

**MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

June 4, 2024 – 3:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jessi Snyder, Eric Correia, Greg Collins, Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, Jordan Leal, Richard Garcia, Robert Saenz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Machado, Aaron Oliver

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Fukuda, James Fisher, Diana Zegarra

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Phil Mirwald, Andrew Hart, Derrick Williams, Peter Petrelis, Soapy Mulholland, Tien Tran

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Correia called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Correia called for public comments. None were forthcoming.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Chair Correia called for the approval for the May 9, 2024, meeting minutes. Committee Member Saenz motioned to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Committee Member Vanden Heuvel. The minutes were approved.

4. **MKGSA GSP**

- a. **MKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan - Updates** – Ms. King presented the report. King started the presentation with a lookback on all the work that went into the draft GSP updates to date. There has been a total of 106 meetings regarding updates to the 2024 amended GSP to date, which includes board meetings, technical team meetings, advisory committee meetings, technical teams, stakeholder meetings, and public workshops.

For the SWRCB and stakeholders to review the amended GSP more efficiently, technical teams aligned the table of contents and report structure to be identical subbasin-wide. The templates and formatting were also aligned, as well as standardized subbasin-wide brochures summarizing GSP revisions for interested parties.

Sustainable Management Criteria – Subsidence / Groundwater Levels – Ms. King presented the report. The most significant to the water level SMCs is a refinement in the definition of the undesirable result. The technical teams established a subbasin-wide undesirable result as “If more than 17 upper aquifer RMS wells in the Kaweah Subbasin exceed their minimum threshold in any given water year AND More than 30 domestic wells in the Kaweah Subbasin are impacted due to overdraft and require mitigation in any given water year. If 30 wells require mitigation for multiple years, no more than 350 wells shall be impacted cumulatively by 2040 OR if a GSA is unable to meet mitigation needs”.

For reference, 350 wells is approximately 10% of the known domestic wells in the Subbasin. Income levels are not considered for mitigation, all domestic well owners are eligible to the same benefit.

For subsidence, it was clarified that the most restrictive undesirable result was mitigating flood control structures near the southern border of the Kaweah Subbasin and keeping a smooth transition between the subbasin boundary on the Kaweah-Tule border. Therefore, the undesirable result was set to 7 feet to ensure mitigation would not be cost prohibitive for the Kaweah and/or Tule Subbasins. To avoid the minimum threshold for subsidence, the proposed minimum thresholds for lower aquifer water levels must stay above historical MTs (above 2022 groundwater levels).

Chair Correia called for a motion for the draft amended GSPs to be approved for Board consideration. Vice-Chair Snyder made the motion, Chair Correia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, UPDATES, OR OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Chair Correia motioned for any updates or reports. None were forthcoming.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Correia adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2024.

Attest: _____
GSA Board Secretary

Advisory Committee Chair