



**MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
Special Board of Directors Meeting**

My 30, 2024 @ 8:30 AM
Tulare Irrigation District
6826 Avenue 240, Tulare, CA 93274

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Nelsen, David Bixler, Dave Martin, Dennis Mederos, Liz Wynn, Trisha Whitfield (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Blake Wilbur

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Fukuda, James Fisher, Nick Bartsch, Diana Zegarra, Derrik Williams

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Amanda Piesch-Derby, Mark Larsen, Richard Garcia, Matthew Fienup, Paul DeJong

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Nelsen called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM
Upon opening the meeting, Mr. Fukuda noted that an item had come to the attention of the MKGSA staff and required the MKGSA Board of Directors to consider adding Agenda Item No. 3.c. Patnership Agreement for Regional Water Recharge in the San Joaquin Valley. By a motion of Director Mederos, seconded by Director Whitfield, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, Agenda Item No 3.c. was added to the Agenda.
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment was provided by Paul DeJong. Mr. DeJong indicated that he participated in the Auction and he felt the process operated like lottery rather than an auction.
- 3) GENERAL BUSINESS
 - a) Discussion and Consideration of Transactions of the May 24, 2024, Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Version 1.0 Kaweah Water Market Pilot Auction – Mr. Fienup gave the review of the auction that took place on May 24, 2024. Mr. Fienup reported that there were 535 AF of bids offered at an average price of \$143.22 and 90 AF of offers at an average price of \$175 per AF. Mr. Fienup thereupon noted that 90 AF of groundwater credits were being considered for transfer at an average price of \$190.06 via 4 individual transactions. The Board provided comments and discussion on the transactions. By a motion of Director Bixler, seconded by Director Wynn and unanimously carried by all directors present, the transaction of the May 24, 2024 MKGSA Version 1.0 Kaweah Water Market Pilot were approved.

- b) Department of Water Resources Inadequate Determination of the Revised 2020 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Submitted for the San Joaquin Valley – Kaweah Subbasin Update – Mr. Fukuda gave the review on Predictive Modeling Results.
- c) Partnership Agreement for Regional Water Recharge in the San Joaquin Valley – Mr. Fukuda gave the review of the proposed partnership with the California Water Institute at Fresno State. Mr. Fukuda recommends we enter into the Partnership Agreement to provide local context into groundwater recharge activities. By a motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Wynn and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Interim General Manager was given authority to execute the Partnership Agreement for Regional Water Recharge in the San Joaquin Valley.

4) CLOSED SESSION

- a) Upon returning from Closed Session, Ms. Kincaid reported no action was taken in Closed Session.

5) ADJOURNMENT: Next Regular Meeting – June 11, 2024