



**MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

November 13, 2024 @ 3:00 PM
City of Tulare Council Chambers
491 North M Street
Tulare, CA 93274

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Nelsen, David Bixler, Dave Martin, Dennis Mederos, Leslie Caviglia (alternate) and Blake Wilbur

MEMBERS ABSENT: Liz Wynn

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Fukuda, Kathi Artis, Marc Mondell, Valerie Kincaid, Georgina King, Diana Zegarra, Debbie Burgos and James Fisher

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Tessa Johnson, Nick Bartsch, Doughlas Jackson, Jose Sigala, Melissa Hermann, Alyssa Tartaglia, Stephanie Ruiz – Greater Kaweah GSA, Richard Garcia and Justin Murray

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Nelsen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- 2) **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Chair Nelsen called for public comments. No comments were forthcoming.
- 3) **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - a) **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 02, 2024.** By a motion of Director Bixler, seconded by Director Wilbur and unanimously carried by all directors present, Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2024 were approved.
 - b) **Financial Statements – Year-to-Date** - Ms. Artis presented the financial statements. By a motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Wilbur and unanimously carried by all directors present, the financial report as presented was approved.
 - c) **Legal Counsel Report** – V. Kincaid provided the report on ongoing legal activities including an update on DWR review of GSPs and an update on the legal proceedings in the Tulare Lake Subbasin.
 - d) **MKGSA Advisory Committee Update** – Mr. Fukuda gave an update reporting that the Advisory Committee met on November 5th with the focus on revisions to GSP. The Advisory Committee recommends adopting the MKGSA 2024 Seconded Amended GSP and Coordination Agreement.
 - e) **MKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan**
 - i) Open Public Hearing on Adoption of the 2024 Second Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Chairman Nelsen opened the Public Hearing for the Adoption of the 2024 Second Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Coordination Agreement. Mr. Fukuda gave

- a presentation on the updates to the MKGSA GSP since the determination by DWR that the First Amended GSP was inadequate.
- ii) Consideration of Resolution No. 2024-06 Adopting the 2024 Second Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Coordination Agreement – By a motion of Director Bixler, seconded by Director Martin and by the following roll call: Ayes: Directors Martin, Bixler, Nelson, Wilbur, Mederos and Caviglia the Board approved Resolution No. 2024-06 Adopting the 2024 Second Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Coordination Agreement.
 - iii) Close Public Hearing – Chairman Nelsen thanked the Kaweah Subbasin Technical Team, various committees, and the public for assisting in the development of the 2024 Second Amended GSP and thereupon closed the public hearing.
- f) Consideration Of Task Orders with Montgomery & Associates**
- i) Discuss and Consider Amended No. 4 to Task Order No. 7 – DWR Response – Amendment #4 is in the amount of \$150,000. Mr. Fukuda presented a report to the Board for the request and need to amend Task Order No. 7. By a motion of Director Caviglia, seconded by Director Mederos, and unanimously carried by all directors present, Task Order 07 Amendment #4 – DWR Response was approved.
 - ii) Discuss and Consider Approval to Establish a Task Order and Budget to Implement the Kaweah Subbasin Well Registration Process – Mr. Fukuda presented a report that recommended that the Interim General Manager establish a Task Order with Montgomery and Associates to implement the Well Registration Process as provided and for the budget provided of \$35,000 and to seek agreement with the Greater Kaweah GSA and East Kaweah GSA to cost share in the program. By a motion of Director Wilbur, seconded by Director Martin, and unanimously carried by all directors present, the Interim General Manager was directed to establish a Task Order with Montgomery & Associates to create the Well Registration Process for a budget of \$35,000.
- 4) **INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT** – Mr. Fukuda reported participating in a Groundwater Resources Association Event and an Association of California Water Agencies Event.
- 5) **CALIFORNIA GROUNDWATER COALITION** – No Report
- 6) **LEGISLATION** - No Report
- 7) **BOARD/STAFF UPDATES, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST** – No Updates
- 8) **CLOSED SESSION**
- i) Gov’t Code 54956.9 – Anticipated Litigation: One Case – Upon returning from Closed Session, Ms. Kincaid reported that no action was taken.
- 9) **ADJOURNMENT**: Next meeting December 10, 2024