



## MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

### MINUTES

July 20, 2022 @ 3:00 PM

*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, Howard Stroman Greg Collins

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Bixler

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

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Johnny Gailey, Cordie Qualle, Derrik Williams, Diana Zegarra, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Jessi Snyder, Kris Tomlinson, Mark Larsen, Marlene Ferreira, Maryse Suppiger, Rhett Anderson, Stacie Ann Silva, Steve Jackson, Blake Wilbur, Richard Garcia, Julie Allen, Soapy Mullholand

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. 2022-06-Resolution to Implement Teleconference Requirement During a Proclaimed State of Emergency. By a motion of Director Nelsen, seconded by Director Collins approved and unanimously approved by all Directors present, Resolution 2022-06 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 June 14, 2022 and the Workshop on July 6, 2022 - By a motion of Director Nelsen, seconded by Director Mederos and carried by all directors present the June 14, 2022 meeting minutes and the July 6, 2022 Workshop minutes were approved.
  - b. Financial Reports
    - i. Financial Statements – Year-to-Date - K. Artis presented the financial statements. By a motion of Director Collins, seconded by Director Nelsen and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Financial Statements were approved.

- c. Consideration of Draft FY 2022-23 Budget – Update - Mr. Fukuda gave an update on revisions made to the budget since the last Board Meeting. By a motion by Director Nelsen, second by Director Collins and unanimously approved by all Directors present, the FY 2022-23 Budget was approved.
- d. Legal Counsel Report - V. Kincaid had nothing to report.
- e. MKGSA Advisory Committee Update - Mr. Wilbur gave an update on the Advisory Committee activities. Mr. Wilbur stated they did a review on the GSP modifications needed and the Advisory Committee supported the direction and revisions being made to the GSP
- f. MKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan
  - i. Open public hearing on adoption of GSP – Chair Martin opened the public hearing on the adoption of the GSP. Mr. Fukuda gave a review of the First Amended Groundwater sustainability Plan and First Amended Coordination Agreement.
  - ii. Consideration of Resolution No. 2022-07 – Adopting the 2022 First Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Coordination Agreement – By a motion by Director Mederos, second by Director Nelsen the Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2022-07 by the following roll-call vote:
    - Director Collins – Yes
    - Director Nelsen – Yes
    - Director Stroman – Yes
    - Director Mederos – Yes
    - Chair Martin – Yes.
  - iii. Close public hearing – Chair Martin closed the public hearing.
- g. 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 on the activities of the Emergency Ordinance.
- h. Kaweah Subbasin Coordination – Mr. Fukuda gave updates on the following items:
  - i. Kaweah Subbasin Management Committee – June meeting was held to discuss GSP Revisions.
  - ii. Prop 68 Planning Grant – Mr. Fisher is in the process of purchasing new well monitoring equipment.
  - iii. Prop 68 Implementation Grant – No update
  - iv. SGM 2022 Grant – DWR has submitted a Draft Contract: Grant contract being finalized.
  - v. Department of Conservation Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program Grant – Contract being reviewed. Need to provide workplan and budget.
  - vi. Water Marketing Strategy Grant – Meeting on July 19, 2022. Presentation from Australian water market specialists. Began doing trading scenarios to highlight specific policies that might be considered.
  - vii. Kaweah Water Foundation (CVSALTS) – No update
  - viii. Kaweah Interbasin Coordination – No scheduled meeting.

4. STAFF UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND RECEIVE DIRECTION, IF NECESSARY, REGARDING COVID-19
5. STAFF REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22
  - a. Update on Tulare County Well Permitting Process – Mr. Fukuda gave the update. As of July 18, 2022, there are 15 well permit submissions, 14 GSA certifications provided and 1 Well was amended and resubmitted. There were 5 Domestic Well applications.
6. LEGISLATION
  - a. Assembly Bill 2201 – Mr. Fukuda gave an update. Passed out of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee with amendments. None of the MKGSA recommended amendments seems to have been adopted. Recommend: Remain on oppose unless amended.
7. BOARD/STAFF UPDATES, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST – Mid-Kaweah Board Meeting August 9, 2022. By a motion of Director Mederos, second by Director Nelsen the Mid-Kaweah Board Meeting is cancelled for August 9, 2022.
8. CLOSED SESSION
  - a. Gov't Code §54956.9 – Anticipated Litigation: One Case
9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martin adjourned the meeting with no items from closed session.