



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD JANUARY 8, 2024

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on January 8, 2024, at the KDWCD, 2975 N. Farmersville Blvd., Farmersville California, Vice-Chairman Chris Tantau 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	Pete Vander Poel	Eric Shannon
	Paul Boyer	Ernie Taylor
	Chris Tantau	Clinton Church
	Stephen Johnson	Joe Cardoza
	Brian Watte	

Directors Absent:	None
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Also Present:	Mark Larsen	Craig Wallace
	Shawn Corley	Rachel Glauser
	Aubrey Mauritsen	Steve Jackson
	David De Groot	Jason Linman
	Blake Mauritsen	Dusty Farrence
	Dennis Mills	Jasmin Ramirez
	John Gailey	Michela Costa
	Andrew Hart	Linda Gill
	Collin Fernandes	Joel Kimmelshue
	Shane Smith	Chris Hunter
	Don Tucker	Jonathan Vaughn
	Geoff Vanden Heuvel	Eric Grenadaus
	James Silva	Lisa McKewen

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Tantau opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was presented.

GOVERNING BOARD OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS

General Manager Larsen provided the Board with a status report on the current appointments.

Welcome New Director Clinton Church Representing Lakeside Irrigation Water District

Vice-Chairman Tantau welcomed new Director Clinton Church, representing Lakeside Irrigation District.

Director Church introduced himself and was welcomed by the Board.

Consider Appointment of Agency Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

Director Watte moved, and Director seconded to appoint Chris Tantau as Chairman, Steven Johnson as Vice-Chairman, and Mark Larsen as Secretary. Director Shannon seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen advised that there was no report.

Greater Kaweah New Website

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Program Coordinator Stephanie Ruiz provided a report on the new website and provided an overview to the Board.

Greater Kaweah Year End Summary

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #4c, a copy of a sample Year End Summary, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Program Coordinator Ruiz provided a report on the Summary.

Discussion ensued.

Greater Kaweah Open House, January 19, 2024, 9:00 – 12:00 PM

The Open House will be held on January 19, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Program Coordinator Ruiz provided a report on last month's open house. She advised that the Kaweah Water Foundation presented during the event. Ms. Ruiz also reported that Scott Steinbeck, developer of the Dashboard, will present on January 19, 2024, as will NRCS. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #4d is a copy of the notice.

General Manager Larsen advised that Joel Kimmelshue from Land IQ will present in February.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider Approval of Minutes for the December 11, 2023, Board Meeting

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #5a, a copy of the minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Watte moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve Item #5a.

Discussion ensued.

The board unanimously approved the motion.

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Consider Approval of California Water Service Company NDA

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #6a, a copy of the California Water Service Company NDA. Mr. Larsen recommended approval, with a couple of corrections: (1) missing in the title were the full five entities; and (2) the agreement does not mention the effect of the California Public Records Act or the Brown Act.

Discussion ensued.

Director Vander Poel moved to approve execution of the NDA, subject to final approval by legal counsel and the General Manager.

Discussion ensued.

Director Shannon seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved. Director Johnson abstained from participation.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

Update on State Board Staff Direction

General Manager Larsen provided an update on the State Board. Mr. Larsen advised that a State Board meeting was held on December 19th, where staff presented an updated schedule for probationary hearings. Mr. Larsen advised that the State Board did not take any action, and that staff provided an update on how long it would take to review and revised GSP. Generally, it will take staff three months to review a GSP; however, an additional month will likely be needed for each additional GSP within a given subbasin.

Mr. Larsen noted that there was also discussion at the meeting of a “good actor clause,” and that the clause represents a narrow possibility. Mr. Larsen advised that State Board staff is in the process of developing a guidance document concerning the amended GSPs. The big question at present is when the document will be released.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Larsen reiterated that there was no indication of when the guidance document would be released. Additionally, a new schedule has been circulated, under which, Tulare Lake will be heard in April of 2024, Tule in September of 2024, and Kaweah in November of 2024.

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of the draft Kaweah Subbasin 2024 Schedule update towards a revised GSP.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Public comment was received from Craig Hornig.

Discussion ensued.

Status on Subbasin Technical Work (Sustainable Management Criteria for Water Levels and Subsidence)

Don Tucker from 4Creeks provided an update. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation update.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Dennis Mills.

Discussion ensued.

Tom Harder of Harder & Co. provided a status report on land subsidence.

Update on Subbasin and Greater Well Mitigation

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen advised that there have been many positive discussions with Self-Help Enterprises.

Status Report on Process of Addressing GSP Deficiencies with the State Board

General Manager Larsen provided a report on efforts with the State Board. He advised that there was not much more to add to the matters already discussed. Mr. Larsen noted that the process appears to be headed in the right direction, but that the timeline will be very tight.

Dave De Groot of 4Creeks also provided a report. He advised that the goal is to submit a revised GSP well in advance of a potential probationary hearing in Nov 2024.

General Manager Larsen reported that GKGSA staff is in constant communication with State Board staff, in the hopes of expediting review of the revised plans.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

Public comment was received from Dennis Mills.

Discussion ensued.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Dave De Groot provided a report on the precipitation component of Sustainable Yield allocation.

Discussion ensued.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

December 25, 2023 Combined Meeting - Postponed

It was noted that the December 25, 2023 combined meeting was postponed.

Next Combined Meeting January 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next combined meeting of the Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees will be held on January 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee

December 21, 2023, TAC Meeting – Postponed

It was noted that the December 21, 2023 TAC meeting was postponed.

Next Meeting January 18, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee is not currently scheduled.

Kaweah Subbasin Management

Grants

General Manager Larsen advised that there were no matters to report.

LandIQ/Dashboard

General Manager Larsen advised that Joel Kimmel of Land IQ will present at GKGSA's February open house.

Public comment from Johnny Gailey.

Kaweah Subbasin Management Team – January 24, 2024

General Manager Larsen advised that the next meeting of the Kaweah Subbasin Management Team will be held on January 24, 2024.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting Monday, February 12, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Tantau announced the next meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

Number of Potential Cases: Two

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritsen regarding two potential items of anticipated litigation.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

The Board of Directors returned to open session. Chairman Tantau advised that there was no reportable action.

Mark Larsen, Secretary