



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MAY 13, 2024

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on May 13, 2024, at 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 Clinton Church	Eric Shannon Dennis Mills (alt) Stephen Johnson Blake Mauritsen (alt)
Directors Absent:	Ernie Taylor	Joe Cardoza
Also Present:	Mark Larsen Aubrey Mauritsen David De Groot Shawn Corley Dennis Mills James Fischer John Gailey Andrew Hart Shane Smith	Don Tucker Geoff Vanden Heuvel Douglas Jackson Mark Hoffman Mike Toomey Louis Whitendale Lisa McEwen Nick Narciaua Steven Piggot (online)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Tantau opened the meeting for public comment. Comments were made by Louis Whitendale.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen reported on two items: (1) a letter from Jonathan Vaughn concerning interconnected surface water, included in the agenda packet; and (2) Self-Help Enterprises has a program, providing tanks and water for supplies. Mr. Larsen noted that Self-Help is currently short on fill-up locations.

Greater Kaweah Open House, May 22, 2024

Program Manager Stephanie Ruiz reported that the next Open House will be held on May 22, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ms. Ruiz advised that landowners are welcome to obtain assistance with the Dashboard.

Discussion ensued.

2023 Water Year Invoicing Review and Discussion

Program Manager Ruiz provided a report. She advised that the invoicing process appears to be up and working. Ms. Ruiz noted that four checks have been received for approximately \$9,000.00 in payments. Ms. Ruiz also reported that numerous calls confirming the purchase of Tier 1 capacity, but the payments have yet to be received.

GSA Reports and Committee Discussion

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

Summary of April 22, 2024 Combined Meeting

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #3d(i)(1), a copy of the report, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Next Combined Meeting May 28, 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 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee

Summary of TAC April 18, 2024

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #3d(ii)(1), a copy of the report, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Next Meeting Scheduled for May 16, 2024

General Manager Larsen advised that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee is currently scheduled for May 16, 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 advised that there were no matters to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider Approval of Minutes for the April 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 Vander Poel moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve the April 8, 2024, Minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Status Report

General Manager Larsen reviewed the revised JPA agreement, which was modified to include two additional directors who would be groundwater dependent representatives from the County of Tulare and County of Kings. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5b is a copy of the draft amended JPA.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Andrew Hart.

Consider Recommendation of Member Agency Approval of Second Amended Agreement to Form a Joint Powers Authority

Director Shannon moved and Director Johnson seconded to recommend the Second Amended Agreement to Form a Joint Powers Authority to the member agencies. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Review and Advise Staff on Application and Notice of Two (2) Open Board Seats

General Manager Larsen provided a report. He reviewed the Rural Communities Committee application for potential adjustments with respect to the two new board seats.

Discussion ensued.

BYLAWS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided an overview of the amended Bylaws. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

Discussion continued.

Review and Advise staff on Amended Bylaws

This matter was tabled, as staff will prepare further revisions based upon discussion at the meeting.

Review and Advise staff on Application and Notice of open seat for the Rural Communities Committee

General Manager Larsen reviewed the general application for Rural Communities.

Discussion ensued.

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.

Alternate Director Mills reviewed the Tulare Lake probationary hearing resolution.

General Manager Larsen continued with a summary status of all subbasins.

Discussion ensued.

Review of Kaweah Subbasin Probationary Hearing Draft Staff Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The probationary hearing is scheduled for November 5, 2024. A virtual public workshop is scheduled for June 24 and in person workshop for June 27. Mr. Larsen reviewed a high-level summary the draft staff report.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

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

Mr. Larsen provided a report on the timeline for a revised GSP. The goal is to have revised GSP sections related to land subsidence and groundwater levels available by May 31, 2024, for public review. He anticipates a joint meeting of the three GSAs. Work will continue on the water quality and interconnected surface water sections. The goal to complete the draft amended GSP is by August of 2024.

Public comment from Geof Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Johnny Gailey.

Don Tucker of 4Creeks provided an update on groundwater level SMCs. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7c is a copy of Mr. Tucker's PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Tucker continued with his presentation.

Public comment was received from Andrew Hart and Johnny Gailey.

Discussion continued.

Tom Harder provided a status report on SMCs for land subsidence. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7c is a copy of Mr. Harder's PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Andrew Hart.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Harder continued his presentation with a review of lower groundwater level aquifer SMCs.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Tucker continued his presentation, discussing revisions to the “projects and management action” section of the GKGSA GSP.

Discussion continued.

Public comment was received from Louis Whitendale.

Groundwater Flow Model Update

Mr. Harder advised that he had no update in addition to the matters above.

**Director Vander Poel left at this time.*

MITIGATION

Update on Subbasin Mitigation Program (Draft for Coordination Agreement Amendment)

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Consider Approval of Greater Kaweah GSA Mitigation Plan

General Manager Larsen provided a review of the Greater Kaweah GSA Mitigation Plan, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b. Mr. Larsen reviewed various updates and corrections to the Plan.

Discussion ensued.

Alternate Director Mauritsen moved to approve the mitigation plan as presented, with minor clarifications. Director Shannon seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

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 progress continues toward a contractual relationship with Self-Help Enterprises continues.

WELL PROJECTS

Consider Approval of a Pilot Well Mitigation Contract with Self-Help Enterprises to Drill Well for Ashford Domestic Well

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Shawn Corley.

Discussion continued.

Alternate Director Mauritsen moved and Director Church seconded to approve the development Pilot Well Mitigation Project with Self-Help Enterprises, with a do not exceed of \$50,000.00, subject to final approval of the agreements by the General Manager and General Counsel. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Director Boyer abstained from participation and vote.*

Consider Approval of Draft Concept to Drill Nested, Dedicated Monitoring Wells in Data Gap Areas

Tom Harder provided a report. Mr. Harder's PowerPoint presentation, which identifies the conceptual location of recommended dedicated monitoring wells, is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9b.

**Director Johnson left at this time.*

Discussion ensued.

Director Shannon moved and Director Mills seconded to approve the draft Concept to Drill Nested, Dedicated Monitoring Wells in data gap areas, subject to prioritization and funding.

Discussion ensued.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting Monday, June 10, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Tantau announced the next meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, June 10, 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 closed session was held.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

As no closed session was held, there were no matters to report.

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Mark Larsen, Secretary