



**MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES**

November 07, 2023 @ 3:00 PM

MKGSA Board of Directors Meeting
Tulare Public Library
491 North M Street
Tulare, CA 93274

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Nelsen, Dennis Mederos, David Bixler, Blake Wilbur, Dave Martin, and Leslie Caviglia (Alternate)

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Fukuda, Kathi Artis, Valerie Kincaid, James Fisher, Diana Zegarra, and Rhett Anderson

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Matthew Fienup, Andrew Hard, Liz Wynn, Mark Larsen, Sue Ruiz, Lisa McEwen, Johnny Gailey, Amanda Piesch-Derby, Jasmine Ramirez

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - Chair Nelsen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT – Chair Nelsen called for public comments. No Public Comments.
- 3) GENERAL BUSINESS
 - a) **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 10, 2023.** By a motion of Director Martin seconded by Director Wilbur and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Minutes of the meeting on October 10, 2023 were approved.
 - b) **Financial Reports**
 - i) *Financial Statements* – Year-to-Date - Ms. Artis presented the financial statements. By a motion of Director Wilbur, seconded by Director Martin, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Financial Statements were approved.
 - c) **Legal Counsel Report** – Ms. Kincaid gave an update on Tulare Lake Subbasin Probation Notice. There will be a hearing on April 16, 2024.
 - d) **MKGSA Advisory Committee Update** – Mr. Fukuda reported that there was no update at this time.
 - e) **MKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update**
 - i) *Department of Water Resources Inadequate Determination of the Revised 2020 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Submitted for the San Joaquin Valley – Kaweah Subbasin Update* – Mr. Fukuda reported that there was ongoing work by the Kaweah Subbasin Water Level SMC Core Team and the Subsidence SMC Core Team.

- ii) *Kaweah Subbasin Mitigation Program* – Mr. Fukuda reported that there were ongoing revisions being made to the Program.
- iii) *Mid-Kaweah GSA Well Mitigation Plan* – Mr. Fukuda reported that there were ongoing revisions being made to the Plan.

f) MKGSA GSP Implementation Workplan

- i) *Discussion and Consideration of Kaweah v1.0 Water Market Pilot Rules & Regulations* – Mr. Fienup gave a report on the background into the Kaweah v1.0 Water Market Pilot and the documents to be discussed and considered. By a motion of Director Mederos, seconded by Director Caviglia a roll call vote was conducted to pass the Kaweah v1.0 Water Market Pilot Rules & Regulations. The Kaweah v1.0 Water Market Pilot Rules & Regulations passed 5-0, by the following roll call; Ayes Directors Nelsen, Mederos, Wilbur, Martin, and Caviglia.
- ii) *Discussion and Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-03 – Resolution of the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Adopting the Version 1.0 Kaweah Water Market Pilot* - By a motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Wilbur a roll call vote was conducted to pass Resolution No. 2023-03. Resolution No. 2023-03 passed 5-0, by the following roll call; Ayes Directors Nelsen, Mederos, Wilbur, Martin, and Caviglia.
- iii) *Discussion and Considerations of Agreement Between Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Environmental Market Specialists, Inc. for the Provision of Exchange Administrator Services – v1.0 Water Market Pilot Project* – By a motion of Director Wilbur, seconded by Director Martin, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Agreement between Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Environmental Market Specialists, Inc. was approved.
- iv) *Discussion and Consideration of Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency v1.0 Water Market Pilot Project Participation Agreement* – By a motion of Director Mederos, seconded by Director Caviglia, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency v1.0 Water Market Pilot Project Participation Agreement was approved with modifications.
- v) *Discussion and Consideration of Task Order 9 Amendment #2 with Montgomery and Associates* – By a motion of Director Caviglia, seconded by Director Martin, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Tak Order 9 Amendment #2 was approved.

4) INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT – No Update

5) CALIFORNIA GROUNDWATER COALITION – No Update

6) LEGISLATION No Update

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

8) CLOSED SESSION

- a) Gov't Code §54956.9 – Anticipated Litigation: One Case
Ms. Kincaid reported out of Closed Session that the MKGSA Board of Directors by a Motion of Director Mederos, seconded by Director Wilbur and unanimously carried by all Directors present approved a Tolling Agreement with the Greater Kaweah GSA and the East Kaweah GSA.

- 9) ADJOURNMENT - Chair Nelsen adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting is December 12, 2023 @ 3:00 PM