



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on February 12, 2018, at the office of the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (“District”), Don Mills, Chairman, of the Greater Kaweah GSA, called to order a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (“GKGSA”).

Directors Present:	Chris Tantau Joe Cardoza, III Tamara Kelly Eric Shannon Don Mills Pete Vander Poel	Paul Boyer Dennis Mills- <i>Alternate</i> Mark Larsen- <i>Alternate</i>
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Directors Absent:	Ernie Taylor Brian Watte
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Also Present:	Carol Combs Larry Dotson Kari Daniska Denise England J. Paul Hendrix Amer Hussain Gene Kilgore Bob Ludekens Aubrey Mauritson Shawn Corley Blake Mauritson	Julianne Phillips Michelle Ricker Larry Rodriguez James Silva Zack Stuller Craig Wallace Jason Waters Anita Wilson Karen Yohannes
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Mills opened the meeting for public comment. No comment was received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Current Announcements

Secretary Larsen announced the Kaweah Subbasin had been awarded Prop 1 money. Further details would be provided later in the meeting.

MINUTES

Approval of January 8, 2018 Minutes

Secretary Larsen recommended approval of the January 8, 2018 minutes with a correction on page 2, correcting a typo from “GPS implementation” to “GSP implementation”. Alternate Director Dennis Mills moved to approve the minutes with the correction, and Director Shannon seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

GOVERNING BOARD

Committee Member Status

Secretary Larsen provided a summary of current committee members’ status and vacancies.

Consider Approval of California Water Service Company Alternate Director Nominee

Secretary Larsen reported Tamara Kelly was previously appointed Director. Cal Water has now formally requested an Alternate Director also be appointed, Tom Brassfield. Director Boyer moved, and Director Tantau seconded to appoint Tom Brasfield as Alternate Director to the board. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Consider Approval of Rural Communities Committee Alternate Chair

Secretary Larsen reported that with the resignation of Greg Milleman from the board, the Rural Communities Committee also needed to fill the vacancy of Alternate Chairman. Director Boyer moved to appoint Director Tamara Kelly as Alternate Chairman for the Rural Communities Committee. Director Tantau seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stakeholder Committee

Secretary Larsen reported the Stakeholder Committee had not met since the last board of director meeting. The next scheduled meeting is set for March 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Rural Communities Committee

Secretary Larsen reported the Rural Communities Committee met on January 29, 2018. Discussion took place regarding the status of the GSA, development of data, GSP efforts, conservation efforts and water quality. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 1:30 p.m.

Director Boyer reported there is an effort to get members to attend. Director Tantau also reported on the need for members to attend as well as filling vacancies on the committee.

Technical Advisory Committee

Secretary Larsen reported the TAC has not met. He expects the committee may have items to discuss after the Kaweah Subbasin Management Team had met and discussions take place with GEI.

GREATER KAWEAH GSA MANAGEMENT

Recruiting Committee Status Report

Secretary Larsen provided a report on the process for hiring a manager for the GSA. Last month an Ad Hoc committee was formed to help in the recruitment process. The committee met and it was expected a job advertisement would be posted within a couple of weeks.

Committee Members Shannon, Kelly and Cardoza also provided a report of the meeting and future steps towards recruitment.

Secretary Larsen indicated he would like feedback from the board on a salary range to offer potential applicants. Discussion amongst the board ensued. The board collectively noted \$160,000 to \$200,000 seemed to be a reasonable salary, inclusive of benefits. Discussion amongst the board ensued as to benefit packages and potential options.

PROPOSITION 1 PSP FOR GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS AND PROJECTS Status Report

Secretary Larsen provided a status report on Proposition 1 PSP grant monies. The Kaweah Subbasin has been awarded \$1.5 million. Neighboring subbasins were similarly awarded grant monies. Alternate Director Dennis Mills provided a summary of the grant award process. Michelle Ricker from GEI also noted work currently underway is eligible to be reimbursed under the grant.

BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT Status Report

Secretary Larsen provided a report on how the grant monies are not expected to affect the recently approved budget and assessment for 2018. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #8, a copy of the presentation.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN COORDINATION Status Report

Secretary Larsen reported the Subbasin Management Team met on Jan 30, 2018. The Management Team received a report from GEI on the status of data collection and discussion took place on coordination agreement elements. Meetings for the Management Team were scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month, except for February, which is set for February 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Discuss Options for Management Areas

Chairman Mills reported that at the Subbasin Management Team meeting, representatives from GEI and GSI inquired as to whether or not the GSA's were planning to define "management areas" within their boundaries.

Larry Rodriguez with GEI provided comment on management areas. Mr. Rodriguez indicated there were numerous factors which could drive the decision to form management areas, including political boundaries. More information likely is needed before decisions can be made on this issue.

Secretary Larsen also provided a report on management areas. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is a copy of his report, marked as Agenda Item #9b.

Discuss Options for Characterization of Basin Setting

Chairman Mills reported that a SkyTEM proposal was discussed at the Subbasin Management Team meeting.

Secretary Larsen also provided a report on SkyTEM. Discussion amongst the board ensued. Public comment was received from Paul Hendrix, Michelle Ricker with GEI, and Bob Ludekens. Secretary Larsen reported he will report to GEI that the GKGSA board may be interested in the technology, but need a better understanding of the timeframe to commit to the study and the timeframe for the study to be completed in relation to the GSP deadline.

GREATER KAWEAH AND KAWEAH SUBBASIN BOUNDARY

Status Report

Secretary Larsen reported he has received three requests for basin boundary modifications. Representatives from the El Rico GSA approached Secretary Larsen regarding four parcels south of Tulare Irrigation District and north of Lower Tule Irrigation District. Secondly, he has received a request from Mina Orchard, a landowner currently in three separate GSAs wishing to consolidate to one if possible. Lastly, a request from Corcoran Irrigation District regarding several parcels located partially within Kings County Water District.¹

Discussion amongst the board ensued. Public comment was received from Gene Kilgore, Amer Hussain, and Karen Yohannes.

The board requested the basin boundary modification requests be sent to the Greater Kaweah Technical Advisory Committee for a recommendation on how the board should proceed.

Consider Support of Requests for Boundary Modifications

Secretary Larsen reported the issue will be brought before the Technical Advisory Committee for recommendation prior to the board taking action on any of the requests.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE GSA Monthly Authority Meeting

Chairman Mills announced the next meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence at 1:00 p.m. on March 12, 2018, at the office of Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Number of Potential Cases: One

The board of directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Mauritsen regarding one potential item of anticipated litigation.

¹ Directors Pete Vander Poel and Paul Boyer left the meeting during this discussion.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

The board of directors came back into open session. Chairman Mills stated there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Larsen, Board Secretary