



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD APRIL 9, 2018**

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At approximately 1:00 p.m. on April 9, 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	Don Mills	Chris Tantau
Present:	Joe Cardoza, III	Pete Vander Poel
	Tamara Kelly	Ernie Taylor
	Eric Shannon	Paul Boyer
	Brian Watte	

Also Present:	Mark Larsen	Trent Sherman
	Timothy Bailey	James Silva
	Aaron Bock	Debbie Vierra
	Larry Dotson	Denise England
	Mark Hutson	Craig Wallace
	Aubrey Mauritson	Damen Qualls
	Julianne Phillips	Matt Hurley
	Michelle Ricker	J. Paul Hendrix
	Carol Fina	Blake Mauritson
	Michael Hagman	Dennis Mills
	Amer Hussain	

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Current Announcements

Secretary Larsen announced Interim Prop 1 grant recommendations are now final. The Kaweah Subbasin has been awarded \$1.5 million.

### MINUTES

#### Approval of March 12, 2018 Minutes

Director Boyer moved, and Director Taylor seconded to approve the March 12, 2018 minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Stakeholder Committee

Secretary Larsen reported that the committee has not met since the last board meeting. 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 March 20, 2018. The committee has been updated on recent board and subbasin activities. Efforts are also underway to update committee membership as there has been numerous changes in various agency staff. The next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2018. Director Boyer also reported the committee discussed activities of similar GSAs.

### Technical Advisory Committee

Secretary Larsen reported the committee has not met since the last board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2018. Discussion will take place on subbasin level progress and setting of the baseline period.<sup>1</sup>

### Recruiting Committee Status Report

Secretary Larsen reported the committee met last week. The committee had reviewed the first applications received. The committee also discussed the process by which they will consider applicants. The deadline for submitting applications is through April 20, 2018. The committee will meet soon thereafter. Director Cardoza also provided a report.

## KAWEAH SUBBASIN COMMITTEE

### Status Report

Secretary Larsen provided a report. The Subbasin Management Team has not met since the last board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 9:00 a.m. at Tulare County Board of Supervisors Office. The Subbasin TAC has not met since the last board meeting and is scheduled to meet April 13, 9:00 a.m.

Michelle Ricker from GEI provided a report on items she will bring to the Subbasin TAC. A Data Management System will be discussed as well as the hydrologic base period.

### Discuss Options for Management Areas

Secretary Larsen reported no further discussion has taken place regarding the potential of management areas. In his opinion more data is needed before a determination can be made.

Discussion amongst the board ensued.

Michelle Ricker from GEI identified two reasons to consider management areas: 1) to identify how information is to be calculated within the water budget; and 2) establish various management criteria for specific areas.

Secretary Larsen noted the regulations provide different minimum thresholds that are available to management areas. The intent behind the regulations is to allow GSAs to have some flexibility to reach sustainability.

Discussion amongst the board ensued.

### Discuss Options for SkyTEM Cost Share

Secretary Larsen provided a summary. SkyTEM was discussed at the last board meeting and the board indicated it was in favor of pursuing this technology. The remaining issue is how to share in the cost across the Subbasin. \$175,000 will be the local share of the Kaweah Subbasin. The Mid-Kaweah GSA has suggested each GSA split half of the cost equally, with the remaining half to be shared by the miles flown within a GSA.

Discussion amongst the board ensued. The board commented the cost share as presented by Secretary Larsen seemed reasonable.

Michelle Ricker from GEI also provided a report on SkyTEM.

### Discuss Options for Subbasin Water Accounting Framework

Secretary Larsen reported several discussions between staff at the subbasin level were taking place regarding the water accounting framework.

Discussion amongst the board ensued.

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<sup>1</sup> Director Tantau arrived at this time.

Public comment was received from DWR staff, Trent Sherman and Michael Hagman, Executive Director for the East Kaweah GSA.

#### Discuss Options for Baseline Period

Secretary Larsen reported there are several opinions being evaluated as to the appropriate baseline period. Michelle Ricker reported GEI recommends 36 years, 1981-2015. She is hoping progress can be made at the Subbasin TAC to further define the period. Larry Dotson, member of the GKGSA TAC also provided comment.

Discussion amongst the board ensued. The board also discussed whether an option might be to select a shorter period to be adopted for the initial plan, and a longer period adopted in one of the five-year updates.

#### GREATER KAWEAH AND KAWEAH SUBBASIN BOUNDARY

##### Status Report

Secretary Larsen reviewed several boundary change requests that had been received. The GKGSA TAC had further questions for the applicants and as a result no recommendations had been made with the information at hand.

Public comment was received from Amer Hussain, from Mina Orchards. He indicated the GKGSA TAC had commented it would be coming up with a policy for landowners faced with similar issues such as Mina Orchards. GKGSA TAC Member Dotson reported no significant progress has taken place on such a policy.

#### 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 May 14, 2018, at the office of Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District. Closed session was pulled from the agenda.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Larsen, Board Secretary