



ITEM 4

Approval of Minutes



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD DECEMBER 13, 2021

At approximately 1:00 p.m. December 13, 2021, at the office of the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (“District”), General Manager Eric Osterling 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”). Based on the declared State of Emergency and local health officials’ social distancing recommendations due to COVID-19, the meeting was held in person and via remote meeting technology.

Directors	Eric Shannon	Chris Tantau
Present:	Joe Cardoza, III	Stephen Johnson
	Ernie Taylor	Brian Watte
	Paul Boyer	Pete Vander Poel
	Don Mills	

Directors
Absent:

Also Present:	Eric Osterling	Shawn Corley
	Aubrey Mauritson	John Gailey
	Blake Mauritson	Andrew Hart
	Matt Klinchuch	Craig Hornung
	Dennis Mills	Seth Richmond
	Jeff Ritchie	Steve Jackson
	Mark Larsen	

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Mills conducted roll call as follows:

Director Boyer
Director Cardoza
Director Johnson
Director Shannon
Director Taylor
Alt. Director Larsen
Director Taylor
Director Mills
Director Vander Poel

PUBLIC COMMENT

General Manager Osterling opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was presented.

CLOSED SESSION

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 Counsel, Aubrey A. Mauritson, regarding one potential item of anticipated litigation.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

Chairman Mills advised that there were no matters to report from closed session.

MINUTES

Review and Approve Minutes for the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting

A draft of the minutes of the Board's November 15, 2021 meeting was presented. An amendment to the minutes was proposed, to correct directors in attendance at the top of the document. Director Vander Poel moved to approve the minutes, as amended, a copy of which is attached hereto as Agenda Item #6 and incorporated by reference. Director Shannon seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the motion by way of the following roll call vote:

In favor:

Director Boyer
Director Cardoza
Director Johnson
Chairman Mills
Director Shannon
Director Tantau
Director Taylor
Director Vander Poel
Director Watte

Opposed: None

SERVICES AGREEMENTS AND TASK ORDERS

The Board Will Consider the Following:

Approval of Task Orders 5, 6, and 7 with Provost & Pritchard

General Manager Osterling and Consulting Engineer Matt Klinchuch provided a report on the following: (1) Task Order No. 5 with Provost & Pritchard, for the Kaweah Subbasin Water Budget and the restructure for facilitating potential model updates and water accounting; (2) Task Order No. 6, to prepare the Water Year 2021 Annual Report; and (3) Task Order No. 7 for water dashboard development and support services, copies of which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Items #7a-c.

Discussion ensued.

Director Cardoza moved to approve Task Order 5, 6, 7 with Provost & Pritchard. Director Boyer seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

In favor:

Director Boyer
Director Cardoza
Director Johnson
Chairman Mills
Director Shannon
Director Tantau
Director Taylor
Director Vander Poel

Opposed: None.

Absent: Director Watte

Approval of Proposal from United Tracking Systems to Develop the Water Dashboard

General Manager Osterling provided a report on the proposal from United Tracking Systems to develop the water dashboard, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7d.

Discussion ensued.

Director Vander Poel moved to approve the proposal from United Tracking Systems to develop the water dashboard as presented in the agenda packet. Director Cardoza seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by way of the following roll call vote:

In favor:

Director Boyer
Director Cardoza
Director Johnson
Chairman Mills
Director Shannon
Director Tantau
Director Taylor
Director Vander Poel

Absent: Director Watte

Opposed: None.

Approval of an Engagement Letter from Dennis L. Hylton for FY 2021 Financial
Audit Services

General Manager Osterling provided a report on the Engagement Letter from Dennis L. Hylton for FY 2021 financial audit services, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7e.

Discussion ensued.

Director Shannon moved to approve the proposal from Provost & Pritchard for water dashboard development and support services. Director Tantau seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

In favor:

Director Boyer
Director Cardoza
Director Johnson
Chairman Mills
Director Shannon
Director Tantau
Director Taylor
Director Vander Poel
Director Watte

Opposed: None.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT RATE

The Board Will Consider Staff's Recommendation to Approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

General Manager Osterling referred the board to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto as Agenda Item #8 and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued.

With one correction, Director Watte moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Director Shannon seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

In favor:

Director Boyer
Director Cardoza
Director Johnson
Chairman Mills
Director Shannon
Director Tantau
Director Taylor
Director Vander Poel
Director Watte

Opposed: None.

Consider Adoption of Adopt Resolution 2021-004 and Resolution 2021-005 for County of Tulare and County of Kings each, Establishing the 2022 Assessment Rate

General Manager Osterling provided a report on Resolution 2021-004 and 2021-005 for County of Tulare and County of Kings establishing the 2022 Assessment Rate, a copy of which are attached hereto as Agenda Items #8b and incorporated by reference.

Director Shannon moved to adopt Resolution 2021-004 and Resolution 2021-005 for County of Tulare and County of Kings establishing the 2022 Assessment Rate. Director Johnson seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

In favor:

Director Boyer
Director Cardoza
Director Johnson
Chairman Mills
Director Shannon
Director Tantau

Director Taylor
Director Vander Poel
Director Watte

Opposed: None.

SUBBASIN REPORTS

The Board Will Receive a Brief Update and May Provide Direction on Kaweah Subbasin SGMA Activities

This matter was tabled.

GKGSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The Board Will Receive Brief Updates and May Provide Direction Related to Activities of Consultants, Staff and Committees

Groundwater Cap Proposal

General Manager Osterling reviewed the draft cap proposal. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10a is a draft copy of the Rules and Regulations.

Communications and Outreach

General Manager Osterling advised that there were no new matters to report.

Other Updates

General Manager Osterling provided a report regarding prospective grant opportunities.

Discussion ensued.

General Manager Osterling introduced Sarah Rutherford to discuss requests for funds related to CV-Salts and SAFER Grant Funding. Attached hereto as Agenda Item #10c is a copy of her request.

The board authorized GKGSA to proceed with making necessary arrangements to be the lead agency on the grant funding on behalf of the Kaweah Water Foundation.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Next Meeting of the Board of Directors is Scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Mills announced the next meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will be a special meeting to commence on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Osterling, Secretary