

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT/ROLL CALL

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board Meeting convened at the Council of Governments building at 555 E. Weber Ave. Stockton, CA 95202. At approximately 10:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Holmes.

In attendance were Directors and Alternates: Richard Wagner, Michael Blower, Myron Blanton, Jason Colombini, Scot Moody, Keith Bussman, Secretary Najee Zarif, Dante Nomellini, Travis Kahrs, Christy McKinnon, Vice Chairperson Mel Panizza and Chairperson Bob Holmes.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Michael Blower

Second: Mel Panizza

The vote was unanimous.

V. PRESENTATIONS – No action taken

1. Greg Young, P.E., Zanjero for North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

2. GSA Spotlight - Justin Hopkins, Stockton East Water District

VI. AUTHORITY STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Executive Director (ED), Julia D. Berry Staff Report -

The ED reminded the Board of the upcoming April 1, 2026, due date for Form 700 submission. In addition, she shared SB 827 now requires a two-hour bi-annual Ethics and Fiscal Responsibility training. She reviewed the contents of the staff report and was given general direction to return to the Board of Directors with a Scope of Work and potential costs to perform a Net Groundwater Impact Analysis for the GSAs in the basin.

2. CA Department of Water Resources, Chelsea Spier, shared a portion of the \$10 billion in statewide funds from Proposition 4 for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act will be distributed by DWR for implementation projects, flood diversion, and technical assistance for unrepresented communities.

VII. DIRECTORS; COMMENTS AND PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

Director Richard Wagner, Central SJ Water Irrigation District, shared that Reid Roberts' Celebration of Life service will take place on February 21, 2026, and noted that Steve Knell served as interim General Manager. Kevin King has now been hired as the new General Manager for the District.

Director Scot Moody, Oakdale Irrigation District, shared that the expanded Paulsell Lateral is 5X its original capacity and is expected to be online soon.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.