GREATER KAWEAH
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on September 9, 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	Joe Cardoza
	Paul Boyer	Dennis Mills (alt)
	Chris Tantau	Clinton Church
	Stephen Johnson	Eric Shannon
	Jared De Groot	David Van Groningen
Directors Absent:	Ernie Taylor	Brian Watte
Also Present:	Mark Larsen	Jason Linman
	Aubrey Mauritson	Shane Smith
	David De Groot	Tony DeGroot
	Shawn Corley	Geoff Vanden Heuvel
	Rachel Glauser	Craig Wallace
	John Gailey	Scott Rogers
	Andrew Hart	Luis Verdugo

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Tantau opened the meeting for public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen had no announcements.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Technical Advisory Committee

August 15, 2024, Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the TAC met on August 15, 2024. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4i, and incorporated by reference.

Special TAC August 27, 2024 – Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that a Special TAC meeting was held on August 27, 2024.

Next Meeting Scheduled for September 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Technical Advisory Meeting will be held on September 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

August 26, 2024, Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees met on August 26, 2024. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4ii, and incorporated by reference.

Next Combined Meeting September 23, 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 September 23, 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider Approval of Minutes for the August 12, 2024, Board Meeting

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #5a, a copy of the August 12, 2024, minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Shannon moved and Director Church seconded to approve the August 12, 2024, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Consider Application for Appointment of New Rural Communities Committee Member

General Manager Larsen provided a report. He advised he has received no applications for potential new Rural Communities Committee members. He will continue outreach efforts.

Consider Stakeholder Committee Nominations for Appointment of New Groundwater Dependent Directors to Board of Directors

General Manager Larsen provided a report on applications received for the new Groundwater Dependent Director seats. He referred the Board to Agenda Item #6c, a copy of applications received and recommended for appointment by the Stakeholder Committee, including David Van Groningen and Paul Nunes for the Tulare County representative seat and Jared De Groot for the Kings County representative seat.

Director Cardoza moved and Director Shannon seconded to appoint Dave Van Groningen as the primary and Paul Nunes as the alternate for the Tulare County Groundwater Dependent Representative seat; and Jared De Groot as the Kings County Groundwater Dependent representative seat. Discussion ensued. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Jared De Groot joined the Board of Directors after this item.*

GREATER PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Review and Provide Guidance to Staff on Implementation Priorities and Scheduling

General Manager Larsen provide a report.

**Dave Van Groningen arrived during this item and joined the Board of Directors.*

Discussion ensued.

FINANCIALS

Consider Approval of the Revised Budget

General Manager Larsen reported on the revised Budget. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of the Revised Budget.

Public comment from Andrew Hart.

Discussion ensued.

**Director Vander Poel arrived at this time.*

Director Shannon moved and Alternate Director Mills seconded to approve the Revised Budget. Discussion ensued. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Consider Approval of the Revised Budget Reserves

General Manager Larsen reported on the Revised Budget Reserves. Based on revenue received, he will be working to revise the budget reserves.

Discussion ensued.

WATER SALE FORUM

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

Status Report on Process of Addressing State Board GSP Deficiencies

General Manager Larsen provided a status report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10 is a copy of the Kaweah Subbasin 2024 Draft GSP Schedule.

Status on Subbasin Technical Work. Review, Discuss and Advise Staff on Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) for Groundwater Quality and Interconnected Surface Water

Tom Harder provided an update on land subsidence revisions. The draft for the section is completed. Interconnected surface water discussions continue.

Don Tucker provided a status report on water quality. The technical memo is still being finalized.

Discussion ensued.

Dave De Groot provided a status report.

Discussion continued.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

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Discussion continued.

WATER YEAR 2025 ALLOCATION

Status Report

Chairman Tantau reported on the 2025 allocation and committee discussions regarding the same. General Manager Larsen provided a report. To date, it has been hoped the updates to the water model would inform the allocations. Work continues to update the model.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Larsen reported during the September 19, 2024, TAC meeting, the Water Year 2025 allocations are to be reviewed and discussed. Further committee review will take place thereafter.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Craig Hornig.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Mr. Larsen continued with his report. He indicated he has received a separate proposal from Johnny Gailey and Geoff Vanden Heuvel regarding methodology for transitional overdraft pumping allocations. He reviewed the proposal with the board.

Public comment from Andrew Hart.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Craig Hornig.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Craig Wallace.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Craig Hornig, and Johnny Gailey.

Discussion continued.

GREATER LAND FALLOWING PROGRAM

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The bid period has ended. Twenty-five applications have been received and are currently being processed by M. Green. Further discussion will occur during the next board meeting.

Public comment from Rachel Glaser.

MITIGATION PLAN

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Review Status of Pilot Well Mitigation Program

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Construction has been completed for the pilot program.

Discussion ensued.

Review Options for Mitigation Qualification Committee Establishment

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Committee development is still underway.

Discussion ensued.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting October 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Tantau announced the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, October 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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 Mauritson 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.

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