



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD MAY 11, 2026**

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At approximately 1:00 p.m. on May 11, 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 Jared De Groot Rudy Mendoza (Alt.) Joe Cardoza Paul Boyer	Stephen Johnson Andrew Brazil Clinton Church Jeff Ritchie (Alt.) David Van Groningen
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Directors Absent:	Eric Shannon Brian Watte
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Also Present:	Mark Larsen Aubrey Mauritsen Shawn Corley John Gailey Andrew Hart Shane Smith	Don Tucker Blair Bain Craig Hornung Gene Kilgore Patrick Hutcheson Diana Zegarra
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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 announced Dennis Mills is no longer with Kings County Water District. The new alternate Director for Kings County Water District will be Chip Mello.

## GSA REPORTS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

### Committees and Activities

#### *Technical Advisory Committee*

##### April 16, 2026 – Canceled

General Manager Larsen advised that the TAC meeting scheduled for April 16, 2026, was canceled.

##### Next Meeting Scheduled for May 21, 2026

General Manager Larsen advised that the next Technical Advisory Meeting will be held on May 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

#### *Combined Rural Communities & Stakeholder Committees*

##### April 27, 2026 - Canceled

General Manager Larsen advised that the Combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder Committees meeting scheduled for April 27, 2026, was canceled.

##### Next Meeting Scheduled for May 25, 2026

The next meeting of the combined committees will be held on May 25, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

#### *Kaweah Subbasin Management*

##### Grants Status

General Manager Larsen had no report.

##### LandIQ/Water Dashboard Status

General Manager Larsen had no report.

##### MLRP Development

General Manager Larsen reported there is currently an open solicitation for proposed projects.

### CONSENT CALENDAR:

#### Consider Approval of Minutes for April 13, 2026, and April 29, 2026, Board Meetings

General Manager Larsen referred the Board to Agenda Item #5a, a copy of the April 13, 2026, minutes, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Director Church moved and Director Johnson seconded to approve the April 13, 2026, and the April 29, 2026, minutes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

### GREATER KAWEAH FINANCIAL

#### Consider Approval of Financial Report for the First Quarter Ending March 31, 2026

General Manager Larsen provided an overview of the Financial Report for the first quarter ending March 31, 2026. A copy of the report is attached hereto as Agenda Item #6a and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued regarding the report.

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

*\*Pete Vander Poel arrived during this agenda item.*

### GREATER KAWEAH LAND-BASED ASSESSMENT RESOLUTIONS ANNUAL FOLLOUP ACTION ITEMS

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

General Manager Larsen provided an overview of the Resolutions for the County of Tulare and Kings, establishing assessment rates. A copy of the Resolutions are attached hereto as Agenda Item #7a and incorporated by reference.

Discussion ensued regarding the Resolutions.

Director Vander Poel moved and Director Johnson seconded to approve the two Resolutions with authorization of an assessment of \$6.00 per acre. The board unanimously approved.

#### Follow Up Discussion and Action on Any Other Related County Filing Items Needed to Set the Assessment

No report was provided.

### GREATER KAWEAH TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

#### Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The chair of the committee is currently vacant. Will continue to explore options.

## GREATER KAWEAH DASHBOARD INVOICING

### Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report on receiving payments. The penalty hearing will come up at the next board meeting. Notices of the hearing have gone out, and a lot of landowners have already responded.

Discussion ensued.

## GREATER KAWEAH WATER CREDIT MANAGEMENT

### Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Discussions continue with surface water entities and recharge credits.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Andrew Hart.

Discussion continued.

Public comment from Gene Kilgore.

Discussion continued.

### Consider Approval of Policy Options to Reduce Water Credits

No action was taken.

## GREATER KAWEAH MITIGATION PLAN

### Status Report

Don Tucker, 4Creeks, provided a status report on various claims received.

Discussion ensued.

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

No action was taken.

### Status Report on Haul Water Fill Station

General Manager Larsen provided a report. It is hoped construction will start soon.

## GREATER KAWEAH WELL REGISTRATION

### Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Program Coordinator Sierra Rodriguez from the GSA had approximately 400 registered wells reported.

Public comment from Andrew Hart.

## GREATER KAWEAH MONITORING WELL NETWORK

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

Mr. Harder provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #13b is a copy of his presentation.

Discussion ensued.

### Consider Approval of Grant of Easement Agreement for Groundwater Monitoring Well

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #13c is a copy of the Grant of Easement.

Director Vander Poel moved and Director Ritchie seconded to approve the Easement as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved the motion.

