

ATTACHMENT A

DISCUSSION

The SVBGSA is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors. Since constituted in March of 2017, it has been governed by an Initial Board that will serve until September 30, 2017. Thereafter a Permanent Board is to be constituted. Each Director position has a Primary and an Alternate Director, and each represents a different interest or stakeholder group generally as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. As set forth in the Joint Powers Authority agreement forming the SVBGSA, certain Members of SVBGSA will make appointments to the Director positions. The Director positions will have three-year terms (except a Director representing CPUC regulated entities that will have a two-year term), but no term limits. The initial terms of the Permanent Board will be staggered so that the terms of the Directors do not expire all at once.

The JPA agreement sets forth general qualifications for Directors:

1. General education and/or knowledge, interest in and experience relating to the control, storage, and beneficial use of groundwater;
2. General understanding and knowledge of the Basin and all its beneficial users;
3. Working knowledge and understanding of how to develop strategic plans, policies, programs, and financing/funding mechanisms;
4. Genuine commitment to collaboratively work together to (a) achieve groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin, and all its beneficial users; and (b) provide for the ongoing sustainable management of the basin;
5. General knowledge and understanding of one or more of the different facets (administration, financial, legal, organizational, personnel, etc.) needed for a successful and productive organization;
6. Ability to commit the time necessary, estimated at a minimum 15 – 20 hours per month, to responsibly fulfill their commitment to the organization. This includes, but is not limited to: (a) Board meetings, (b) Board training, (c) analyzing financial statements and technical reports, (d) reviewing Board documents before Board meetings, (e) attending Board meetings, and (f) serving on committees to which they are assigned; and
7. A permanent resident within the Basin, or a representative of an agency with jurisdiction, or a business or organization with a presence, within the Basin.

The County is responsible for the appointments of a Primary and Alternate for each of 7 Director positions: A) one representing Other GSA Eligible Agencies; B) four representing agricultural interests; C) one representing environmental interests; and D) one Public Member

ATTACHMENT A

representing interests not otherwise represented on the Board. Each of these Director positions has specific qualifications:

A. Other GSA Eligible Agency position: Must be a representative of a GSA Eligible Agency (a local agency with land use authority, a water provider, or with water management authority) that does not otherwise have a Director position representing its interests on the Board. Thus, representative of the cities of Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, and King, and the Castroville Community Services District are not eligible for this Director position. Eligible representatives would include those from the County, Water Resources Agency, and Monterey One Water (formerly the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency);

B. Agriculture positions (4 positions): Must be an individual that i) is engaged in, and derives a majority of gross income or revenue from, commercial agricultural production or operations; or ii) is designated by an entity that is engaged in commercial agricultural production or operations, and the individual derives a majority of gross income or revenue from agricultural production or operations, including as an owner, lessor, lessee, manager, officer, or substantial shareholder of a corporate entity.

C. Environment position: Must be a representative of an established environmental organization that has a presence or is otherwise active in the Basin.

D. Public Member: Must be: i) a rural residential well owner; ii) an industrial processor; iii) a Local Small or State Small Water System (public water systems with more than 1 but less than 16 connections); or iv) a mutual water company serving residential or agricultural connections, or both.

For the Permanent Board, various stakeholder and interested party groups will make nominations to the Board of Supervisors for these Director positions, except the Public Member which will be chosen following an application process. The current primary Director for the Other GSA Eligible Agency position is Supervisor Luis Alejo, who remains interested in the position. The current alternate is Monterey One Water General Manager Paul Sciuto, who also has expressed his interest in remaining in that position.

The Salinas Basin Agricultural Water Association has submitted names for each of the 4 Agricultural Director positions indicating a preference for Primary and Alternate Director. Janet Brennan is the current Primary Director in the Environment Director seat, and has been nominated again by the Environment Caucus; there is no nominee presently for the alternate Director position.

Only a single application was received by the deadline to submit applications for the Public Member seat (September 1, 2017), from Glenn Church, who is currently the Alternate Director for that seat. Subsequently, a second application was received from William D. Carroll, and a third application from current Primary Public Member Director Lou Calcagno. To

ATTACHMENT A

consider Mr. Carroll's and Mr. Calcagno's applications, the Board must waive the deadline for applications.

A matrix of the Director positions for the Permanent Board with the nominees/applicants is enclosed as Attachment B. The applications for the Public Member position (with certain personal information redacted) is enclosed as Attachment C. A draft resolution is enclosed as Attachment D. We recommend that the Board take up the appointments one at a time for each Director position.