



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD JANUARY 13, 2025

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on January 13, 2025, 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	Stephen Johnson
	Chris Tantau	Andrew Brazil
	Eric Shannon	Clinton Church
	Jared De Groot	David Van Groningen

Directors	Brian Watte
Absent:	

Also Present:	Mark Larsen	Tom Harder
	Aubrey Mauritson	Jim Van de Water
	Shawn Corley	Bitu Toor
	Blake Mauritson	Dennis Mills
	Rachel Glauser	Luis Verdugo
	Shane Smith	Victor Hernandez
	Don Tucker	Mark Hoffman
	Geoff Vanden Heuvel	Emmanuel Llamas
	Lauren Sheidt	Kelly _____

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen reported the Kaweah Subbasin held a celebration last week in honor of the hard work performed by all. He noted several items on the agenda would be skipped as no committee meetings occurred in the month of December.

GOVERNING BOARD OFFICERS APPOINTMENT

Welcome New Director Representing Kings County Water District

Chairman Tantau welcomed new Director Andrew Brazil representing Kings County Water District.

Director Brazil introduced himself and was welcomed by the Board.

Consider Appointment of Agency Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

Director Vander Poel moved to appoint Chris Tantau as Chairman, Steven Johnson as Vice-Chairman, and Mark Larsen as Secretary. Director Shannon seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Kaweah River Water Status Report

This item was skipped as it will be reported under Agenda Item #7a.

Water Forum Update

Program Manager Stephanie Ruiz provided a status report. The water forum is up and live on the website. Work continues on a few glitches.

Committees and Activities

Technical Advisory Committee

December 19, 2024, Cancelled

General Manager Larsen advised that the TAC meeting scheduled for December 19, 2024, was cancelled.

Next Meeting Scheduled for January 16, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Technical Advisory Meeting will be held on January 16, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

December 23, 2024, Cancelled

General Manager Larsen advised that the combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees meeting scheduled for December 23, 2024, was cancelled.

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

General Manager Larsen advised that 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 December 9, 2024, Board Meeting

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

Director Boyer moved and Director Johnson seconded to approve the December 9, 2024, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

WATER REPORT

Status Report on 2025 Water Year

Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District's River Operations Manager, Vic Hernandez, provided a report on the 2025 Water Year. Lake Kaweah is currently encroached. Communications continue with the Army Corps to discourage a flood release given the low water content in the snow and dry future weather forecast.

Discussion ensued.

Review WY 2024 Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District Annual Groundwater Report

General Manager Larsen provided a reported he is still awaiting the final report.

Discussion ensued.

FINANCIALS

Consider Approval of Financial Report for the Final Quarter Ending December 31, 2023

General Manager Larsen provided a report on the Financial Report for the final quarter ending December 31, 2024. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of the Financial Report.

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

Review and Consider Approval of Investment of Funds

General Manager Larsen provided a report on the Investment of Funds. Last month the board approved an investment policy. Mr. Larsen is looking for direction on whom to invest with and how much. He offered three separate investment companies for consideration.

Director Vander Poel moved to direct staff to invest approximately (approximately \$5,000,000.00 to \$7,000,000.00) with Valley Strong Credit Union. Director Johnson seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

INVOICING

Status Report on WY 2023 Collection of Tier Water Payments

General Manager Larsen gave a brief update on the collection process and noted he was looking into legal options to collect from delinquent landowners in an effort to suggest next steps.

General Manager Larsen reported he will be looking for additional staff.

Discussion ensued.

WY 2024 Invoice Schedule

Program Manager Stephanie Ruiz reported invoices would be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Some errors were identified in the audit performed and as a result there has been some delay.

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WY 2025 ALLOCATION

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The board discussed the concept of a “versatility” bucket during last month’s meeting and directed staff to bring the concept before the Technical Advisory Committee. The Committee will meet and discuss later this week.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Communications continue with state board staff. Discussion remains very positive. The review process by state board staff of the GSP continues with an anticipated completion date of mid-summer. The Subbasin continues on efforts to implement various aspects of the GSPs.

Discussion ensued.

MITIGATION PLAN

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The GKGSA has received two claims from Self Help. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #12a is the claim analysis for one of the applications. Don Tucker, 4Creeks, reviewed the analysis with the board.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

The board instructed staff to provide further detail regarding the claim presented with the potential for consolidation.

Consider Approval of Two Additional Pilot Well Mitigation Program Projects

No action was taken.

WELL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Development of the program is underway and it is anticipated by the end of March to be completed.

Public comment from Bitu Toor.

WELL PROJECTS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen did not have a new status report.

SUBSIDENCE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The Technical Advisory Committee has not met since the last board of director meeting. Mr. Larsen indicated he will have a report next month.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion ensued.

Consider Options and Direction to Greater's Technical Advisory Committee

No options were considered.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting February 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tantau announced that the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, February 10, 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: One

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