



MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

MINUTES

September 13, 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, Greg Collins, David Bixler, Trisha Whitfield (Alternate for Howard Stroman)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Howard Stroman

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

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Blake Wilbur, Daniel Anderson, Mark Larsen, Natalie Escabedo, and Manuel Monteiro

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 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 July 20, 2022. By a motion of Director Mederos, seconded by Director Nelsen and carried by all directors present the July 20, 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. Call for Funds – A. Fukuda did the review for the Call for Funds. By a motion of Director Collins, Seconded by Director Nelsen and unanimously carried by all Directors present, a call for funds in the amount of \$426,000 was approved to be collected in equal amounts from each member.

- c. Legal Counsel Report - V. Kincaid had nothing to report.
- d. MKGSA Advisory Committee Update - Mr. Fukuda gave an update on the Advisory Committee activities. Mr. Fukuda stated they had to cancel the September meeting. The next meeting will be in October.
- e. MKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan
 - i. 2022 First Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Coordination Agreement – Update – Mr. Fukuda gave the update.
- 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 an update on the activities of the Emergency Ordinance.
 1. Consideration of Fallow Field Approach – Mr. Fisher gave a review of a fallow field approach reviewed and approved by the MKGSA Advisory Committee. By a motion of Director Mederos, seconded by Director Bixler and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Fallow Field Approach was approved.
 2. Consideration of Dairy Operation Approach – Mr. Fisher gave the review of a dairy operations approach that was reviewed and approved by the MKGSA Advisory Committee. By a motion by Director Nelsen, seconded by Director Mederos, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Dairy Operation Approach was approved.
 - ii. Consider Proposed Scope of Work and Estimated Costs for Developing and Maintaining a Hydrologic Data Management System and Web Portal for the Kaweah Subbasin with Montgomery & Associates – Mr. Fukuda gave a review of a proposal prepared by Montgomery & Associates to establish a Data Management System (DMS) in partnership with the East Kaweah GSA and the Greater Kaweah GSA. By a motion of Director Mederos, seconded by Director Bixler, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Proposed Scope of Work and Estimated Costs for Developing and Maintaining a Hydrologic Data Management System and Web Portal for the Kaweah Subbasin was approved, contingent upon the EKGSA and GKGSA approving the proposal.
 - iii. Kaweah Subbasin Water Budget, MODFLOW Model, and Water Accounting Framework – Update – Mr. Fukuda gave the update on the upcoming work that will be required to update the Kaweah Subbasin Water Budget, MODFLOW Model and the Water Accounting Framework. Mr. Fukuda noted that a proposal to complete the work would be forthcoming.

- g. Kaweah Subbasin Coordination – Mr. Fukuda gave updates on the following items:
 - i. Kaweah Subbasin Management Committee – Next Scheduled Meeting: October 2022.
 - ii. Prop 68 Planning Grant – Monitoring equipment has been received and is ready to be installed.
 - iii. Prop 68 Implementation Grant – Okieville Recharge Basin – Property purchase has been completed, CEQA analysis and public hearing has been completed. TID has received draft design drawings and specifications. P&P to address questions and revisions.
 - iv. SGM 2022 Grant – DWR has submitted a Draft Contract: Final Grant Agreement has been received.
 - v. Department of Conservation Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program Grant – Contract has been completed with Department of Conservation.
 - vi. Water Marketing Strategy Grant – Completed guiding principles. Started developing the Water Marketing Strategy Version 1.0.
 - vii. Kaweah Water Foundation (CVSALTS) – No update
 - viii. Kaweah Interbasin Coordination – No update
- 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 on the number agricultural and domestic wells that had been drilled in the MKGSA.
- 6. LEGISLATION
 - a. Assembly Bill 2201 – Mr. Fukuda gave an update noting that bill did not make it to the Assembly for a vote due to objections by organizations such as the Association of California Water Agencies. Director Mederos noted that the California Chamber of Commerce had opposed the bill.
- 7. BOARD/STAFF UPDATES, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER TOPICSO F INTEREST – No items were reported.
- 8. CLOSED SESSION
 - a. Gov’t Code §54956.9 – Anticipated Litigation: One Case
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martin reported that no action was taken in closed session and the meeting was adjourned until the next regular meeting to be held on October 11, 2022.

