



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD AUGUST 11, 2025

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on August 11, 2025, at GKGSA, 227 N. West Street, Visalia, 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 Rudy Mendoza (alt) Jared De Groot	David Van Groningen Joe Cardoza Dennis Mills (alt) Clinton Church Brian Watte
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Directors Absent:	Andrew Brazil	Paul Boyer
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Also Present:	Mark Larsen Aubrey Mauritsen Don Tucker Geoff Vanden Heuval Pancho Scott Rogers	Gene Kilgore Trelawney Bullis Blair Bayne Mike Hagman Lisa McEwen
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen reported the GSA had officially moved to its new office location. A report of new annual expenses will be presented next month given the change in location. Mr. Larsen reported the audit will occur during the next board meeting. Mr. Larsen also indicated there is a typo on the agenda, with an accidental duplicate agenda item. In addition, Mr. Larsen noted the GSA has hired a new employee, Sierra Rodriguez, who joined the agency last week.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Water Forum Update

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Committees and Activities

Technical Advisory Committee

July 17, 2025 - Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the TAC met on July 17, 2025. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4b.i, and incorporated by reference. Chairman Tantau reported the summary of the meeting includes various recommendations from the TAC.

Next Meeting Scheduled for August 21, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Technical Advisory Meeting will be held on August 21, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

July 28, 2025 - Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the Combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees met on July 28, 2025. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4.b.ii, and incorporated by reference. Chairman Tantau reported on recommendations from the Stakeholder Committee.

Next Meeting Scheduled for August 25, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the combined committees will be held on August 25, 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. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 4iii is a copy of the MLRP flier advertising for applications.

Discussion ensued.

**Director Vander Poel arrived at this time.*

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consider Approval of Minutes for the July 14, 2025, Board Meeting

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #5a, a copy of the July 14, 2025, minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director D. Mills moved and Director Shannon seconded to approve the July 14, 2025, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

LAND-BASED ASSESSMENT RESOLUTIONS ANNUAL FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS

Consider Approval of Two Resolutions for County of Tulare and County of Kings Each, Establishing the Assessment Rate

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #6a, a copy of two Resolutions for the County of Tulare and County of Kings Establishing the Assessment Rate, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued.

Director Shannon moved and Director Watte seconded to approve the Resolution for the County of Tulare Establishing the Assessment Rate. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Director D. Mills moved and Director Johnson seconded to approve the Resolution for the County of Kings Establishing the Assessment Rate. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Set Date for Public Hearing to Enforce Tier 1 and Tier 2 Penalty Delinquencies (Water Code Section 10732(b)(2).)

General Manager Larsen provided an overview of the process for enforcement. He reported there is about 95 delinquent accounts.

Discussion ensued.

Director Shannon moved to set October 13, 2025 as the public hearing date for GKGSA's hearings on Tier 1 and Tier 2 Penalty Delinquencies. Director Church seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

DASHBOARD GROUNDWATER INVOICING

Status Report on 2023 Water Year

Program Coordinator Ruiz provided a report.

Consider Setting a Public Hearing Date, According to California Water Code §10732(b)(2), to Consider Process to File Certificates of Lien Against Property of Delinquent Landowners

The agenda item was previously handled above.

WY 2024 Status

Program Coordinator Ruiz reported they are still receiving some payments, but collections have slowed.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

WY 2025 ALLOCATION

Status Report

Don Tucker, 4Creeks, provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 8 is a copy of his PowerPoint presentation. He noted precipitation was slightly down from the prior year's allocation. For the following year, Mr. Tucker noted the allocations will be as follows:

- Native Sustainable Yield 0.62 ac-ft/acre
- Tier 1 Penalty Allocation 0.31 ac-ft/acre
- Tier 2 Penalty Allocation 0.23 ac-ft/acre
- Precipitation Range East-West from 1.00 to 0.5 ac-ft/acre

The total allocation for landowners in the GKGSA thus ranges from 1.66 to 2.24 ac-ft per acre depending on the location of the parcel.

Public comment from Trelawney Bullis.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

MITIGATION PLAN

Status Report

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

Review First Pilot Well Mitigation Total Expense

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Mr. Larsen reviewed the first pilot project that was completed. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 9b is a copy of the excel spreadsheet Mr. Larsen presented to the board.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued.

Director Cardoza arrived at this time.

Consider Approval of Current Pilot – Dry Well Mitigation Claims

General Manager Larsen reported the GSA has received no new claims since the last board meeting.

**Director Stephens left the meeting at this time.*

GREATER KAWEAH LAND FOLLOWING PROGRAM

Review and Discuss 2026 Program Options

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 10 is a copy of the program outline and details.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Gene Kilgore.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Scott Rogers.

Discussion continued.

Consider Approval of 2026 Program Specifics

Director Van Groningen moved to approve the 2026 Program Specifics for the Land Fallowing Program as presented in the agenda packet, with a maximum amount of up to \$1 million to the program at a fixed price of \$400 per acre. Director Vander Poel seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion ensued re the application process.

GREATER KAWEAH MONITORING WELL NETWORK

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Work continues to identify locations for monitoring wells.

Discussion ensued.

Review Presentation from Thomas Harder and Company on Priority Monitoring Well Locations

Tom Harder from Thomas Harder and Company, provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #11b is a copy of his report.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS (GSPs)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen reported that he still anticipates a recommendation from the State Board staff to the State Board this fall to return to the Kaweah Subbasin back to DWR. State board staff has been heavily focused on groundwater quality issues the past month. DWR has released its draft Best Management Practices for land subsidence which has a heavy emphasis on “critical head”.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion continued. Mr. Larsen noted there is a comment period for the draft BMPs for land subsidence. The Kaweah Subbasin, as a whole, plans to provide comments.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion ensued.

**Director Vander Poel left the meeting at this time.*

KAWEAH SUBBASIN WELL DATA MONITORING SYSTEM (DMS)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Review DMS Task Order 10 Amendment – Mid-Kaweah GSA (To Be Managed by Cost Share Agreement)

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #13b is a copy of the Task Order 10 Amendment – Mid-Kaweah GSA.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN WELL REGISTRATION

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. GKGSA continues to move forward with the process. EKGSA has decided to downgrade its aggressiveness on the program. Mid Kaweah continues to proceed. Efforts on verification of well locations is underway.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Gene Kilgore.

KAWEAH/TULE WATER BANKING PROJECT:

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Chairman Tantau provided a summary.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel and Gene Kilgore.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Scott Rogers.

Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Kaweah-Tule Cross Valley Groundwater Banking Investigation with Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID) Professional Services Agreement

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 15b is a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding Kaweah-Tule Cross Valley Groundwater Banking Investigation with Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID) Professional Services Agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Director Van Groningen moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Kaweah-Tule Cross Valley Groundwater Banking Investigation with Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID) Professional Services Agreement. Director Cardoza seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting September 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tantau announced that the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, September 8, 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 of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritsen regarding two potential items of anticipated litigation.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mark Larsen, Secretary