## GREATER KAWEAH SUBSIDENCE MONITORING, DATA, AND MANAGEMENT

### Status Report and Review and Advise Staff on the Management Area Development Plan and Schedule

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #14b is a copy of Tom Harder's proposed framework for establishing management areas.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment from Johnny Gailey.

Discussion ensued.

GREATER KAWEAH WY 2026 LAND FOLLOWING PROGRAM

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. The board previously approved a maximum of \$2,000,000.00 for the program. Staff continues to work on outreach for the program.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS (GSPs)

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. A meeting is scheduled with DWR to discuss subsidence.

KAWEAH/TULE WATER BANKING PROJECT

Status Report

General Manager Larsen provided a report. A joint meeting amongst all the partners recently occurred. Mr. Larsen reviewed various parts of the presentation provided at the joint meeting.

Public comment from Johnny Gailey.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Larsen continued with his presentation.

Public comment from Andrew Hart.

Discussion continued.

Consider Approval of Consulting Support Services Agreement

General Manager Larsen provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #17b is a copy of the Consulting Support Services Agreement.

Director Vander Poel moved and Director Cardoza seconded to approve the Consulting Support Services Agreement as presented in the agenda packet. The board unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled Meeting June 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Tantau announced that the next regular meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will commence on Monday, June 8, 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: Two

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEM

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.

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Mark Larsen, Secretary

Water Account Number	APN Acres	Amount Owed	Tiered Water Used
4830	49.78	\$ 29,236.10	77.78
5304	160.27	\$ 32,530.90	115.19
5280	40	\$ 3,681.60	21.32
5262	216.5	\$ 58,090.20	217.1
5192	9.44	\$ 996.00	6.1
5185	9.62	\$ 298.50	1.99
4943	156.63	\$ 35,386.50	176.63
5169	6.23	\$ 2,213.50	9.02
5168	59.98	\$ 1,356.00	9.04
4946	35	\$ 2,467.50	16.45
5025	30	\$ 13,123.00	44.42
5018	1260.44	\$ 256,731.20	1180.54
4976	96.1	\$ 4,230.00	28.2
4967	4.82	\$ 258.00	1.72
4937	13.91	\$ 629.40	4.06
4931	252.83	\$ 63,651.70	273.05
4912	14.1	\$ 3,963.40	17.06
4018	98.14	\$ 6,975.90	43.67
3989	19	\$ 5,188.40	17.72
3988	13.54	\$ 3,982.50	16.49
3954	39.4	\$ 13,589.00	56.21
3925	12.2	\$ 1,017.00	17.98
3914	43.85	\$ 3,639.60	6.78
3891	8.17	\$ 3,710.80	12.67
3885	25.14	\$ 2,074.50	13.83
3861	71.97	\$ 12,778.70	58.59
3798	38.48	\$ 30,586.60	75.75
3795	117.84	\$ 68,857.00	40.19
3789	25.34	\$ 12,479.40	40.19
3779	53.07	\$ 5,743.00	34.86
1583	19.79	\$ 981.00	6.54
1221	18.34	\$ 1,960.50	11.95
991	141.49	\$ 33,858.00	167.12
951	12.44	\$ 2,620.50	13.27
753	10	\$ 835.50	5.57
676	118.93	\$ 19,201.70	103.67
4906	32.23	\$ 2,379.00	15.86
4891	147.41	\$ 36,385.00	178.56
4887	101.52	\$ 39,135.00	153.09
4885	48.25	\$ 1,065.00	7.1
4881	11.3	\$ 781.50	5.21
4843	5.16	\$ 64.50	0.43
4836	21.92	\$ 3,584.50	19.25
4751	7.51	\$ 49.50	0.33
4700	32.63	\$ 1,591.50	10.61
4624	23.93	\$ 759.00	5.06
4560	7.73	\$ 360.00	2.4
4510	5	\$ 306.00	2.04
4484	51.62	\$ 10,466.50	53.42
4471	10	\$ 694.50	4.63
4358	48	\$ 11,647.00	57.34
4341	27.27	\$ 10,418.90	38.76
4212	19.68	\$ 949.50	6.33
4210	57.17	\$ 37,307.70	110.09
4207	11.23	\$ 2,054.70	10.31
4117	9	\$ 466.50	3.11
4102	5	\$ 1,520.60	3.52
3940	12.51	\$ 1,879.00	2.58
4046	344.06	\$ 50,290.50	278.23
4277	157.4	\$ 25,084.10	111.45
		<b>\$ 1,265,880.00</b>	

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05**  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
**GREATER KAWEAH GSA**

**RESOLUTION ORDERING ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION OF TIER 1 AND  
TIER 2 PENALTIES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the GKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Rules and Regulations, the GKGSA established a Sustainable Yield allocation of 0.62 acre-feet per acre, a Tier 1 Penalty Allocation of 0.56 acre-feet per acre, and a Tier 2 Penalty Allocation of 0.69 acre-feet per acre for the Water Year 2024.

