



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MARCH 10, 2025

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on March 10, 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 Paul Boyer Chris Tantau Eric Shannon Jared De Groot Brian Watte	Joe Cardoza Stephen Johnson Andrew Brazil Clinton Church David Van Groningen
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Directors Absent:	None.
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Also Present:	Mark Larsen Aubrey Mauritsen Shawn Corley David De Groot Jimi Valov Blake Mauritsen Rachel Glauser Shane Smith Stacie Ann Silva Don Tucker Geoff Vanden Heuvel Kevin Oliver	Lucy Bennett Bob Dofflemeyer Lisa McEwen Jordan Martinez Anthony Prieto David Schutz David Whaley Collin Fernandez Dennis Mills Luis Verdugo Emily Botchger
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PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen announced the City of Exeter appointed a new representative, Bobby Lenz, to the Rural Communities Committee. The annual report for the GSA is due in April. Inspections will occur for the GKGSA land fallowing program in April as well.

Program Coordinator Stephanie Ruiz reported the GSA will host an Open House on March 26, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Topics will include invoicing and updates to the Dashboard.

Mr. Larsen also reported it is the time of year for performance evaluations.

**Paul Boyer and Pete Vander Poel arrived during this item.*

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Water Forum Update

No report was provided.

Committees and Activities

Technical Advisory Committee

February 17, 2025, Canceled

General Manager Larsen advised that the TAC meeting scheduled for February 17, 2025 was canceled.

Next Meeting Scheduled for March 20, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Technical Advisory Meeting will be held on March 20, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

February 24, 2025, Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the Combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees met on February 24, 2025. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4b.ii, and incorporated by reference.

Next Regularly Scheduled Combined Meeting March 24, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees meeting will be held on March 24, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Kaweah Subbasin Management

Grants Status

Program Coordinator Ruiz provided an update. There is currently one grant being administered. The total amount awarded was \$10 million. Kings County Water District's project was removed. The funds previously reserved for that project were redistributed to the remaining projects.

LandIQ/Dashboard

General Manager Larsen reported on updated data from Land IQ regarding citrus reduction in consumption on the east side over past two years. Further analysis will be conducted.

MLRP Status

General Manager Larsen reported on the Department of Conservation Guidelines. The prior draft had problematic language as related to credits provided from recharge projects. Efforts are underway to correct the error.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider Approval of Minutes for the February 10, 2025, Board Meeting

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #5a, a copy of the February 10, 2025, minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference. He noted one correction in the board attendance. Andrew Brazil should be listed as present for Kings County Water District.

Director Shannon moved with the noted correction and Director J. De Groot seconded to approve the February 10, 2025, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

WATER REPORT

Review WY 2024 Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District Annual Groundwater Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. A copy of the WY 2024 Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District Annual Groundwater Report is attached as Agenda Item #6a, and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

DASHBOARD GROUNDWATER INVOICING

WY 2024 Status

Program Coordinator Ruiz reported that invoices went out about two weeks ago. She reviewed some updates and the process. She reported on feedback she has received regarding the new invoices.

Discussion ensued.

MITIGATION PLAN

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report on the well mitigation progress.

Review and Guide Staff on Hypericum Fallow/Recharge Program Concept

General Manager Larsen provided a report. He reported an opportunity has been presented to potentially engage in recharge activities near the community that may be very beneficial for groundwater levels.

Discussion ensued.

SUBSIDENCE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

Status Report and Review Progress on Regional Subsidence Management Action Plan (RSMAP)

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Meetings have begun on a regional basis to discuss subsidence impacts. The goal is to begin sharing data.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS (GSPs)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen reported on the Kern Probationary Hearing. The conclusion of the hearing was to postpone it until September.

Discussion ensued.

SUBSIDENCE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

Status Report and Review Progress on Regional Subsidence Management Action Plan (RSMAP)

The board returned to Subsidence discussion.

Public comment from David Prieto.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from David Schutz.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS (GSPs)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen continued with his report. He reported on GSP implementation and communications with state board staff.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN SAFE STORAGE AUTHORITY CONCEPT

Status Report

General Manager Larsen did not have a report this month.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN WORKPLAN

Review Kaweah Subbasin 2025 Commitments Schedule

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #12a is a copy of the schedule.

Discussion ensued.

Consider Approval of Projects and General Schedule Commitments

Director Vander Poel moved and Director Johnson seconded to approve the Projects and General Schedule Commitments. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN COST SHARE AGREEMENT

Consider Approval of Agreement

General Manager Larsen provided a report. A redline copy of the Kaweah Subbasin Cost Share Agreement is attached as Agenda Item #13a and incorporated by reference.

Director Watte moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve the redline version of the Kaweah Subbasin Cost Share Agreement as presented in the agenda packet.

Public comment from Blake Mauritson.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Shawn Corley.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER COLLABORATIVE ACTION PROGRAM (CAP)

Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Pilot

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The concept of the CAP was presented last month. A current assessment of subbasins in the San Joaquin Valley is underway. The efforts evaluate the impact of SGMA on jobs and the economy. The CAP group itself does not provide funding, but instead helps be an advocate for funding. The Kaweah Subbasin has been chosen as their test pilot for this program.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Bob Dofflemyer, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Stacie Ann Silva, and Craig Hornig.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Dennis Mills.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting April 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tantau announced that the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, April 14, 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.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

As the board did not adjourn to closed session, 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