



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD APRIL 14, 2025

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on April 14, 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	Joe Cardoza Brian Watte David Van Groningen Clinton Church
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Directors	Andrew Brazil	Stephen Johnson
Absent:		

Also Present:	Mark Larsen Aubrey Mauritson Shawn Corley Blake Mauritson Don Tucker Geoff Vanden Heuvel Bob Doffelmeyer Rudy Mendoza Ryan Dooley	Emily Botchger Manuel Gallardo Diana Gallardo Diana Perry Norman Perry Jennifer Martinez Luis Verdugo Pancho
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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 an open house took place on March 26, 2025. Approximately 25 people attended. Discussion topics were the latest invoices and new features associated with the Dashboard.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Water Forum Update

No report was provided.

Committees and Activities

Technical Advisory Committee

March 20, 2025, Canceled

General Manager Larsen advised that the TAC meeting scheduled for March 20, 2025 was canceled.

Next Meeting Scheduled for April 17, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

March 24, 2025, Summary

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

Next Regularly Scheduled Combined Meeting April 28, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees meeting will be held on April 28, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Kaweah Subbasin Management

Grants Status

No update was provided.

LandIQ/Water Dashboard Status

No updated was provided.

MLRP Status

General Manager Larsen reported a brochure is available at the District office. The second round of solicitation for new projects is currently underway.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #5a, a copy of the March 10, 2025, minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Shannon moved and Director Church seconded to approve the March 10, 2025, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report on the current board appointments. He reported the Stakeholder Committee will discuss a new appointment for an alternate director at the next regularly scheduled meeting. It was noted the Rural Communities Committee also needed to update its appointments for an alternate to the Board of Directors.

FINANCIALS

Consider for Approval of Financial Report for the First Quarter Ending March 31, 2025

General Manager Larsen provided an overview of the Financial Report for the first quarter ending March 31, 2025. A copy of the report is attached hereto as Agenda Item #7a and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued regarding the report.

Director Shannon moved and Director Vander Poel seconded to approve the Financial Report as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

DASHBOARD GROUNDWATER INVOICING

WY 2024 Status

Program Coordinator Ruiz reported lots of activity has occurred given distribution of invoices.

Discussion ensued.

MITIGATION PLAN

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report on the well mitigation progress. Work continues with Self Help Enterprise.

Review and Guide Staff on Hypericum Fallow/Recharge Program Concept

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Ben Lewis of Thomas Harder & Co., provided a presentation. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item # 9b is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

Public comment from Bob Doffelmeyer.

Mr. Lewis continued with his presentation.

Discussion ensued.

Consider Approval of Current Pilot – Dry Well Mitigation Claims

Don Tucker, 4Creeks, provided a report of the current pilot – dry well mitigation claims. Investigation continues on current claims. More will be brought before the board at a later date.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS (GSPs)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Efforts with the State Board remain positive. DWR has requested the 2024 GSPs be uploaded to the SGMA portal, which will soon occur.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Huevel.

Discussion ensued.

WY 2024 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING REPORT (AMR)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen reported Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard, completed the AMR. Mr. Klinchuch will present in May.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued re land subsidence.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting May 12, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tantau announced that the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, May 12, 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: Three

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding three potential items of anticipated litigation.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

[Government Code Section 54947]

Title: Program Manager

The board of directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54947, met with Counsel, Aubrey A. Mauritson, regarding public employee performance evaluation.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

[Government Code Section 54957.6]

Agency Designated Representative: Mark Larsen

Unrepresented Employee

Title: Program Manager

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54947, met with Agency Designated Representative Mark Larsen regarding the listed position.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

[Government Code Section 54947]

Title: General Manager

The board of directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54947, met with Counsel, Aubrey A. Mauritson, regarding public employee performance evaluation.

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.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARY REVIEW

Status Report

Discussion ensued among the Board members regarding a percentage adjustment to District annual budget for employee's salary.

Consider Adjustment to Salary of Program Manager

Director Shannon moved to increase the salary for the Program Manager 13.2% effective July 1, 2025. Director Cardoza seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARY REVIEW

Status Report

Discussion ensued among the Board members regarding a percentage adjustment to District annual budget for employee's salary.

Consider Adjustment to Salary of General Manager

Director Shannon moved to increase the salary for the General Manager 3.5% effective July 1, 2025. Director Cardoza seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mark Larsen, Secretary