



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

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on July 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 Stephen Johnson Chris Tantau Eric Shannon Jared De Groot	Joe Cardoza Andrew Brazil Paul Nunes (alt) Clinton Church Brian Watte
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Directors	David Van Groningen	Paul Boyer
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Absent:

Also Present:	Mark Larsen Aubrey Mauritsen Shawn Corley Rachel Glauser John Gailey Andrew Hart Shane Smith Don Tucker Diana Zergarra	Dennis Mills Craig Wallace Craig Hornung Mike Hagman Emily Boettger Scott Rogers Doug Jackson Collin Fernandes
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Tantau opened the meeting for public comment. Emily Becker, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, provided comment.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen reported Rosemary Knight, from Stanford, is working on a new method for evaluating storage. She also is assisting with Interconnected Surface Water monitoring.

Science of Water Workshop

Program Coordinator Stephanie Ruiz provided a report. A Science of Water Workshop will be conducted in response to the educational needs identified by community members and agency staff who have engaged with WLI throughout the San Joaquin Valley from 2013 - 2025.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Water Forum Update

General Manager Larsen provided a report. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4a and incorporated by reference.

Committees and Activities

Technical Advisory Committee

June 19, 2025 - Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the TAC met on June 19, 2025. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4b.i(1), and incorporated by reference. Chairman Tantau reported the summary of the meeting includes various recommendations from the TAC.

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

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Technical Advisory Meeting will be held on July 17, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

July 23, 2025 - Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the Combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees met on July 23, 2025. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4.b.ii(2), and incorporated by reference. Chairman Tantau reported on recommendations from the Stakeholder Committee.

Next Meeting Scheduled for July 28, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the combined committees will be held on July 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Kaweah Subbasin Management

Grants Status

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

LandIQ/Water Dashboard Status

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

MLRP Status

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Funding for planning is still available.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consider Approval of Minutes for the June 9, 2025, Board Meeting

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #5a, a copy of the June 9, 2025, minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Cardoza moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve the June 9, 2025, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

KAWEAH/TULE WATER BANKING PROJECT:

Chairman Tantau provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 14b is a copy of the Stantec Scope of Work.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Dennis Mills.

Discussion continued.

Director J. De Groot moved and Director Brazil seconded to approve the scope of work, with a do not exceed of \$50,000.00, subject to final legal review. The board unanimously approved.

OFFICE RELOCATION EVALUATION:

Current Status

General Manager Larsen provide a report. He indicated staff has started to move into the new location and anticipate next month's board meeting to be at the new location.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Science of Water Workshop

Sue Ruiz, Self Help Enterprises, provided a report on the workshop.

GKGSA FINANCIALS:

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The audit is anticipated to be presented next month. Also, expect a revised budget shortly thereafter. With the new office location, the budget will need to be amended.

Quarter Ending 6/30/2025

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 7b is a copy of the financials.

Discussion ensued.

Director Shannon moved and Director J. De Groot seconded to approve the financials for quarter ending 6/30/2025. The board unanimously approved.

DASHBOARD GROUNDWATER INVOICING

WY 2024 Status

Program Coordinator Ruiz reported they are still receiving some payments. She has completed the audit for 2023 and determined approximately \$565,000.00 is currently delinquent.

Discussion ensued.

WY 2025 ALLOCATION

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Don Tucker, 4Creeks, provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 10 is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

Public comment from Craig Hornig.

Mr. Tucker continued with his presentation.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Craig Wallace and Mike Hagman.

**Pete Vander Poel arrived during this item.*

MITIGATION PLAN

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report on the well mitigation progress. Work continues with Self Help Enterprise. Staff has begun to see cluster of wells next to each other that have similar problems. Self Help had a back log of wells. Staff is working to prioritize areas and consider regional solutions. Currently, Self Help has identified 24 wells in GKGSA.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS (GSPs)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen reported on the current status of GSP review. State board staff have completed their review and verbally reported to the GSA managers that they plan to recommend to the State Board to send the Kaweah Subbasin back to DWR. It is anticipated that will occur at a state board meeting this fall. Once returned, DWR will do a full evaluation of the revised GSPs.

GSP upload to DWR

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Implementation Core Teams Update

General Manager Larsen reported nine core teams on working on implementation of the plan. Regarding groundwater levels, not much activity is currently underway. Regarding water quality, testing is underway and work continues on a notification script.

Jim Van de Water from Thomas Harder & Co. provided an update on work related to interconnected surface waters. Outreach efforts continue and work continues with Stanford on monitoring efforts.

Mr. Larsen continued with his report. Regarding land subsidence, efforts continue on a regional subsidence map. Work continues with P&P on an outreach plan for subsidence. Regarding the mitigation core team, mitigation for subsidence impacts continues to be discussed. The small well community core team continues to work on resiliency. A well inventory is underway with P&P.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment Craig Hornig.

**Director Shannon left during this item.*

KAWEAH SUBBASIN WELL DATA:

Inventory

General Manager Larsen had no further report.

Registration

General Manager Larsen reported well registration is in the current rules and regulations. Will work on outreach and start the process soon.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN SUBSIDENCE MONITORING, DATA, AND MANAGEMENT

Status Report

Tom Harder provided a report. It is an ongoing process to locate a site for the board-approved monitoring well.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting August 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tantau announced that the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the new office location.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Number of Potential Cases: Two

The Board of Directors did not adjourn to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

As the Board of Directors 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