

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

**MINUTES**

June 8, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

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: Dennis Mederos, Dave Martin, David Bixler, Howard Stroman, Steve Nelson, Greg Collins

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Fukuda, Leslie Caviglia, Trisha Whitfield, Valerie Kincaid, James Fisher

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Randy Groom, Alyssa Kirk, Amanda Peirsch-Derby (DWR), Derrik Williams (M&A), Johnny Gailey (DVWA), Kathi Artis, Leland Meibery, Matt Klinchuch (P&P), Richael Young (Mammoth Water), Richard Garcia, Tim Leo (M&A), Blake Wilbur, Stacie Ann Silva, Tim Mendonca, Mark Larsen

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mederos called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Mederos called for comments from any members of the public present at the meeting. None were forthcoming.

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**a. *Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 11, 2021\****. Minutes were approved without edits, moved by Director Bixler and seconded by Director Martin and carried 6 - 0 to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes.

**b. *Financial Reports\****

**1. Financial Statements – Year-to-Date.** K. Artis presented the financial statements for the Board’s Review. It was moved by Director Nelson, seconded by Director Nelsen, and unanimously carried to accept the financial statements as presented.

**c. *Discussion and consideration of FY 2021-22 Budget***

A. Fukuda met with Montgomery and Associates and minor adjustments to the FY 2021-22 forecasted budget were made bringing the budget to approximately \$640,000. Most of the expenses go toward the development of the water allocation system and policies that oversee it. MKGSA will also budget time to develop a project list and a process to add proposed projects not already mentioned in the GSP to the list. Other expenses include public outreach regarding the updated water allocation (~\$25,000) and consulting fees to highlight potential MKGSA GSP action items following the 4 GSA decisions released by DWR.

***d. Legal Counsel Report***

V. Kincaid reported on four responses to GSPs around the State. Two reviews were adequate, and two reviews were incomplete. Ms. Kincaid stated DWR will use six components to analyze GSP's and judge them on whether they use the best available science to address each component. Ms. Kincaid provided a detailed discussion on each GSP review

A. Fukuda stated MKGSA may need to be prepared for DWR comments using groundwater levels as this strategy was used in the GSP. V. Kincaid said one GSP did pass using groundwater as a proxy for interconnected surface waters, but that GSP explained it better than the other two.

A. Peisch-Derby (DWR) encouraged the public to attend the "GSP Assessment Live Question and Answer Session Confirmation" virtual session, available to the public, on June 24, 2021. A. Peisch-Derby also said because the Kaweah Subbasin has more than 1 GSP, it is unlikely a decision on adequacy on the GSP will be reached until January 2022. Basins with 1 GSP are easier for DWR to judge and likely be released sooner.

***e. MKGSA Advisory Committee Update***

No updates.

***f. MKGSA GSP Review Status***

A. Fukuda said the MKGSA's consultants (Montgomery & Associates and Provost & Prichard) were involved in all 4 reviewed GSP's (M&A in both deemed 'adequate'). These consultants will be developing a technical memo on MKGSA's GSP to comment on potential problems they foresee based on the first round of decisions and going through the process. The technical memo is expected this fall.

***g. MKGSA GSP Implementation Workplan***

**1. MKGSA Monitoring Network Presentation – Update**

Work picking up for a water allocation this fall. M&A and P&P are working on the MODFLOW model, water budget, and fall water allocation. Tim Leo of M&A gave a presentation outline of the Representative Monitoring Networks project.

- 25 wells have been selected for the representative monitoring network (RMN) in the MKGSA so far. 12 monitoring wells in upper aquifer, 7 in the lower aquifer, 6 in east aquifer (no Corcoran Clay in east aquifer).
- Still working to identify additional wells suitable for the RMN. Main criteria for suitable wells include (1) large historical dataset already tied to it (2) metadata associated with history and notes on installation and (3) must not be perforated on both sides of the Corcoran Clay, in order to assess each principal aquifer separately (4) not currently being used for pumping and (5) and has enough depth to provide long term monitoring if water levels persist.
  - 8 wells fit criteria as potential additions to the RMN (5 upper, 3 lower)
  - Fukuda is coordinating with Waukena School District as another potential candidate, and Director Martin might know of another one he'll look into.

***h. Kaweah Subbasin Coordination***

**1. Kaweah Subbasin Management Committee**

No updates.

**2. Prop 68 Planning Grant** – Fresno State to present results on monitoring metering technologies that may be suited for our basin. FSU will likely present within the next two weeks. Davids Engineering ET calculations spatially overlapped those in the EKGSA region using LandIQ. There were some large discrepancies in the overlapped citrus area. The Tulare Irrigation District Board approved a proposal by LandIQ to deliver monthly ET maps & data with an extensive network of ground truthing. This will replace future calculations by David Eng. that lack ground control.

