

**EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 11th, 2025**

**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 Chairman, Robert Holmes.

In attendance were Directors and Alternates: Richard Wagner, Dante Nomellini, Regina Lackey, Travis Kahrs, Christy McKinnon, Douglas Smith, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Chairman Robert Holmes, Keith Bussman, Mel Panizza, and Scot Moody.

**II. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**A. Discussion/Action Items**

**1. Approval of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Mel Panizza

**Second:** Keith Bussman

**2. Receive Financial Report**

Khawaja Saifuddin from San Joaquin County Water Resources, presented the Financial Report through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Expenses reported total \$1.4 million. All GSAs have paid their annual Member Dues and also the special dues call for the preparation of the GSP Amendment.

**3. Presentation of Preliminary 2025-2026 Annual Work Plan and Budget**

Steve Schwabauer, North San Joaquin Conservation District, presented the budget and the Executive Committee's recommendation on appropriations and GSA Member Dues. Brandon Nakagawa also shared that staff is seeking any comment or input on the proposed budget prior to the meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, and that the Budget would need to be adopted by 2/3 of the Board. **Richard Wagner inquired about what the GSAs role will be, in managing the underground overdraft.**

**4. Presentation of Preliminary 2025-2026 ESJGWA SGMA Budget**

Khawaja Saifuddin shared that a separate budget was created for a SGMA Implementation Grant received from DWR which would need to be adopted also on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Included in the budget is \$3.3 million for the County's feasibility study utilizing Mokelumne River water for groundwater recharge, \$300K for groundwater recharge near the City of Stockton's Delta Water Supply Project facilities, and \$3.9 million for NSJWCD system improvements. The Budget allows for the funds from DWR to flow through the ESJGWA to each of the project proponents. All grant administration costs were built into

each project resulting in no direct cost to the ESJGWA

**5. GSA Spotlight – Lockeford Community Services District (LCSD) & Oakdale Irrigation**

Director Mike Henry shared some updates from Lockeford Community Services District.

- LCSD is groundwater dependent with 4 district wells.
- Groundwater depth is currently ~140 feet below ground surface.
- A Community Service Center and a Sheriff's substation was recently built.

Oakdale Irrigation District will be presenting at the July 9<sup>th</sup> ESJGWA Meeting.

**III. STAFF/DWR Report**

**A. Staff Report**

None

**B. DWR Report**

Chelsea Spier with DWR reviewed highlights of her DWR report.

**IV. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Chairman Robert Holmes stated the ESJGWA met in a closed session prior to the Board Meeting in which there is no reportable action.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jane from US Cooperative Extension asks Director Steve Schwabauer regarding the ET Data, are there any back up plans for the districts if they wanted to go against the data. Director Schwabauer responded, meter data is always accepted to analyze the decision about curtailment.

Mary Elizabeth sent a public comment via e-mail prior to the meeting which was sent to Board members and Alternates.

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Robert Holmes shared two potential items, Demand Management and the Groundwater Accounting Framework

**VII. ADJOURNMENT at 11:40 am**