



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD JANUARY 12, 2026

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on January 12, 2026, 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
Pete Vander Poel
Andrew Brazil
Eric Shannon
Joe Cardoza

Stephen Johnson
Jared De Groot
Clinton Church
Paul Boyer
David Van Groningen

**Directors
Absent:**

Brian Watte

Also Present:

Mark Larsen
Aubrey Mauritson
Andrew Hart
Shane Smith
Don Tucker
Rhett Anderson
Mark Hoffman
Rachel Glauser
Shawn Corley

Shane Smith
Tom Harder
Mike Hagman
Tami McVay
Blair Blaine
Diana Zegarra
Scott Rogers
Luis Verdugo
Emma Betcher

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Miscellaneous Items

General Manager Larsen reported staff had put together a 2025 recap that is available to the public.

GOVERNING BOARD OFFICERS APPOINTMENT

Consider Appointment of Agency Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

Chairman Tantau provided a report.

Director Shannon moved to appoint Chris Tantau as Chairman, Stephen Johnson as Vice-Chairman, and Mark Larsen as Secretary. Director De Groot seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Committees and Activities

Technical Advisory Committee

December 19, 2025- Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the TAC met on December 19, 2025. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4a.i(1), and incorporated by reference.

Next Meeting Scheduled for January 15, 2026

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Technical Advisory Meeting scheduled for January 15, 2026 is canceled. The next meeting will be in February.

Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees

December 22, 2025 – Summary

General Manager Larsen advised that the RCC & Stakeholder Committees met on December 22, 2025. A copy of the summary is attached as Agenda Item #4a.i(1), and incorporated by reference.

Next Meeting Scheduled for January 26, 2026

General Manager Larsen advised that the next meeting of the Combined Committees is scheduled for January 26, 2026.

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.

MLRP Development

General Manager Larsen had no report.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consider Approval of Minutes for the December 8, 2025, Board Meeting

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #6a, a copy of the December 8, 2025, minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Shannon moved and Director Brazil seconded to approve the December 8, 2025, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

FINANCIAL

Consider Approval of 2026 Revised Annual Budget

General Manager Larsen provided a report on 2026 Revised Annual Budget. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7a is a copy of the Revised Annual Budget.

**Director Boyer arrived during this item.*

Director Shannon moved to approve the Revised Annual Budget. Director Cardoza seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Director Boyer recused himself from the vote.*

GREATER KAWEAH WATER IMPORTATION

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Consider Approval of Water Purchase Agreement with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District to Import CVP Water

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of the Water Purchase Agreement with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District to Import CVP Water.

Discussion ensued.

Director Cardoza moved to approve the Water Purchase Agreement with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District to Import CVP Water. Director Shannon seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion ensued.

FINANCIALS

Consider Approval of 2026 Revised Annual Budget

Director Church asked the board to revise the budget. He inquired as to a blue notation in the Agenda Item #7a. Mr. Larsen noted the blue notation was in error, but the balance of the document was correct.

GREATER KAWEAH WATER CREDIT MANAGEMENT

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report.

Director Tantau reported the Stakeholder Committee discussed options for groundwater credit retirement.

Discussion ensued.

Direction provided to staff to put together some options for review next month.

Discussion continued.

**Directors Vander Poel and Van Groningen arrived during this item.*

Consider Approval of Options to Retire Water Credits

No action was taken.

GREATER KAWEAH MITIGATION PLAN

Status Report and Haul Water Supply and Access Site Update

General Manager Larsen provided an update. He continues to work with the City of Farmersville and Tulare County LAFCO regarding an extraterritorial agreement for services.

Discussion ensued.

Consider Approval of Stock Lease Agreement with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District – for Upgradient Recharge to Benefit Hypericum

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #10c is a copy of the Stock Lease Agreement with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District for Upgradient Recharge to Benefit Hypericum.

Discussion ensued.

Director Cardoza moved to approve the Stock Lease Agreement with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District for Upgradient Recharge to Benefit Hypericum. Director Shannon seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion continued regarding the Hypericum basin.

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

Don Tucker, 4Creeks, provided a status report. Two potential claims are at issue. Staff is further investigating one of the claims. The other claim, PID 15224, which was presented to the board last month, has received further investigation from staff. As a result of further investigation, staff has concluded the latter claim does not qualify for mitigation.

Discussion ensued.

No action was taken.

GREATER KAWEAH MONITORING WELL NETWORK

Status Report and Update from Thomas Harder & Company on Priority Monitoring Well Locations

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

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS (GSPs)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Staff is in the process now of uploading all GSPs and the Coordination Agreement onto the DWR SGMA Portal. Work continues with core teams on GSP implementation.

Discussion ensued.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN SUBSIDENCE MONITORING, DATA, AND MANAGEMENT

Status Report

General Manager Larsen had no update other than efforts are ongoing and a subbasin technical team meeting has occurred.

Discussion ensued.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting February 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tantau announced that the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, February 9, 2026, 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 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