**3. Prop 68 Implementation Grant** – A.Fukuda & M. Klinchuch are working on a contract due next week. More updates to follow in the August meeting.

**4. Water Marketing Strategy Grant** – The committee selected a consultant and will release the name once a contract has been signed, likely by the end of the month. Schedule has been accelerated due to the drought conditions. Negotiations are ongoing to keep costs low despite the accelerated schedule, but the project may be a little over budget to account for the condensed time frame.

**5. Kaweah Water Foundation (CVSALTS)** – Early action plan in preliminary action zones were conditionally approved by the regional board. Four homeowners are currently receiving bottled water.

**6. Kaweah Interbasin Coordination** – Potential partnership with Rosemary Knight of Stanford U on a regional scale subsidence modeling program. Stanford is looking to find supplementary funding to bring costs down for the MKGSA. Knight will present to MKGSA on Thursday, June 10.

**4. ACTION ITEM FOR BOARD SELECTION OF NEW MKGSA CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The MKGSA rotates leadership between the three entities of the JPA. TID is next in line. Director Bixler nominated Director Martin to be Chair. Director Mederos seconded that motion. Dave Martin (TID) became the new MKGSA Chair by a vote of 6-0. Director Collins nominated Director Nelson as Vice-Chair, Director Mederos seconded that motion. Steve Nelson (Visalia) was elected Vice Chair of the MKGSA with a 6-0 vote.

**5. STAFF UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND RECEIVE DIRECTION, IF NECESSARY, REGARDING COVID-19**

MKGSA to follow CalOSHA regulations when OSHA, state, and federal standards contradict.

**6. BOARD/STAFF UPDATES, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST**

Governor Newsom's \$100 billion investment in infrastructure, \$5.1 billion is going toward water resources. \$500 million for multi-benefit land repurposing to provide long-term, flexible support for water users.

7. **CLOSED SESSION:** No closed session items in the agenda.
4. **ADJOURNMENT:** The July meeting will be cancelled (4th of July weekend) so the next scheduled regular meeting will be August 10th, 2021

Attest:

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GSA Board Secretary

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Advisory Committee Chair

Mid-Kaweah GSA  
Agenda Item Report

**August 10, 2021**

**Agenda Item Wording:** Fiscal – Financial Statements Year To Date

**Report Author:** Kathi Artis – Tulare ID

**Background Discussion:**

The GSA's financial policies require a financial overview and Profit & Loss Statement through the end of the previous month are to be provided to the Board of Directors at each Board meeting.

**Attachments:**

Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2021

Profit & Loss Statement for period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Profit & Loss Statement for period July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021

Transaction Detail by Account for checking and money market accounts for period June 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021

Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2021

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	<u>Jul 31, 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	893.16
Money Market	216,419.03
Total Checking/Savings	<u>217,312.19</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>217,312.19</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>217,312.19</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	195,186.43
Total Accounts Payable	<u>195,186.43</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>195,186.43</u>
Total Liabilities	195,186.43
Equity	
Retained Earnings	46,507.08
Net Income	<u>-24,381.32</u>
Total Equity	<u>22,125.76</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>217,312.19</u></u>

**Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**Profit & Loss**

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

	<u>July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021</u>	<u>2020-2021 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Call For Funds	210,000.00	338,594.00	(128,594.00)
Reimbursed Expenses-East Kaweah GSA	61,667.00	-	61,667.00
Prop 1 GSP Grant	-	150,000.00	(150,000.00)
Kaweah Sub Basin Expenses	9,434.82		9,434.82
Total Reimbursed Expenses	<u>71,101.82</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>	<u>(78,898.18)</u>
Total Income	281,101.82	488,594.00	(207,492.18)
Expense			
Net Reimbursements To/From Other GSAs	-	279,000.00	(279,000.00)
Audit Expense	5,800.00	4,100.00	1,700.00
Consulting Fees			
Montgomery & Associates	61,166.67	200,000.00	(138,833.33)
Provost & Pritchert	58,502.14	-	58,502.14
Stantec Consulting	6,644.20		6,644.20
Consulting Fees-GEI-Sub-Basin Coordination	16,359.73	-	16,359.73
Total Consulting Fees	<u>142,672.74</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>(57,327.26)</u>
Contributions - Water Blueprint of San Joaquin Valley	1,260.00	-	1,260.00
Engineering Expenses	3,171.19	-	3,171.19
Insurance	1,429.63	5,000.00	(3,570.37)
Legal	25,130.00	50,000.00	(24,870.00)
Membership Dues	5,585.00	-	5,585.00
Office Expense	1,930.70	2,700.00	(769.30)
TID Administrative Fees	159,770.32	165,000.00	(5,229.68)
Rent	250.00	-	250.00
Total Expense	<u>346,999.58</u>	<u>705,800.00</u>	<u>(358,800.42)</u>
Net Ordinary Income/(Loss)	<u>(65,897.76)</u>	<u>(217,206.00)</u>	<u>151,308.24</u>
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Interest Income	174.70	300.00	(125.30)
Total Other Income	<u>174.70</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>(125.30)</u>
Net Other Income	<u>174.70</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>(125.30)</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u><u>(65,723.06)</u></u>	<u><u>(216,906.00)</u></u>	<u><u>151,182.94</u></u>

**Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency**  
**Profit & Loss**  
July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021

	July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2021	2021-2022 Budget	Variance
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Call For Funds	-	550,000.00	(550,000.00)
Reimbursed Expenses-East Kaweah GSA	-	-	-
Prop 1 GSP Grant	-	-	-
Kaweah Sub Basin Expenses	-	-	-
Total Reimbursed Expenses	-	-	-
Total Income	-	550,000.00	(550,000.00)
Expense			
Net Reimbursements To/From Other GSAs	-	-	-
Audit Expense	-	6,000.00	(6,000.00)
Consulting Fees			
Montgomery & Associates	-	-	-
Provost & Pritchert	-	-	-
Stantec Consulting	-	-	-
Consulting Fees-GEI-Sub-Basin Coordination	-	-	-
Total Consulting Fees	-	300,000.00	-
Contributions - Water Blueprint of San Joaquin Valley	-	8,500.00	(8,500.00)
Engineering Expenses	-	-	-
Insurance	-	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Legal	2,310.00	50,000.00	(47,690.00)
Membership Dues	-	6,000.00	(6,000.00)
Office Expense	6.60	1,500.00	(1,493.40)
TID Administrative Fees	22,083.33	265,000.00	(242,916.67)
Rent	-	-	-
Total Expense	24,399.93	638,500.00	(314,100.07)
Net Ordinary Income/(Loss)	(24,399.93)	(88,500.00)	(235,899.93)
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Interest Income	18.61	125.00	(106.39)
Total Other Income	18.61	125.00	(106.39)
Net Other Income	18.61	125.00	(106.39)
Net Income/(Loss)	(24,381.32)	(88,375.00)	(236,006.32)



# Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Transactions by Account

As of July 31, 2021  
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Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Account	Receipts	Disbursements
<b>Checking</b>						
Check	06/10/2021	1246	Provost & Pritchard	Consulting Fees		(11,960.64)
			Provost & Pritchard	Consulting Fees		(1,438.00)
			Provost & Pritchard	Consulting Fees		(10,457.77)
Check	06/10/2021	1247	Tulare Irrigation Dist	TID Administrative Fees		(22,083.33)
Check	06/10/2021	1248	O'Laughlin & Paris LLP	Legal		(1,190.00)
Transfer	06/10/2021		Citizens Business Bank	Money Market	48,000.00	
Check	06/22/2021		Citizens Business Bank	Office Expense		(12.17)
Check	06/25/2021	1249	GEI Consultants	Consulting Fees		(269.38)
Check	06/25/2021	1250	Provost & Pritchard	Consulting Fees		(5,371.50)
Transfer	06/25/2021		Citizens Business Bank	Money Market	5,000.00	
Check	07/01/2021	1251	Stantec Consulting Services	Consulting Fees		(4,289.20)
Check	07/01/2021	1252	Montgomery & Associates	Consulting Fees		(6,773.33)
Transfer	07/01/2021		Citizens Business Bank	Money Market	11,000.00	
Check	07/13/2021	1253	O'Laughlin & Paris LLP	Legal		(2,310.00)
Check	07/13/2021	1254	Tulare Irrigation Dist	TID Administrative Fees		(22,083.33)
Transfer	07/13/2021		Citizens Business Bank	Money Market	25,000.00	
Check	07/23/2021		Citizens Business Bank	Office Expense		(6.60)
					<u>89,000.00</u>	<u>(88,245.25)</u>
<b>Total Checking</b>						
<b>Money Market</b>						
Transfer	06/10/2021		Funds Transfer	Checking		(48,000.00)
Transfer	06/25/2021		Funds Transfer	Checking		(5,000.00)
Deposit	06/30/2021		Interest	Interest Income	24.77	
Transfer	07/01/2021		Funds Transfer	Checking		(1,000.00)
Transfer	07/13/2021		Funds Transfer	Checking		(25,000.00)
Deposit	07/30/2021		Interest	Interest Income	18.61	
					<u>43.38</u>	<u>(89,000.00)</u>
					<u>89,043.38</u>	<u>(177,245.25)</u>
<b>Total Money Market</b>						
				Net Cash		<u>(88,201.87)</u>

