



MERCED COUNTY
CHOWCHILLA GROUNDWATER
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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES - FINAL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

Merced County Administration Building

2222 M Street

Board Room, Third Floor

Merced CA, 95340

www.countyofmerced.com

The Board of Supervisors welcomes you to its meetings which are regularly held on a scheduled Tuesday and your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

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Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Office, in order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the Board Chambers will have limited public seating during the Merced County Board of Supervisors meetings. The County will conduct business in compliance with social distancing requirements with seating for the public limited to 25. The County will also provide some overflow space on a first come first served basis.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Board's jurisdiction including items on the Board's agenda, except for those items specifically scheduled as public hearings (testimony limited to three (3) minutes per person).

All comments for items on the agenda other than those scheduled as public hearings will be taken at the beginning of the Board Meeting during the public comment period. In order that interested parties have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please raise your hand when requested and you will be directed to the podium. Please note that in order to maintain social distancing only one person may speak at a time, at the podium

PUBLIC COMMENT (Voicemail): You may also submit a general public comment for items not on the day's agenda or comment on an agenda item via voice message by calling 209-385-7319. All voicemails received prior to 9:00 am on the day of the meeting will be played during the meeting, as time allows. Voicemails will be limited to three minutes in length. Please submit one comment per voicemail and if commenting on an agenda item, please identify the agenda item number in your voicemail. If you wish to do so, please identify yourself in your voicemail. Phone numbers will not be made part of the record of the meeting.

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In an effort to assist the Clerk in identifying the agenda item relating to your public comment please indicate in the Subject Line, the meeting body (i.e. Board of Supervisors Agenda) and item number (i.e. Item No. 10). If you wish to do so, please identify yourself in the email. Email addresses will not be made part of the record of the meeting. Comments made on Facebook are not considered part of the official record and will not be shared with the Board.

The Agenda is divided into three sections:

- **CONSENT CALENDAR:** These matters include routine financial and administrative action and usually are approved by a single vote.
- **SCHEDULED ITEMS:** These items are noticed hearings, work sessions and public hearings.
- **REGULAR CALENDAR:** These items include significant policy and administrative actions. Immediately after approval of the CONSENT CALENDAR, if the time of the hearing of SCHEDULED ITEMS has not arrived, the REGULAR CALENDAR will be considered.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (In Person)

Public opportunity to provide testimony is limited to three (3) minutes per person. Please raise your hand and you will be directed to the podium. Please note that in order to maintain social distancing only one person may speak at a time, at the podium.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Via Voicemail) Public comment for public hearings will be taken in person and by voicemail. Voicemails directed to the public hearing will be accepted up to and during the public hearing. The Board of Supervisors will take a brief pause during the public hearing for persons using voicemail. Please call 209-726-2755 to leave your voicemail.

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CLOSED SESSION: This is the portion of the meeting conducted in private without the attendance of the public or press to discuss certain confidential matters specifically permitted by the Brown Act. The public will be provided an opportunity to comment on any matter to be considered in closed session prior to the Board adjourning into the closed session.

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Spanish and Hmong interpreters are available.

Interpretes de espanol y hmong estan disponibles.

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SCHEDULED ITEMS

10:00 A. M.

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO SPEAK ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA-
TESTIMONY IS LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON**

**GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 COMPLIANCE (LATE AGENDA
ITEMS)**

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA, EXCEPT FOR THOSE ITEMS SPECIFICALLY SCHEDULED AS PUBLIC HEARINGS (TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON)

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. 1) Approve the proposal from Davids Engineering and Luhdorff & Scalmanini to prepare the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP 2021 Annual Report at a total cost of \$58,835; and 2) Authorize the County of Merced to fund its proportionate share of the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP 2021 Annual Report, in the approximate amount of \$524 to be reimbursed by the Sierra Vista Mutual Water Company.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGE 4

THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:05 A.M. UNTIL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.

BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 2020 CHOWCHILLA GSA

ACTION ITEM NO. 1

2020-10-20 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk announces item to approve the proposal from Davids Engineering and Luhdorff & Scalmanini to prepare the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP 2021 Annual Report at a total cost of \$58,835; and authorize the County of Merced to fund its proportionate share of the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP 2021 Annual Report, in the approximate amount of \$524 to be reimbursed by the Sierra Vista Mutual Water Company is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Silveira comments about the amount of time and works it takes to authorize us to spend \$524. He understands the total report is \$58,835 of which Merced County shares \$524, but thought when we changed our ordinance to allow the CEO to have more spending authority these kinds of things would be cleaned up.

Mark Hendrickson, Director of Community and Economic Development responds that he does not take exception to those comments and that this was done primarily for record keeping and making sure that we are fully open and transparent, especially with other agencies and that was the sole purpose of the item today.

Jim Brown, County Executive Officer states that he concurs with Mr. Hendrickson and comments that in previous actions the Board took that we probably do have the authority. He further states that when it comes to water and GSA's we have always tried to be upfront.

Upon motion of Supervisor McDaniel, seconded by Supervisor Lor, duly carried, the Board approves proposal from Davids Engineering and Luhdorff & Scalmanini to prepare the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP 2021 Annual Report at a total cost of \$58,835; and authorizes the County of Merced to fund its proportionate share of the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP 2021 Annual Report, in the approximate amount of \$524 to be reimbursed by the Sierra Vista Mutual Water Company.

Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira