



## MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

### MINUTES

October 11, 2022 @ 3:00 PM  
MKGSA Board of Directors Special Meeting

*This Committee Meeting was held via teleconference with no physical location due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Governors Executive Order N-29-20*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Steve Nelsen, Dennis Mederos, Greg Collins, David Bixler, Howard Stroman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Fukuda, Kathi Artis, Valerie Kincaid, James Fisher, Tim Leo, Derrik Williams, Matt Klinchuch, Rhett Anderson, Derrik Williams

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Johnny Gailey, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Kris Tomlinson, Mark Larsen, Marlene Ferreira, Maryse Suppiger, Steve Jackson, Blake Wilbur, and Richard Garcia

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Chair Martin advanced to Agenda No. 4a Consideration of Resolution No. 2022-08-Resolution to Implement Teleconference Requirement During a Proclaimed State of Emergency. By a motion of Director Nelsen, seconded by Director Bixler approved and unanimously approved by all Directors present, Resolution 2022-08 was approved.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Chair Martin called for public comments. No public comments were forthcoming.
3. GENERAL BUSINESS
  - a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 11, 2022. By a motion of Director Mederos, seconded by Director Nelsen and carried by all directors present the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.
  - b. Financial Reports
    - i. Financial Statements – Year-to-Date - K. Artis presented the financial statements. By a motion of Director Nelsen, seconded by Director Bixler and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Financial Statements were approved.
    - ii.
  - c. Legal Counsel Report - V. Kincaid gave a review of statewide issues. Ms. Kincaid made mention of the recent Water Supply Strategy report by the Governor, recent CEQA exemptions for groundwater projects, and a forthcoming round of grants from DWR

- d. MKGSA Advisory Committee Update – The October meeting was being rescheduled.
- e. MKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan
  - i. 2022 First Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Coordination Agreement Comment Letters – Update – Mr. Fukuda gave an update noting that three comments were submitted to DWR on our First Amended GSP and Coordination Agreement.
- f. MKGSA GSP Implementation Workplan
  - i. Emergency Ordinance to Establish an Extraction Limitation for the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Service Area Update – Mr. Fukuda gave the update noting that the program was achieving reductions in evapotranspiration and that due to the ongoing conditions he recommended that the Board leave the Emergency Ordinance in place. The Board concurred with Mr. Fukuda and advised him to leave the Emergency Ordinance in place pending any recommendations that may be forthcoming from the MKGSA Advisory Committee.
  - ii. Consider Task Order No. 9 with Montgomery & Associates for Miscellaneous Technical Support – Mr. Fukuda gave the review. By a motion of Director Bixler and seconded by Director Mederos the Board of Directors approved Task Order No. 9 by the following roll-call vote:
    - Director Collins – Yes
    - Director Nelsen – Yes
    - Director Stroman – Yes
    - Director Martin – Yes
- g. Kaweah Subbasin Coordination – Mr. Fukuda gave updates on the following items:
  - i. Kaweah Subbasin Management Committee – Meeting October 19, 2022.
  - ii. Prop 68 Planning Grant – No Update
  - iii. Prop 68 Implementation Grant – Continued work on Design & specifications
  - iv. SGM Implementation Grant Round 1 – DWR has submitted a Draft Contract: Grant contract being finalized
  - v. SGM Implementation Grant Round 2 – Round 2 is now available and the GSAs were coordinating projects to be submitted.
  - vi. Department of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program Grant – the contract with the Department of Conservation was signed and local participants were beginning to work on a process to identify and approve local projects.
  - vii. Water Marketing Strategy Grant – Progress is being made on Water Marketing Strategy V 1.0
  - viii. Kaweah Water Foundation (CVSALTS) – No Update
  - ix. Kaweah Interbasin Coordination – No Update

4. STAFF UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND RECEIVE DIRECTION, IF NECESSARY, REGARDING COVID-19 – No report

5. BOARD/STAFF UPDATES, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST – No Update

6. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Gov't Code §54956.9 – Anticipated Litigation: Two Cases

Upon returning from Closed Session, Ms. Kincaid reported that the Board supported the filing of an Amicus Brief in the Friant Litigation after Counsel Review. Further, the Board gave direction on subbasin coordination regarding groundwater allocation issues.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martin adjourned the meeting.