



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

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on December 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
Paul Boyer
Chris Tantau
Eric Shannon
Jared De Groot
Dennis Mills (alt.)

Joe Cardoza
Stephen Johnson
Shawn Corely (alt)
Brian Watte
David Van Groningen

**Directors
Absent:**

Clinton Church

Also Present:

Mark Larsen
Aubrey Mauritson
David De Groot
Blake Mauritson
Rachel Glauser
Shane Smith
Don Tucker
Geoff Vanden Heuvel

Tyler Coday
Lauren Shyne
Scott Rogers
Alyssa Tartaglia
Panvho Gaona
Amber McFall
Lance Mouw

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 GSA has received two well applications by Self Help Enterprises for evaluation under its well mitigation program. Director Vander Poel reported on the ceremony with Self Help.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Technical Advisory Committee

November 21, 2024 Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the TAC met on November 21, 2024. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4i(1), and incorporated by reference.

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

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

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

November 25, 2024, Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees met on November 25, 2024. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4ii(1), and incorporated by reference.

December Canceled, Regularly Scheduled Combined Meeting January 27, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the regularly scheduled combined meeting of the Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees has been cancelled for December. The next Combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees meeting will be held on January 27, 2025 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 November 12, 2024, Board Meeting

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

Alternate Director Mills moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve the November 12, 2024, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Paul Boyer arrived at this time.*

FINANCIALS

Presentation of the Final Audit by M. Green & Company

Tyler Coday of M. Green & Company provided a presentation of the final audit. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6a is a copy of the draft audit.

Discussion ensued.

Consider for Approval Annual Audit Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2023

Discussion ensued regarding the report as presented.

Director Shannon moved to accept the report. Director Cardoza seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Review and Consider Approval of 2025 Annual Budget

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6c is a copy of the 2025 Annual Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Director Shannon moved to approve the 2025 Annual Budget. Director Vander Poel seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Review and Consider Approval of 2024 Reserves Budget

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6d is a copy of the 2025 Reserves Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Director Cardoza moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve the 2025 Reserves Budget. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Review and Consider Approval of Greater Kaweah GSA Investment Policy

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #6e is a copy of the Greater Kaweah GSA Investment Policy.

Discussion ensued.

Director Shannon moved and Alternate Director Corley seconded to approve the GKGSA Investment Policy. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

INVOICING

Status Report of WY 2023 Collection of Tier Water Payments

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Consider Options for WY 2023 Delinquent Landowners

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Discussion ensued.

WY 2024 Invoice Schedule

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

WY 2025 ALLOCATION

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided an update.

Discussion ensued.

Discuss Grower Options to Provide Water Resource Versatility

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

Status on Subbasin November, Adopted 2nd Amended GSP's Submittal

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The State Board has canceled the probationary hearing for the Kaweah Subbasin. Staff has indicated they will hold off on staff report. They are reviewing the GSPs and plan to have the review complete by this coming summer. After review, staff plans

to take to the State Board as an action item consideration of sending the Kaweah Subbasin back to DWR. DWR will also be reviewing the amended GSPs.

Discussion ensued.

WELL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Discussion has occurred about doing a subbasin wide well registration program.

Discussion ensued.

Advise Staff Regarding Implementation

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

WELL PROJECTS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Consider Approval of Tom Harder & Co. Monitoring Well Project Proposal

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #11b is a copy of Tom Harder & Co. Monitoring Well Project Proposal.

Discussion ensued.

Alternate Director Mills moved and Director Watte seconded to approve Tom Harder & Co. Monitoring Well Project Proposal. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

SUBSIDENCE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Tom Harder provided a PowerPoint presentation. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #12a.

Public comment Lance Mouw.

Discussion continued.

Consider Options and Direction to Greater's Technical Advisory Committee

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The TAC will continue to evaluate management issues related to subsidence.

Discussion ensued.

GROUNDWATER REPORT

Review WY 2024 Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District Annual Groundwater Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The official report is not ready, but estimates are positive and show improvement in groundwater levels. The item will be reported on at future meetings.

Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NON-MATERIAL GSA BOUNDARY CHANGE

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a review of Resolution No. 2024-05, regarding non-material changes to the subbasin GSA boundaries.

Consider Approval of a Resolution in Support of Non-Material GSA Boundary Changes Between Mid-Kaweah GSA, Tulare Irrigation District, and the Greater Kaweah GSA.

Director Cardoza moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-05 as presented in the agenda packet and Director Van Groningen seconded. The board unanimously approved the motion.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting January 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tantau announced that the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, January 13, 2025, 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 did not adjourn to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

The board did not adjourn to closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was concluded.

Mark Larsen, Secretary