



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2024

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on November 12, 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
Ernie Taylor
Chris Tantau
Eric Shannon
Jared De Groot
Paul Nunes (alt)

Joe Cardoza
Stephen Johnson
Clinton Church
Brian Watte
Barbara Sally (alt)

Directors Absent:

Paul Boyer

David Van Groningen

Also Present:

Mark Larsen
Aubrey Mauritsen
David De Groot
Shawn Corley
Blake Mauritsen
Dennis Mills
Geoff Vanden Heuvel
Luis Verdugo

Lisa McKewen
Lauren Sheidt
Kaylin Coelho
Alyssa Tartaglia
Jordan Martinez
Amber Nagel
Steve Jackson

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen reported that the Agency had paid for yearly insurance. Mr. Larsen also advised that GKGSA has forwarded \$1 million to Self-Help Enterprises for the purposes of well mitigation. The member agencies that advanced funds to the GSA have been reimbursed. Mr.

Larsen noted that there were two new applications for well mitigation, and that agency will look to utilize a pilot program to fine-tune the evaluation process.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Technical Advisory Committee

October 17, 2024 Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the TAC met on October 17, 2024. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4i(1), and incorporated by reference.

Next Meeting Scheduled for November 21, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Technical Advisory Meeting will be held on November 21, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

October 28, 2024, Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees met on October 28, 2024. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4ii(1), and incorporated by reference.

Regularly Scheduled Combined Meeting November 25, 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 November 25, 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 October 2, 2024, Board Meeting

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #5a, a copy of the October 2, 2024, minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Vander Poel moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve the October 2, 2024, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

FINANCIALS

Consider Approval of Financial Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2024

General Manager Larsen reported on the Financial Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2024. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of the Financial Report.

Discussion ensued.

Director Cardoza moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve the Financial Report for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2024. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Consider Revised 2024 Reserves Budget

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6b is a copy of the 2024 Reserves Budget.

Director Shannon moved and Director Vander Poel seconded to approve the 2024 Reserves Budget. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

WATER SALE FORUM

Status Report and System Feedback

Programs Coordinator Ruiz provided a report. Ms. Ruiz advised that the agency is working towards a Q&A on the forum, with the goal of continued improvement.

Discussion ensued.

General Manager Larsen reported on Mid-Kaweah GSA's water marketing strategy.

WY 2025 ALLOCATION

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided an update. He advised that the combined committees are investigating the prospect of adding versatility to the allocation amount.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

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WELL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen advised that the entire subbasin is ramping up registration efforts.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

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

There was no report.

Review and Consider Adoption of Greater Kaweah 2nd Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for Submittal to State Water Resources Control Board

General Manager Larsen provided a report on GKGSA's Second Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Mr. Larsen advised written comments were received from Cal Water, Self-Help Enterprises, and numerous NGO groups. Mr. Larsen provided a summary of the nature of the comments, as well as a summary of the major revisions contained in the most recent version of the GSP.

Public comment was received from Amber Nagel.

Discussion ensued.

Director Shannon moved and Director Watte seconded to approve the Greater Kaweah Second Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for submittal to the State Water Resources Control Board. Draft can be located on the Greater Kaweah GSA website homepage.

The matter was again opened for public comment.

The board unanimously approved the motion.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting December 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tantau announced that the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, December 9, 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