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

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on April 8, 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 Joe Cardoza Stephen Johnson Shawn Corley (Alt.)
Directors Absent:	Clinton Church	
Also Present:	Mark Larsen Aubrey Mauritson David De Groot Blake Mauritson Rachel Glauser Andrew Hart Sarah Rutherford Tony DeGroot Stacie Ann Silva Shane Smith Don Tucker	Geoff Vanden Heuvel Craig Wallace Kelly Giacomazzi Jim Sweeney David Griggs Mark Hoffman Mike Toomey Mike Shannon Douglas Jackson Jaskson Griggs

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen reported on a letter GKGSA received from Holstein Farms. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #3a is a copy of the letter.

Discussion ensued.

Greater Kaweah Open House, April 24, 2024, 1:30 – 3:30 PM – TBD – New Schedule

General Manager Larsen reported that the next Open House will be held on April 24, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2023 Annual Monitoring Report Submitted April 1, 2024

General Manager Larsen reported that the 2023 Annual Monitoring Report was submitted on April 1, 2024. Mr. Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #3c, a copy of the report, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

2023 Water Year Invoicing Schedule

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Water Sale Forum Development Update

General Manager Larsen provided an update.

GSA Reports and Committee Discussion

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

Summary of April 1, 2024 Combined Meeting

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #3f, a copy of the report, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Next Combined Meeting May 27, 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 May 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee

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

General Manager Larsen advised that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee is currently scheduled for April 18, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Kaweah Subbasin Management

Grants

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

LandIQ/Dashboard

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

Kaweah Subbasin Management Team Status

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen advised that the next team meeting will be held on April 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider Approval of Minutes for the March 11, 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.

Consider Ratification of Amended and Restated Permit to Use Land for Groundwater Monitoring Station (The Addition of a GPS Station for Continuous Land Surface Monitoring

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #4b, a copy of the Amended and Restated Permit to Use Land Groundwater Monitoring Station, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Watte moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve Items #4a-4b. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

FINANCIALS

Consider for Approval of Financial Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2023

General Manager Larsen provided an overview of the Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2023. A copy of the report is attached hereto as Agenda Item #5a and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued regarding the report.

Consider for Approval of the Financial Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2024

General Manager Larsen reported on the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2024. A copy of the report is attached hereto as Agenda Item #5b and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued regarding the report.

Director Shannon moved to accept both the Financial Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2023 and the Financial Report for the Quarter ending March 31, 2024. Director Vander Poel seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

GREATER BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda #6b is a copy of the current list of appointments.

Consider Approval of Greater Kaweah Land Fallowing Ad Hoc Committee Members

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen advised that Rachel Glauser of Delta View was the proposed Chair, and that the Sequoia Riverlands Trust and Water Manager James Silva. Mr. Larsen noted that there will be a new makeup of the 8-member committee.

Public comment was received from Rachel Glauser.

Tony De Groot was added to the list of committee members.

Director Shannon moved to approve the Greater Kaweah Land Fallowing Ad Hoc Committee Members. Director Johnson seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Review and Discuss Options for Rural Communities Committee Member Eligibility

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen noted the suggestion of adding a seat to the committee, as well as the suggestion that a seat be identified for representation of domestic wells (either an individual or a non-profit representative).

Discussion ensued.

Review and Discuss Options for Board of Directors Member Addition(s)

General Counsel Mauritson provided a report. She referred the Board to Agenda Item #6c&d, a copy of the Board structure, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued.

Direction was provided to staff to proceed with the addition of two seats. Applications will first go to the Stakeholder Committee for recommendations to the Board. The Board will then take action on appointment. There will be no change in the structure of the Stakeholder Committee.

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 discussed various upcoming workshops, as well as the upcoming hearings for neighboring subbasins.

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.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

Tom Harder provided a status report on the groundwater flow model. Mr. Harder also provided a report on subsidence SMC efforts.

Discussion continued.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion ensued.

Dave De Groot provided an overall update as to GSP amendment status and the state board process.

Groundwater Flow Model Update

Mr. Harder advised that he had no further update than the above.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Review, Discuss and Advise Staff on Managing Olive Grove Allocations

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of Land IQ's recommendation on the treatment of Olive crops. Joel Kimmelshue of Land IQ provided an overview of his report.

Discussion ensued.

Director Vander Poel moved to adjust ET values by 33%, until further recommendation from Land IQ. Director Cardoza seconded, and the Motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for better data for olives.

MITIGATION

Review, Discuss and Advise Staff on Subbasin Mitigation Program

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto as Agenda Item #9a is a copy of the Subbasin Mitigation Program. He reviewed key aspects of the Program document.

Discussion ensued.

Consider Approval of Greater Mitigation Plan

General Manager Larsen provided a review of the Greater Mitigation Plan, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Aaron Hart.

Discussion continued.

Public comment was received from Sarah Rutherford.

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

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Consider Approval of Letter of Intent with Self-Help Enterprises

General Manager Larsen provided a report. General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #9d, a copy of the Letter of Intent with Self-Help Enterprises, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued.

Director Watte moved to approve the Letter of Intent with Self-Help Enterprises. Director Shannon seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Director Boyer abstained from participation and vote.*

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting Monday, May 13, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Tantau announced the next meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, May 13, 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

No discussion was held on these matters.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
[Government Code Section 54957]
Title: General Manager

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to discuss the public employment of the above listed position.

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.

GENERAL MANAGER SALARY REVIEW

Status Report

Chairman Tantau provided a report.

Consider Adjustment to Salary of General Manager

Director Shannon moved to approve the adjustment to salary of General Manager by 3%. Director Boyer seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Mark Larsen, Secretary