



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MARCH 11, 2024

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on March 11, 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 Paul Boyer Chris Tantau Brian Watte	Eric Shannon Ernie Taylor Clinton Church Joe Cardoza
Directors Absent:	Stephen Johnson	
Also Present:	Mark Larsen Shawn Corley Aubrey Mauritsen David De Groot Blake Mauritsen Rachel Glauser Collin Fernandes John Gailey Jason Linman James Silva Shane Smith Don Tucker Geoff Vanden Heuvel Cornell Kasbergen	Jasmin Riveria Bo Champlin David VanGroningen Dusty Farence Steve Jackson Mark Hoffman Dwayne Mendoca Craig Hornung Eric Grenadus James Fisher Diana Zegarra Zach Farria Doug Jackson Andrew Hart

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen reported that, the preceding Friday, he received an annual monitoring report (AMR) from Provost & Prichard. Mr. Larsen noted that the report must be submitted by April 1, 2024.

Mr. Larsen provided a brief update on the water year. He reported that the snowpack is approximately 95% of average, and approximately 91% of the April 1st average. Mr. Larsen also advised that this coming Friday will mark the beginning of a flood release, which is planned for 38 days. Mr. Larsen noted that DWR has designated this week as Groundwater Awareness Week.

The LandFlex grant program is about to be released, but less funding is anticipated.

Greater Kaweah Open House, March 15, 2024, 9:00 – 12:00 PM – Account Summary Review

General Manager Larsen reported that the next Open House will be held on March 15, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. The main focus will be the account summaries and the Dudek grant from DWR.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Tantau reported that most surface water entities have completed their reporting. Mr. Tantau also reported that Director Vander Poel was victorious in the recent election.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider Approval of Minutes for the February 12, 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 Boyer moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve Item #4a. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

WATER YEAR 2023 INVOICING

Status Report

General Manager Larsen advised that there was no further update.

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Consider Ratification 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, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Watte moved and Director Vander Poel seconded to ratify Item #6a. The board unanimously approved the motion.

NUMERICAL GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL

Review Mid-Kaweah GSA Task Order Amendment with Montgomery & Associates

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of the Task Order.

Consider Ratification of Cost Sharing Agreement with Mid Kaweah GSA and East Kaweah GSA

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of the Cost Sharing Agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Director Shannon moved and Director Cardoza seconded to approve the Cost Sharing Agreement with Mid Kaweah GSA and East Kaweah GSA. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Chairman Tantau called for public comment.

The board unanimously approved the motion.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

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

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen advised that an in-person meeting with State Board staff was held on February 14, 2024. He reported that the meeting included a substantial inquiry concerning funding for domestic well mitigation. Self-Help Enterprises also joined the meeting. The next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, March 13th in the afternoon, will focus on the latest subsidence work.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Larsen continued with his report. He noted that the Tulare Lake Subbasin received its staff report and notice several months ago, and that the Tule Subbasin received its staff report and notice last week. Mr. Larsen provided a summary of the comments.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion ensued.

Status on Subbasin Technical Work. Review, Discuss and Advise Staff on Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) for Water Levels and Subsidence

Don Tucker of 4Creeks provided an update on groundwater level SMCs.

Discussion ensued.

Tom Harder provided a report on subsidence SMC efforts.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

GREATER BYLAWS

Status Report and Review and Discuss Committee Structure and Representation

General Manager Larsen provided a report, and reviewed past discussions of committee structure. Mr. Larsen also discussed committee meeting agendas and the flow of information. Representation from DACs was also discussed, as was the request that groundwater dependent landowners be represented.

Chairman Tantau provided a report.

Discussion ensued regarding potential changes to the JPA and Bylaws.

Public comment was received from Cornell Kasbergen

Chairman Tantau continued with his report. He noted a pending request to add a DAC representative to the Rural Communities Committee, such as Self-Help Enterprises or the Community Water Center.

Consider Approval of Bylaws Revision to Rural Communities Committee

No action was taken on this matter.

GREATER EMPLOYMENT

Consider Appointment of Ad Hoc General Manager Review Committee

Chairman Tantau provided a report. Mr. Tantau advised that he would like to appoint an ad hoc committee to review performance, but help guide priorities for the position. Mr. Tantau will serve along with two other members.

Director Shannon and Director Watte were appointed by Chairman Tantau to serve on the ad hoc committee.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report, and advised that the agency is in the process of implementing the Rules & Regulations approved last month.

Review WY 2024 Precipitation Allocation by Zone Mapping

Don Tucker provided a report. Attached hereto as Agenda Item #11b is a copy of the WY 2024 Precipitation Allocation by Zone Mapping.

Consider Approval of Grower Flowmeter Requests

General Manager Larsen advised that there was nothing new to report. The matter was tabled.

Review, Discuss and Advise Staff on Managing Olive Grove Allocations

General Manager Larsen provided a report. An error has been discovered regarding the ET for olive crops. Work is underway to correct the error.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

MITIGATION

Review, Discuss and Advise Staff on Subbasin Mitigation Program

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto as Agenda Item #12a is a copy of the Subbasin Mitigation Program.

Discussion ensued.

Review, Discuss and Advise Staff on Greater Mitigation Plan

General Manager Larsen reported that completion of the GKGSA Mitigation Plan is anticipated by the next Stakeholder Committee meeting.

Tom Harder provided a presentation of the draft components of the plan. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #12b is a copy of his presentation.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Mark Hoffman.

Public comment was received from Cornell Kasbergen.

Review, Discuss and Advise Staff on Contracting with Self-Help Enterprises to Provide Mitigation Services

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen advised that matters are progressing, and the parties are meeting every week and working on a letter of interest, a contract and scope of work, and a nondisclosure agreement.

Discussion ensued.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committee

Summary of February 26, 2024 Combined Meeting

General Manager Larsen provided a Memorandum to the board, a copy of which is attached hereto as Agenda Item #13a.

Next Combined Meeting March 25, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

The next combined meeting of the Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees will be held on March 25, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee

February 15, 2024, TAC Meeting – Cancelled

It was noted that the February 15, 2024 TAC meeting was cancelled.

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

General Manager Larsen advised that the next regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for April 18, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. He noted that the meeting was open for discussion.

Chairman Tantau provided a report, and suggested that the TAC have a meeting to address subsidence issues. Mr. Tantau recommended that a meeting be held this month.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

**Director Boyer left at this time.*

Kaweah Subbasin Management

Grants

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

LandIQ/Dashboard

General Manager Larsen advised that there was no update.

Kaweah Subbasin Management Team Status

General Manager Larsen advised that there was no update.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting Monday, April 8, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Tantau announced the next meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, April 8, 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