**WHEREAS**, on October 08, 2025, the GKGSA Board of Directors approved Resolution 2023-04 which authorized a per acre-foot penalty rate of \$150.00 per acre-foot for consumption of Tier 1 Penalty Allocation, \$250.00 per acre-foot for consumption of Tier 2 Penalty Allocations, and \$500.00 per acre-foot for any consumption beyond Tier 2 Penalty Allocations;

**WHEREAS**, Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference provides a list of Landowners owing Penalties (hereinafter "Landowners") and the total amounts owed for each Landowner;

**WHEREAS**, beginning on April 14, 2026, and monthly thereafter, Landowners with outstanding penalties were provided notice of the Penalty consumption and total amount owed;

**WHEREAS**, sixty (60) days after the first invoice showing Tier 1 Penalties was sent, the Tier 1 Penalty Amounts owed were determined delinquent;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Rules and Regulation Sections 4.06 and 5.01, Landowners are entitled to appeal any allocation amounts, including Tier 1 and Tier 2, and any amounts charged against Landowners;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has considered all protests and appeals received from Landowners, if any;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors desire to take further enforcement actions to enforce the Penalties against Landowners;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors held a public hearing on June 08, 2026, pursuant to Water Code § 10732(b)(2) to seek further enforcement actions;

**WHEREAS**, the Landowners were provided notice of the hearing via U.S. Mail on April 14, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, Landowners have been provided repeated notice of its overdraft consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered all relevant circumstances related to groundwater

consumption in excess of the Sustainable Yield Allocation as defined in the Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to, the nature and persistence of the violation, the extent of harm caused by the violation, the length of time over which the violation occurred, and any corrective action the landowner may have taken with respect to such harm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that, having considered the evidence and the aforementioned factors, the Board finds as follows:

1. During Water Year 2024 Landowners have consumed groundwater in excess of Landowners' Sustainable Yield Allocation for their Property in the amounts detailed in Exhibit A.

2. Landowners' excessive groundwater extraction as described herein has caused harm to the agency's ability to manage groundwater within the statutory requirements of SGMA, and has contributed to likelihood of the GSA experiencing undesirable results which SGMA was designed to prevent;

3. The excessive groundwater consumption has caused harm to the land within the agency's jurisdiction by contributing to chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater storage, degraded water quality, increased land subsidence, and depletions of surface water;

4. A penalty in the amount attached on Exhibit A shall be imposed on Landowners;

5. Staff is authorized to proceed with further enforcement of the attached penalties by filing Certificates of Lien against said Landowners with the County of Tulare Recorder's Office pursuant to Water Code Section 36729.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** was passed and adopted by the GKGSA Board of Directors on this 08<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Chris Tantau, Chair

ATTEST:

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Mark Larsen, Secretary

**Certificate of Secretary**

I do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority, a groundwater sustainability agency organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said Agency at a meeting thereof duly and regularly held in Visalia, California on the 08<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026, at which meeting a quorum of the said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in whole or any part thereof, and remains in force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Certificate on this 08<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026, at Visalia, California.

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Mark Larsen, Secretary  
Greater Kaweah GSA

## TASK ORDER-10 AMENDMENT

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**CONTRACT:** Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Support

**CONSULTANT:** Montgomery & Associates

**TASK ORDER NUMBER:** 10

**TASK ORDER DESCRIPTION:** Data Management System – Amendment #3

**DATE:** March 31, 2026

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Montgomery & Associates (M&A) is submitting Amendment #3 to Task Order 10 for updates to the data management system (DMS) developed as a SGMA requirement for the Kaweah Subbasin’s Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The work covered under the amendment covers the period from May 2026 through April 2027. Work will focus on periodic (annual, semi-annual, or quarterly) updates to the DMS and the internal and public web maps.

The DMS cost will be shared by all 3 Kaweah Subbasin GSAs in accordance with a cost sharing agreement.

