaney, S.Stadler)

Noes:

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ABSTAIN: EXCUSED:

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(W.Carvalho)

ABSENT:

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Riley Chaney, President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

ATTEST:

Steven P. Stadler, P.E., Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Re-approved:

Board of Directors, 02/20/2020

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this 17th day of January, 2019.

Steven P. Stadler, P.E., Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JAMES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY



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December 13, 2019 and swip of an doe African and sever principal and an enjoyed and tal SC-WA, requiations, this initial appropriate port must cover multiple years, from 2015, on vard."

Phil Desatoff, Central Kings GSA Steve Stadler, James GSA Chad Wegley, Kings River East GSA Matt Hurley, McMullin GSA Scott Sills, North Fork Kings GSA Gary Serrato, North Kings GSA Karnig Kazarian, South Kings GSA through Spnng 2019, as well as contours for Fall 2018. The conjug map

Proposal for Kings Basin Coordination Tasks Subject: determined for each CSA. The incurred hydrographs and storage change graphs will be Dear Sirs: "Repeat to the Sustainable Manager Branched For this initial annual report, no discussion on the Sustainable Manager."

Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group (P&P) is pleased to submit this proposal to provide technical services related to the ongoing coordinated assistance within the Kings Groundwater Sub-basin (Kings Basin). The tasks identified below are for continuing basin coordination and preparation of the first annual report to DWR, as well as the task associated with preparation of the DWR Round 3 SGMA Planning grant application.

or Projects and Mainagement Actions is required, but the report will utilize the anticipat

Task 11 – DWR Planning Grant Round 3 Application

This task includes preparation of a grant application under the DWR Round 3 SGMA Planning A grant application was prepared in accordance with the grant requirements and submitted to DWR. The GSAs agreed to have the North Fork Kings GSA serve as the lead applicant, similar to the Round 2 application that was awarded for draft GSP preparation. The application prepared included gathering of needed well construction information as well as construction of monitoring wells. This task will also include assistance answering questions from DWR and help coordinating a final agreement with DWR if selected.

Task COR – Basin Coordination and Facilitation

This task is for continued basin coordination and facilitation of the GSA representatives. This task may include but is not limited to preparation for and attendance at monthly basin coordination meetings, preparation of meeting summary notes, contact and coordination with GSA representatives regarding coordination efforts, correspondence with DWR as needed, participation in basin outreach related efforts, GSP submittal coordination, participation in discussions with neighboring basins, coordination of basin-wide comments, and participation of dispute resolution or other activities associated with the Coordination Agreement. This task will also include Basin Plan Manager duties, as yet to be fully defined by DWR. The GSAs within the basin have varying budget years, so this task assumes monthly meetings and work through June 2020. Proposals for subsequent years will be provided annually as requested.

Payment Terms

This work is subject to the terms and conditions of the Consulting Services Agreement previously agreed to with each GSA. Payment for the work would be on a time and materials basis. A breakdown of costs by task is shown in the Table below. Invoices will be prepared and submitted monthly. P&P will be jointly engaged by the GSAs listed above. P&P will separately bill each GSA the amount due each month, with the understanding that the entire amount of each invoice is due from the group.

Task	Total Budget	Per GSA
Task 11 DWR Planning Grant Round 3 Application	\$21,000	\$3,000
Task COR Basin Coordination and Facilitation	\$70,000	\$10,000
Task GWP Groundwater Pumping Estimation (excludes James and South Kings)	\$85,000	\$17,000
Task REP Annual Report Preparation	\$175,000	\$25,000

The cost for Tasks 11, COR and REP will be split equally amongst the seven GSAs. The cost for Task GWP will be split equally amongst Central Kings, Kings River East, McMullin, North Fork Kings and North Kings GSAs.

Thank you for the opportunity to propose on this work. Please call me at 559-449-2700 if you have any questions or comments. We are certainly open to discussing any concerns related to the scope of work, budget, or schedule. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely Yours,

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Principal Engineer

Name: STEVELL P. STANLER

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Agency: JAMES GSA

Date: JANES JANUARY 31, 2020

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Transmitted via email to sstadler@jamesid.org

October 30, 2019

Mr. Steven P. Stadler, P.E., Executive Director James Groundwater Sustainability Agency P.O. Box 757 San Joaquin, CA 93660

Re: <u>Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan - Subsidence Monitoring</u>

Dear Board Members:

The Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) was formed with the passage of the Kings River Conservation District Act in 1951 by the California Legislature and has been involved in water resource management since its inception. KRCD promotes efficient water use, collects valuable public data on groundwater conditions and subsidence, and maintains river channels and levees for flood control purposes.

The Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) in the Kings Subbasin have indicated in their respective Groundwater Sustainability Plans the use of the KRCD subsidence monitoring program as a critical data set to determine and avoid undesirable results associated with subsidence. KRCD strives to establish and maintain a seven-mile grid to provide a meaningful analysis of subsidence within KRCD boundaries. However, data gaps exist within the subsidence network due to the destruction of benchmarks, road construction, and access constraints. To ensure the subsidence monitoring network meets GSA requirements, KRCD would like to partner with GSA's and potentially other entities in the Kings Subbasin, to maintain, fill monitoring gaps and enhance the subsidence monitoring network.

KRCD is requesting a consultation with the James Groundwater Sustainability Agency to discuss development of a long-term partnership for maintaining, collecting data, and reporting findings associated with KRCD's subsidence monitoring program within the Kings Subbasin. Please contact Charlotte Gallock, Director of Water Resources, to schedule a consultation; (559) 237-5567 extension 105 or by email cgallock@krcd.org.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Peschel, P.E. General Manager

PP/CG/sjs

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