



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on September 8, 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	Chris Tantau	David Van Groningen
	Brian Watte	Pete Vander Poel
	Andrew Brazil	Clinton Church
	Eric Shannon	Paul Boyer
	Joe Cardoza	Jared De Groot

Directors	Stephen Johnson
Absent:	

Also Present:	Mark Larsen	Dennis Mills
	Aubrey Mauritson	Craig Wallace
	Shawn Corley	Craig Hornung
	Rachel Glauser	Mike Hagman
	John Gailey	Emily Boettger
	Andrew Hart	Scott Rogers
	Shane Smith	
	Don Tucker	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen reported DWR is hosting public meetings regarding their draft Best Management Practices document for land subsidence. September 17, 2025, will be the probationary hearing for the Kern Subbasin. On October 22, 2025, the GKGSA will be hosting a

“state of the basin” and “well registration process” workshop. In addition, GKGSA has arranged several tours of the Kaweah Subbasin.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Water Forum Update

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Committees and Activities

Technical Advisory Committee

August 21, 2025 - Canceled

General Manager Larsen reminded the board of the prior TAC meeting discussion on July 17, 2025 regarding subbasin subflows. Don Tucker, from 4Creeks, further elaborated on the discussion regarding subflows.

Discussion ensued.

**Pete Vander Poel and Joe Cardoza arrived at this time.*

Next Meeting Scheduled for September 18, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Technical Advisory Meeting will be held on September 18, 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 September 22, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the combined committees will be held on September 22, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Kaweah Subbasin Management

Grants Status

General Manager Larsen provided a status report on the MLRP application process.

LandIQ/Water Dashboard Status

General Manager Larsen had no report.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consider Approval of Minutes for the August 11, 2025, Board Meeting

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #5a, a copy of the August 11, 2025, minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Shannon moved and Director Watte seconded to approve the August 11, 2025, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

FINANCIAL

Presentation of the Final Audit by M Green & Company

Tyler Coday from M. Green provided a presentation. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 6b is a copy of the audit.

Consider approval of Annual Audit Financial Report for the year ending December 2024

Director Vander Poel moved to approve the Annual Audit as presented in the agenda packet. Director Shannon seconded and the board unanimously approved.

Fiscal Year 2025 status report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The move to the new office location has caused a significant shift in the current fiscal year. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 6c is a copy of the updated expenses.

Consider approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Revision (Relocation Initial and Fixed Costs)

Director Cardoza moved and Director Van Groningen seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Revision as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

Discussion ensued.

DASHBOARD GROUNDWATER INVOICING

Status Report on 2023 Water Year

Program Coordinator Ruiz had no new report.

Status Report on 2024 Water Year

Program Coordinator Ruiz had no new report.

GREATER RULES AND REGULATIONS

Transfer Policy status report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. At the last stakeholder committee discussion, a recommendation was made to be able to transfer Native Sustainable Yield anywhere within the GKGSA boundary, with no restrictions.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Direction was provided to staff to draft revisions to the Rules and Regulations in line with the foregoing recommendations.

Consider approval of revisions to Rules and Regulations

The board took no action.

WY 2026 ALLOCATION

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Review Technical Memorandum from 4Creeks setting Water Year 2026 Allocations

Don Tucker, 4Creeks, provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 9c 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 13.0 inches to 6.0 inches.

Discussion ensued.

Review and consider recommendations from the Combined Committees who met August 25, 2025

Chairman Tantau reported at the last stakeholder committee a recommendation was made to adjust the allocation for Precipitation and Native Sustainable Yield.

General Manager Larsen reported on how other GSAs allocate Precipitation and Native Sustainable Yield. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 9b is a summary of the GSA allocations for Precipitation and Native Sustainable Yield in the Kaweah Subbasin.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Dennis Mills.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Johnny Gailey.

Don Tucker provided an estimate of the deep percolation of precipitation.

Public comment from Scott Rogers.

Public comment from Johnny Gailey.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Dennis Mills.

Discussion continued.

Direction was provided to staff to draft revisions to the Rules and Regulations in line with the foregoing recommendations to allow for the deep percolation of precipitation to be included in the Native Sustainable Yield allocation and subsequently removed from the Precipitation allocation.

Review and Consider Approval of Resolution setting Water Year 2026 Penalty Rate for Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3

General Manager Larsen reported current penalty rates are: \$150.00 for Tier 1; \$250.00 for Tier 2; and \$500.00 for Tier 3.

Director Shannon moved and Director Boyer seconded to approve the current rates. The board unanimously approved.

Discussion ensued.

The motion passed with seven votes in favor and three opposed.

MITIGATION PLAN

Status Report

General Manager Larsen did not have a general status report.

Haul Water Supply and access site update

General Manager Larsen provided a status report. Currently, the GSA is utilizing City of Farmersville city supply water at the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District fill station site. Provost & Pritchard continues to work on developing plans to move the access site to the Paregien Project.

Discussion ensued.

Review Monthly Claim Report

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is Agenda Item #10c is a copy of the current monthly report.

Review First Pilot Well Mitigation final report: PID-15173

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 10d is a copy of the final report for the first well mitigation.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Dennis Mills.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Scott Rogers.

Discussion ensued.

Consider Approval of Current Pilot – Dry Well Mitigation Claim(s)

No action item needed this month.

GREATER KAWEAH LAND FALLOWING PROGRAM

2025 Program status report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Numerous applications have come in with a total value

over \$1,000,000.00.

Discussion continued.

Staff will continue to collect applications through the end of the month. If needed, staff will bring back to the board for further consideration to increase the maximum amount contributed to the program based on total applications received.

GREATER KAWEAH MONITORING WELL NETWORK

Status Report

General Manager Larsen did not have a general status report.

Update from Thomas Harder & Company on Priority Monitoring Well Locations

Tom Harder from Thomas Harder and Company provided a report. He has several potential locations and contacts for monitoring wells.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Johnny Gailey and Dennis Mills.

Discussion continued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS (GSPs)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen reported he met with State Board staff on August 15, 2025. Staff was very focused on representative monitoring wells and sampling for water quality.

Discussion ensued.

Review Spring 2025 Groundwater Quality Report

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item 13b is a copy of the Spring 2025 groundwater quality report.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Scott Rogers.

Update on Core Team activity

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The land subsidence core team is reviewing the draft Best Management Practices for land subsidence and will plan to provide comment.

GROUNDWATER ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK – AMENDMENT #1:

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The subbasin continues to meet on a regular basis to continue further dialogue. More information will be provided as material items develop.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Don Tucker.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Geoff Vanden Heuvel.

Discussion ensued.

Review GAF Task Order 16 Amendment – Mid-Kaweah GSA (to be managed by Cost Share Agreement)

General Manager Larsen reviewed the task order.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN WELL INVENTORY AND WELL REGISTRATION

Status Report

General Manager Larsen reported that well registration is poised to begin. Staff will conduct outreach in October.

Discussion ensued.

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 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 were no reportable items.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mark Larsen, Secretary