



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2024

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on February 12, 2024, at the KDWCD, 2975 N. Farmersville Blvd., Farmersville California, 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
	Jimi Valov (Alternate)	

Directors	Brian Watte
Absent:	

Also Present:	Mark Larsen	Rachel Glauser
	Shawn Corley	Tony DeGroot
	Aubrey Mauritsen	Jerrold DeGroot
	David De Groot	Cornell Kasbergen
	Blake Mauritsen	Alexis Meneses– 4Creeks
	Dennis Mills	Kailyn – 4Creeks
	Collin Fernandes	Brianne Layden
	James Fisher	Jasmine Riveria
	John Gailey	Bo Champlin
	Andrew Hart	John Keller
	Jason Linman	Amanda Piesch Derby
	James Silva	Nicole Bonna
	Shane Smith	David VanGroningen
	Don Tucker	Jonathan Vaughn
	Geoff Vanden Heuvel	David Cordell
	Brian Brown	

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Tantau opened the meeting for public comment. Johnny Gailey provided public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen noted that staff would need additional time to review Item No. 6 on the Agenda, the Cal Water agreement, so the item would not be covered today.

Greater Kaweah Account Summary – Mailed and Fielding Calls

Program Manager Stephanie Ruiz provided a status report on landowner calls. General Manager Larsen also provided feedback.

Discussion ensued.

**Director Boyer arrived at this time.*

Greater Kaweah Open House, February 16, 2024, 9:00 – 11:00 PM – LandIQ

General Manager Larsen reported that the next Open House will be held on February 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Joel Kimmelshue will present. Mr. Larsen noted that last month's presentation was from Scott Steinbeck, who developed the Dashboard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider Approval of Minutes for the January 8, 2024, Board Meeting

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #4a, a copy of the minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Shannon moved and Director Vander Poel seconded to approve Item #4a. The board unanimously approved the motion.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN MANAGEMENT TEAM

Status Report

General Manger Larsen provided a report. He explained that this team was put together early in the formation of the GSAs, with representatives from GSA boards. Don Mills was a previous GKGSA representative, and served with Denise England and Mark Larsen. There are now two vacancies, and two appointments will need to be made.

Consider Appointment of Two (2) Greater Kaweah Representative Members

Director Vander Poel moved and Director Johnson seconded to appoint two Greater Kaweah board members, Chris Tantau and Joe Cardoza, to serve alongside Ms. England as GKGSA representatives on the Subbasin Management Team. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Next Meeting February 21, 2024 9:00 a.m. at KDWCD

The next meeting of the Kaweah Subbasin Management Team is scheduled for February 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at KDWCD.

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Consider Ratification of California Water Service Company NDA

This matter was tabled pending staff review of the agreement.

GROUNDWATER ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

Status Report on Greater Staff and Customer Service Needs

General Manager Larsen provided a report regarding current administrative needs.

Discussion ensued.

Consider Approval of Contract with 4Creeks to Provide Administration Support

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #7b, a copy of the Contract with 4Creeks to provide administrative support, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Vander Poel moved to ratify the contract with 4Creeks to provide administrative support. Director Shannon seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

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

General Manager Larsen provided a report. He reported that there will be an in-person meeting in Sacramento on Wednesday between representatives of the subbasin and State Board staff members, where the parties will continue their cooperation.

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

Consulting Engineer Dave De Groot provided an update. Mr. De Groot reported on the Sustainable Management Criteria for groundwater levels, and explained that technical staff are considering various ways of approaching the matter. A revised 1X contour map was presented and explained as the potential to inform Minimum Thresholds.

Mr. De Groot advised that the big current effort centers around the groundwater flow model, and that work continues on calibration.

General Manager Larsen reported that he received a draft of a new task order from Mid Kaweah GSA for continuation of Montgomery & Associates flow modeling work. The task order now involves performing model runs. It is likely he'll bring to the board next month in terms of cost share.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

Discussion continued.

Update on Subbasin and Greater Well Mitigation

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen advised that efforts continue to share data with relevant entities, and to continue the analysis of mitigation needs. In addition, the well mitigation program continues its drafting efforts.

Public comment was received from Dennis Mills.

Mr. Larsen continued his report. Mr. Larsen noted that funding for the GKGSA well mitigation is anticipated to begin once invoicing starts. The Agency intends for invoices to go out in March of this year.

Discussion continued regarding details of the framework.

GREATER BYLAWS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report on the current committee structure of the Greater Kaweah and reviewed some options for improvements.

Public comment was received from Tony De Groot, and from representatives of Delta View.

Consider Approval of First Amendment of the Greater Kaweah Bylaws

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #9b, a copy of the First Amendment to the Bylaws, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

No action was taken on the matter.

Consider Appointment of Members to the Executive Committee

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

No action was taken on the matter.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Recommendations from the Combined Committees

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #10b, a copy of the Memorandum re: Combined RCC & SC Summary Notes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Consider Approval of the Draft Third Amended Rules and Regulations

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto as Agenda Item #10c is a copy of the Third Amended Rules and Regulations. Mr. Larsen reviewed the proposed changes.

Public comment was received from Brian Brown.

Discussion ensued.

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Discussion continued.

Public comment was received from Dennis Mills.

Discussion continued.

Consider Approval of Resolution 2024-01 Establish Date(s) for Third Amendment Implementation

General Counsel Mauritson provided a report. Attached hereto as Agenda Item #10d is a copy of Resolution 2024-01. Ms. Mauritson noted revisions to Section 1, made for the purpose of clarifying that Section 1 amends Section 3.04.

Discussion ensued.

Director Cardoza moved to approve Resolution 2024-01 Director Shannon seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

Consider Approval of Grower Flowmeter Requests

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Discussion ensued.

No action was taken on this matter.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

Summary of January 22, 2024 Combined Meeting

General Manager Larsen advised that there was nothing additional to discuss.

Next Combined Meeting February 26, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

The next combined meeting of the Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees will be held on February 26, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee

January 2024, TAC Meeting – Cancelled

It was noted that the January 2024 TAC meeting was cancelled.

Next Meeting February 15, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 15, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Kaweah Subbasin Management

Grants

General Manager Larsen advised that there were no matters to report. He advised that LandFlex is proceeding as planned.

LandIQ/Dashboard

General Manager Larsen advised that an Open House workshop will be held this Friday will Joel Kimmelshue. Statements regarding water consumption for Water Year 2023 have been disseminated to landowners.

GREATER'S LAND FALLOWING PROGRAM (REVERSE AUCTION)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen advised that we are in the midst of the land fallowing program the Board approved last year. There were nine different applications to participate in the program, for a total of 410 acres. The program saved about 1,100 acre-feet of water, with \$564 per acre average being the average payout. In total, \$231,000 was awarded. Will continue to work on efforts for the program this next year.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting Monday, March 11, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Tantau announced the next meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Potential of Special Board Meeting Prior to March 11, 2024

Chairman Tantau announced there might be a potential special board meeting prior to March 11, 2024.

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 did not adjourn into closed session.

Mark Larsen, Secretary