



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD JUNE 10, 2024

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on June 10, 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

Joe Cardoza
Ernie Taylor
Stephen Johnson
Clinton Church

Directors

Eric Shannon

Absent:

Also Present:

Mark Larsen
Aubrey Mauritson
David De Groot
Shawn Corley
Blake Mauritson
James Fischer
John Gailey
Andrew Hart
Shane Smith

Steve Jackson
Don Tucker
Geoff Vanden Heuvel
Douglas Jackson
Mark Hoffman
Mike Toomey
Patrick Hutcheson
Beta Toor
Tom Harder, Harder & Co.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Tantau opened the meeting for public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen reported that there will be two board meetings this week: today’s meeting; and a second meeting which will be held on June 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tulare County Ag Commissioner’s Office. All three Kaweah Subbasin GSAs will participate in the June 13th meeting. Then, in recognition of the importance of plan revision, there will be two workshops for landowners. A State of the Subbasin workshop will be held at the Tulare Agri Center on June

19, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The next day, June 20, 2024, a virtual workshop with the same subject matter will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The first workshop to be held by State Board staff will be a virtual workshop on June 24, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Another in-person meeting will be held on June 27, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Greater Kaweah Open House – June Cancelled

General Manager Larsen reported that the June Open House has been cancelled.

2023 Water Year Invoicing Update

Program Manager Ruiz provided an update. She advised that the process is moving forward, and that outreach will continue regarding auto-transfer.

Water Sale Forum Development Date

Program Manager Ruiz indicated that the water sale forum development continues, and that staff is currently in the process of developing an application.

GSA Reports and Committee Discussion

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

Summary of May 28, 2024 Combined Meeting

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

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

Technical Advisory Committee

Summary of May 20, 2024 TAC Meeting

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

Next Meeting Scheduled for June 18, 2024

General Manager Larsen advised that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee will be held on June 18, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Combined GSA Board Meeting

Scheduled for June 13, 2024, 1:30 p.m. Ag Commissioner's Office

General Manager Larsen advised that the next meeting for the combined GSA Board Meeting will be held on June 13, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ag Commissioner's Office.

Review Draft GSP with the Technical Consultants

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

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 May 13, 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 Watte moved and Director Church seconded to approve the May 13, 2024, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Status Report (Second Amended Agreement to Form a Joint Powers Authority Circulating for Approval)

General Manager Larsen provided a report. He advised that an amended JPA is being circulated amongst member agencies for approval.

**Director Vander Poel arrived at this time.*

BYLAWS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided an overview of the amended Bylaws.

Discussion ensued.

Consider Approval of Amended Bylaws

In light of the pending amendments to GKGSA's Joint Powers Agreement, approval of amendments to the GKGSA Bylaws was tabled until the JPA is finalized.

Consider Approval of Rural Communities Committee Application Revision

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6c is a copy of the proposed Rural Communities Committee Application, as revised.

Director Boyer moved and Director Vander Poel seconded to approve the Rural Communities Committee Application revision. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

FINANCIALS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Discussion ensued.

Consider Approval of 2024 Reserves Budget

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of the 2024 Reserves Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Beta Toor.

Discussion continued.

Public comment was received from Andrew Hart.

Director Cardoza moved and Director Johnson seconded to approve the 2024 Reserves Budget. 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 there will be a meeting this Thursday to approve a draft GSP this week and send that draft to the State Board. The draft addresses only those comments in the DWR determination letter.

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

Tom Harder provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

Discussion continued.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

Groundwater Flow Model Update

Mr. Harder provided a status report.

GSP Status Report and Special Combined GSA Boards Meeting

Dave De Groot provided a report. Mr. De Groot advised that the next step will be working on State Board comments and updating the coordination agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Beta Toor and Andrew Hart.

WATER YEAR 2025 ALLOCATION

Status Report

General Manager Larsen advised that prior discussion in the meeting covered and highlighted the main issues.

Consulting Engineer David De Groot reported that the allocation will be finalized over the next 60 to 90 days. Mr. De Groot noted that 2025 will be discussed at the TAC meeting.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

GREATER LAND FALLOWING PROGRAM

Review and Discussion 2024 Program

General Manager Larsen provided an update. Mr. Larsen advised that he had a meeting last week with the usual group.

Discussion ensued.

**Director Vander Poel left at this time.*

MITIGATION

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

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #11a is a copy of the draft Contract with Self-Help Enterprises.

Consider Approval of Payment for Farmersville Water Invoices for Haul Water

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Self-Help's estimate is 450,000 gallons of water a month, which equates to approximately \$600.00 per month, or \$7,000 per year.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

Discussion continued.

Director Cardoza moved to approve the payment to the City of Farmersville water invoices for haul water up to 500,000 gallons of water per month. Director Church seconded, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Director Boyer abstained.

WELL PROJECTS

Status Report on Pilot Well Mitigation Project

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Andrew Hart.

Discussion continued.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

Consider Approval of Pilot Well Mitigation Agreement

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #12b is a copy of the Pilot Well Mitigation Agreement.

Director Cardoza moved to approve the Pilot Well Mitigation Agreement. Director Watte seconded, and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Director Boyer abstained.

Status Report on Dedicated Monitoring Well Project

General Manager Larsen advised there were no matters to report.

Discussion continued concerning monitoring wells generally.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 13, 2024, Special Combined GSA Boards Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Ag Commissioner's Office

Chairman Tantau announced there will be a special combined GSA Boards Meeting on June 13, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ag Commissioner's Office, 4437 S Laspina St, Tulare, CA 93274.

Scheduled Meeting Monday, July 08, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Tantau announced the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, July 08, 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.

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Mark Larsen, Secretary