



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MARCH 12, 2018

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on March 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	Paul Boyer Pete Vander Poel Mark Larsen (Alternate) Ernie Taylor
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Directors Absent:	Brian Watte
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Also Present:	Kari Daniska Larry Dotson Mark Hutson Bob Ludekens Aubrey Mauritson Julianne Phillips Michelle Ricker Dick Schafer Blake Mauritson Mills, Dennis	Trent Sherman James Silva Debbie Vierra Karen Yohannes Craig Wallace Damen Qualls Matt Hurley
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PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Current Announcements

Secretary Larsen had no announcements.

MINUTES

Approval of February 12, 2018 Minutes

Director Kelly moved, and Director Shannon seconded to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.¹

¹ Directors Cardoza and Vander Poel arrived after the vote on the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stakeholder Committee

Secretary Larsen reported the committee last met on March 7, 2018. The committee discussed coordination agreement elements and Committee Member Blake Mauritsen reported that the committee discussed SkyTEM technology. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Rural Communities Committee

Secretary Larsen reported the committee last met on January 29, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2018 at 1:30 pm.

Technical Advisory Committee

Secretary Larsen reported the committee last met on March 9, 2018. Alternate Director Dennis Mills reported most items will be discussed later in this meeting under other agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

GREATER KAWEAH GSA MANAGEMENT

Recruiting Committee Status Report

Secretary Larsen reported a recruiting package had been put together for a General Manager. Also, an employment application has been posted on various web sites including ACWA and the Farm Bureau. The deadline to submit applications is April 20, 2018.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN COMMITTEE

Status Report, Discussion of Management Areas, Characterization of Basin Setting and Water Accounting Framework

Secretary Larsen reported the Kaweah Subbasin Management Team met last month. The Subbasin TAC has also met since the last GKGSA board meeting.

Alternate Director Dennis Mills provided a report on issues discussed at the Subbasin TAC meeting. Major topics included: the SkyTEM proposal; evapotranspiration crop demand efforts and a proposal for work by David's Engineering; introduction into water accounting framework and a preliminary discussion regarding water seepage; and a hydrologic baseline period. The Subbasin TAC recommends pursuing a contract with David's Engineering, which monies are already included in GEI's budget.

The GKGSA TAC viewed SkyTEM favorable and recommends to the Board that the technology would be useful. A consulting arrangement with David's Engineering looked promising. Water accounting framework was also discussed. Many concerns were voiced and there were issues of significant data gaps. Management areas were also discussed with an understanding to GEI that the issue need not be resolved immediately.

Discussion amongst the board ensued.

Secretary Larsen provided a presentation on water seepage issues as presented by GEI/GSI.

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Mr. Schafer provided comment regarding how to allocate seepage within the Kaweah Subbasin. Additional Comments were made by Bob Ludekens and Karen Yohannes.

GREATER KAWEAH AND KAWEAH SUBBASIN BOUNDARY

Status Report

Secretary Larsen reported that the Board had previously asked the GKGSA TAC for a recommendation on several requests for basin boundary modifications. The GKGSA and the TAC have requested more information from the parties requesting modification.

Consider Support of Requests for Boundary Modifications

The chairman pulled the consideration for requests from the agenda for discussion. The item will be brought back before the board at a future meeting.

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 April 9, 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 Aubrey Mauritson regarding one potential items of anticipated litigation.

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