



# EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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## Board of Directors

### AGENDA

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

San Joaquin County Council of Governments

555 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202

### **I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call**

### **II. Additions to the Agenda**

*(The Board may add an item to the agenda if, upon a two-thirds vote, the Board finds that there is a need for immediate action on the matter and the need came to the attention of the Authority after the posting of this Agenda)*

### **III. Public Comment**

*(Members of the public may address the Board on any matter related to the Authority that is not included on the Agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.)*

### **IV. Action Items**

1. Approval of February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes - [Page 3](#)
2. Joe Zilles, Kleinfelder – ARPA Grant and Scope of Work
3. Net Groundwater Impact – Scope of Work

### **V. Authority Staff/Agency Reports**

1. Julia D. Berry, ESJGWA Executive Director
2. Chelsea Spier, Department of Water Resources

### **VI. Directors' Comments and Project Status Reports**

### **VII. Adjournment**

# EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

## Board of Directors Meeting

### AGENDA

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#### Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

San Joaquin County Council of Governments

*Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order.*

*Action may be taken on any item listed on the Agenda.*

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*Agendas and Minutes may also be found at <http://www.ESJGroundwater.org>*

*Note: If you need disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact San Joaquin County Public Works Water Resources Staff at (209) 468-3089 at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.*

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**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.