



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD OCTOBER 2, 2024

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on October 2, 2024, at KDWCD, 2975 N. Farmersville Blvd., Farmersville California, Chairman Chris Tantau of the Greater Kaweah GSA called to order a special 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	Ernie Taylor
	Chris Tantau	Clinton Church
	Eric Shannon	Brian Watte
	Jared De Groot	David Van Groningen

Directors	Stephen Johnson
Absent:	

Also Present:	Mark Larsen	Don Tucker
	Aubrey Mauritson	Luis Verdugo
	David De Groot	Chris Hunter
	Shawn Corley	Kaylin Coelho
	Blake Mauritson	Paul Nunes
	Dennis Mills	Gene Kilgore
	Rachel Glauser	Kristin Verdin
	John Gailey	Lauren Schuilt
	Andrew Hart	Patrick Hutcheson
	Jason Linman	Dustin Fuller
	Shane Smith	Brian Brown
	Emmanuel Llamas	Mark Hoffman
	Geoff Vanden Heuvel	Brian Dutra

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Tantau opened the meeting for public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen announced there will be a meeting of all three GSA representatives today to further GSP development.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Technical Advisory Committee

Next Meeting Scheduled for October 17, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Technical Advisory Meeting will be held on October 17, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

September 23, 2024, Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees met on September 23, 2024. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4ii(1), and incorporated by reference.

Next Special Combined Meeting October 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next special combined meeting of the Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees will be held on October 10, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Regularly Scheduled Combined Meeting October 28, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the regularly scheduled combined meeting of the Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees will be held on October 28, 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 September 9, 2024, Board Meeting

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #5a, a copy of the September 9, 2024, minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Shannon moved and Director Church seconded to approve the September 9, 2024, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

WATER SALE FORUM

Status Report

Programs Coordinator Ruiz provided a report. The water sale forum is currently open.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

Review and Consider Approval of Greater Kaweah Draft Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for 30-Day Public Comment Period

General Manager Larsen provided a report. All Kaweah GSAs are meeting to discuss publicly distributing the draft for public comment.

Discussion ensued.

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 a report on latest updates for land subsidence, groundwater quality and interconnected surface waters, which are updates since the latest public circulation of the draft GSP. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Gene Kilgore.

Mr. Harder continued with his presentation. He also provided a summary of next steps to finalize the amended GSP.

Public comment from Brian Brown.

Discussion ensued.

Director Vander Poel moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve the Greater Kaweah Draft Amended GSP for 30-Day Public Comment period. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

WY 2025 ALLOCATION

Receive Technical Memorandum from 4Creeks Setting Water Year 2025 Allocations

General Manager Larsen provided a summary of the status of the WY 2025 allocations. Tom Harder provided a report. Attached hereto as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of the presentation.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Mr. Harder continued with his presentation.

Public comment from Gene Kilgore, Brian Brown, and Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Harder provided a review of the modeling process.

Public comment from Gene Kilgore, Trelawny Bullis, and Andrew Hart.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Johnny Gailey

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Gene Kilgore, Geoff Vanden Heuvel and Brian Brown.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Blake Mauritson, Brian Brown and Gene Kilgore.

Discussion continued.

Review and Consider Approval of Resolution Setting Water Year 2025 Penalty Rates for Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 Water

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of the Resolution 2024-04 Setting Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 Penalty Rates for Water Year 2025.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Johnny Gailey.

Director Cardoza moved and Director Vander Poel seconded to approve Resolution 2024-04 setting penalty rates for Water Year 2025 as follows: Tier 1, \$150.00 per acre-foot; Tier 2, \$250.00 per acre-foot; and Tier 3, \$500.00 per acre-foot.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

GREATER LAND FALLOWING PROGRAM

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated as Agenda Item 8a is a copy of the summary of bids received.

Consider Offer of Award of Uniform Price to Low Bid Application Landowners

Director Shannon moved to extend the budget to \$610,000.00 and Director J. De Groot seconded to approve the offer of award of uniform price to low bid application landowners.

Discussion ensued.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting October 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tantau announced the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.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.

Mark Larsen, Secretary