## SCOPE OF WORK

This 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment covers adding the features and performing the tasks listed below:

- Monthly hosting and maintenance fees for the M&A DMS and web portal from May 2026 through April 2027. The hosting and maintenance fee is \$1,500 per month. Thus, the total hosting and maintenance fee is **\$18,000**. This does not include the additional \$250 monthly hosting and maintenance fee for the Well Registration Application—that cost is included in the budget for Task Order 15.
- Updates to the DMS from May 2026 through April 2027. Depending on the data, these updates may be completed annually, semi-annually, or quarterly. The estimated cost of these updates is **\$35,000**.
  - Update RMS layers and MT/MOs (annually)
  - Update time-series data for RMS:
    - Groundwater levels (semi-annually)
    - Subsidence (quarterly)
    - Water quality (semi-annually)

- Surface water flow (annually)
  - Update GIS layers on internal and public web portal maps (annually).
  - Update SMC results on web portal maps (large circles behind stations showing sites exceeding MT/MO/Action Level). Only the most recent data for each SMC will be shown at a given time
    - Groundwater levels (semi-annually)
    - Cumulative subsidence (quarterly)
    - Water quality (semi-annually) - one layer for any constituent and other layers for each constituent
  - Update the web map and GIS layers in the Kaweah Data Share ArcGIS Online group annually, so they mirror the web portal maps and can be downloaded by GSAs and other consultants (annually)
- In addition to the periodic updates to the DMS, this amendment also covers additional tasks related to the DMS and web portal. The estimated cost of these tasks is **\$7,000**.
  - In coordination with other consultants, reconcile DMS groundwater level data with groundwater level data in the SGMA Portal
  - Implement a tool in the web portal map that allows users to download/print multiple time-series charts at once
  - Host an additional DMS/web portal training session for GSAs and other consultants on Microsoft Teams

At the request of the GSAs, other data not specified here may also be added.

## **BUDGET AND SCHEDULE**

The total estimated cost for Amendment #3 to Task Order 10 is **\$60,000** to support updates to the Kaweah Subbasin DMS from May 2026 through April 2027.

DMS Hosting and Maintenance Fees (May 2026 – April 2027)	\$18,000
Periodic (annual/semi-annual/quarterly) updates to the DMS	\$35,000
Additional DMS tasks	\$7,000
<b>Total Amendment #3</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>



M&A will not invoice beyond the estimated budget without prior approval from MKGSA. This Task Order will be billed in accordance with M&A's most recent fee and rate schedule. M&A will only invoice MKGSA for actual work completed on a time and materials basis. Invoices will be sent monthly to MKGSA and will reference the appropriate Task Order number.

**Authorization**

This Amendment #3 to Task Order 10 has been executed under the referenced Master Services Agreement between the Mid-Kaweah GSA and Montgomery & Associates. By signing below, the parties agree to all terms and conditions of this Task Order and the Master Services Agreement.

CONSULTANT:  
Errol L. Montgomery & Associates, Inc.

CLIENT:  
Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability  
Agency

Signature:  
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Signature:  
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## TASK ORDER-16 AMENDMENT

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**CONTRACT:** Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Support

**CONSULTANT:** Montgomery & Associates

**TASK ORDER NUMBER:** 16

**TASK ORDER DESCRIPTION:** Land Subsidence Core Team – Amendment #4A to Task Order 16

**DATE:** April 31, 2026

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Montgomery & Associates (M&A) is submitting Amendment #4A to Task Order 16 to cover ongoing work representing the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA) on the Land Subsidence Core Team.

Similar to the original scope of work, M&A will lead the Kaweah Subbasin Land Subsidence Core Team meetings. To support the decisions to be made, M&A will conduct online meetings, provide updates from any Regional Subsidence Management and Action Plan meetings, provide technical data from the groundwater model and 1D subsidence model, and draft memoranda for GSA boards as necessary. This scope does not include preparing and running new model simulations.

The original Task Order covered work through June 2025 but lasted through February 2026. Amended #4A scope covers work from March 2026 through June 2027 (16 months).

## BUDGET AND SCHEDULE

The total estimated cost for Amendment #4A to Task Order 16 is **\$68,600**. M&A will not invoice beyond the estimated budget without prior approval from MKGSA. This Task Order will be billed in accordance with M&A's most recent fee and rate schedule. M&A will only invoice MKGSA for actual work completed on a time and materials basis. Invoices will be sent monthly to MKGSA and will reference the appropriate Task Order number.



## Authorization

This Amendment #4A to Task Order 16 has been executed under the referenced Master Services Agreement between the Mid-Kaweah GSA and Montgomery & Associates. By signing below, the parties agree to all terms and conditions of this Task Order and the Master Services Agreement.

CONSULTANT:  
Errol L. Montgomery & Associates, Inc.

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Signature:

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