

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 10th, 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 Chair Bob Holmes.

In attendance were Directors and Alternates: Craig Stevens, Richard Wagner, Alan Nakanishi, Regina Lackey, Mike Henry, Scot Moody, John Herrick, Keith Bussman, Secretary Fritz Buchman, Vice Chair Mel Panizza, Chair Bob Holmes, Chrisy McKinnon, Joe Valente and Brandon Nakagawa

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action Items

1. Approval of July 9th, 2025, Minutes

Scot Moody motioned to approve the July 9, 2025, meeting minutes, with the amendments requested by the Board to remove the reference to Prop 218 in Item #6 and to change the mention of Chair Bob Holmes to Vice Chairman Mel Panizza.

Motion: Mel Panizza

Second: Scot Moody

The vote was unanimous

2. Appointment of Executive Director as Department of Water Resources Point of Contact for the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin and Update the SGMA Portal

Motion: Scot Moody

Second: Mel Panizza

The vote was unanimous

3. Groundwater Monitoring Implementation Program Presentation

Joe Zilles, PG of Kleinfelder, shared his presentation sharing data gaps that exist within the subbasin, ISWs, GDEs and their relationship, groundwater quality and groundwater levels. Joe included the action to fill data gaps within the subbasin monitoring network. Joe confirmed that in the next few weeks he would have a working list.

III. STAFF/DWR Report

A. Staff Report

Executive Director, Julia Berry thanks San Joaquin County Staff, Brandon Nakagawa and the Executive Committee for support and assisting with a smooth transition. Julia shared the following points:

- Website links on the ESJGWA site have been reviewed and updated.
- The most recent Annual Report has been uploaded to the ESJGWA website.
- Responsibilities and tasks previously supported by San Joaquin County have been successfully transitioned to First Partners staff, ensuring continuity and a smooth handover.
- Planning for the use of ARPA funds is progressing. Condor is evaluating accessibility considerations and will be coordinating with Kleinfelder accordingly.
- Stantec will continue to provide materials in support of the Communications and Engagement Plan, and to assist both the GSAs and the Authority.
- The Domestic Well Mitigation Program is currently in development. Contact has been made with Self-Help Enterprises, and informational handouts are being prepared.

Director Richard Wagner asked whether there has been any discussion or decision regarding how responsibilities will be allocated among the GSAs to address their shortfall. Julia responded that while the Executive Committee has had conversations on the matter, they are not yet at a point where they can define how it will be addressed, but it remains a priority focus.

B. DWR Report

Chelsea Spier with DWR reviewed highlights of the DWR report.

IV. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Travis Small with City of Stockton shared that details for the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Groundwater Recharge Project will be sent out to all GSAs with more details and a RSVP link.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 11:16 a.m.