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Memorandum

Date: March 17, 2021
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager *Paul*
RE: Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The Water Resources Subcommittee met via video/teleconference at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021. Subcommittee members participating included Larry Ruth, Chelsea Johnson, John Yoakum, Vern Barrett, Ken Vogel, and Gary Hellerich. Other Directors participating included Deborah Eagan and Bob Andersen. And others participating included Amy Ostermeyer and Dan Levy of Monolith, Brian Dunnigan, Jim Schneider and Jeff McPeak of Olsson, Mi Almaamariya, Corey Wasserburger, Steve Seglin, David Potter, Tracy Zayac, Chris Witthuhn, Maclane Scott, Dick Ehrman, Jared Nelson, and myself.

Chair Ruth opened the meeting and turned it over to Dick Ehrman to present the 2020 Groundwater Management Plan Annual Review. Ehrman reviewed with the Subcommittee the activities and accomplishments in implementing our Groundwater Management Plan, including groundwater quality monitoring for nitrates, pesticides, and arsenic; vadose zone sampling; review of triggers for both quality and quantity; groundwater quantity (water levels); Dwight-Val-Brainard Special Management Area; certified irrigated acres; well permitting; well decommissioning; chemigation permitting; water meter reports; soil sampling; fertilizer meters; Spring Nitrogen Assistance Program (SNAP); ENWRA assistance; and public information & education. Ehrman reviewed the attached powerpoint and answered questions. A report will be presented at the Board Meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion on the update of the Monolith Well Permit application and schedule. Amy Ostermeyer reviewed the requirements of the application and their efforts to update the application. Ostermeyer also reported on the meetings and information provided to the NRD. Ostermeyer reported that they are in the process of completing test holes for two additional wells for Olive Creek 2. Wet conditions have delayed this work but they hope to have everything available for the application in a couple of weeks. The Subcommittee asked numerous questions on Monolith's efforts to work with neighboring well owners and also discussed the proposed well protection agreements. Monolith expressed their interest in working with their neighbors and felt

the agreements are a sign of their interest in working with neighbors, should well problems ever arise. Ostermeyer also expressed their interest in establishing a good monitoring well plan that would identify any potential problems.

I reported that we are at the point that the Board needs to determine and approve any additional information that needs to be included in the application. As an example we have several recommendations from LRE Water and will consider any staff recommendations and Director's requests to include additional information. The Board will need to approve this list at a Special Board Meeting just recently approved by Chair Eagan for Wednesday, March 24 @5:30pm. Directors are encouraged to submit any additional information that they feel needs to be included in the application for Board consideration. I reviewed the proposed schedule to consider the Monolith well permit application:

March 24 @ 5:30pm - Special Board Meeting (Board approval of additional info)
April 8 @ 5:30pm – Virtual Public Input Meeting.
April 12, 13, or 14 @5:30pm – Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting.
April 21 @ 7:00pm – Board Meeting to consider Monolith well permit application.

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

PDZ/pz

cc: Steve Seglin & Corey Wasserburger