

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 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 Holmes.

In attendance were Directors and Alternates: Richard Wagner, Alan Nakanishi, Regina Lackey, Michael Blower, Myron Blanton, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Scot Moody, Keith Bussman, Christy McKinnon, Secretary Najee Zarif, Vice Chair Mel Panizza and Chair Robert Holmes

Directors Absent: Craig Stevens, George Biagi, Gary Tofenelli, Paul Canepa and Dean Ruiz

Members of the Public in attendance: Executive Director, Julia Berry, Chelsea Spier, Scott Williams, Louie B., Selenda Centeno, Aaron Cardenas, Luke Jackson, Melissa Anna, Nait Vann Alviar, Chris Heppner, Katie Cole, Jennifer Spaletta, Valerie Kincaid, Hope Paulin, Mary Elizabeth, Maria Razo, Jarin Tasmin Anika, Justin Hopkins, Greg Young, Omar Samara, Kevin King, Brandon Warmerdam, Joe Turner, Gavin Cline, Alex Chetley, Brittany Harker, Andrew Renshaw, Travis Small, Jeff M. and Michael Miller

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were added to the agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were recorded.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. Year-to-Date May 31, 2026, Financial Report – Khawaja Saifuddin, Water Resources Division, San Joaquin County

Khawaja Saifuddin shared the following highlights from the Year-to-Date Financial Report through May 31, 2026:

- Revenues are \$1,008,330.00
- Total Expenses = \$755,799.00
- ARPA Funds Spent = \$227,624.00
- Leaving a balance of \$2,905,409.00

2. Net Groundwater Impact Presentation – Zanjero

Greg Young covered the contents of his presentation.

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of June 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Scot Moody

Second: Regina Lackey

Vote was unanimous.

2. Woodard and Curran Consultant Proposed Scope of Work to Address DWR Comments on 2025 GSP Amendment of Periodic Review

Motion: Jason Colombini

Second: Mel Panizza

Vote was unanimous.

Staff was given general direction to return will action items to amend the budget to fund the proposal.

V. Authority Staff/Agency Reports

1. Julia D. Berry, ESJGWA Executive Director

Julia shared the following updates:

- Meetings have been taking place with Greg Young, Zanjero and GSA staff members
- Meetings with GSA staff members and Woodard & Curran regarding to address the response to the DWR six topics.
- Technical Memos will be circulating to the GSAs by September 1, with time to present at the September 9, 2026, ESJ Board Meeting and to meet the October 1, 2026 DWR response deadline.
- The ESJGWA Spring 2026 groundwater level data is uploaded into the SGMA Portal with 100% participation except for one well which was not accessible. The GWA improved historical groundwater level data on the SGMA portal by filling Spring and Fall 2024 and 2025 data gaps when available.

2. Chelsea Spier, Department of Water Resources

Chelsea reviewed the attachment from DWR.

VI. Directors' Comments and Project Status

No comments.

VII. Adjournment at 12:05pm