

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 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: Craig Stevens, Richard Wagner, Michael Blower, Mike Henry, Scot Moody, Paul Canepa, Keith Bussman, Dante Nomellini, Christy McKinnon, Douglas Smith, Vice Chair Mel Panizza and Chair Robert Holmes

Directors Absent: George Biagi, Alan Nakanishi, Regina Lackey, Gary Tofenelli, Myron Blanton, Jason Colombini, and Dean Ruiz

Members of the Public in attendance: Executive Director, Julia Berry, Chelsea Spier, Glenn S., Kevin King, TJ S., K. Saifuddin, Gavin Cline, Justin Hopkins, Ron Skaggs, Mary Elizabeth, Alex Chetley, Brandon Nakagawa, Jennifer Spaletta, Melissa Anna, Brittany Harker, Liliana Selke, Maria Razo, Michael Miller, Sam Cunningham, Elba Mijango, Koriala Rasnik, Tim Gobler, Wes Henson, Louie Brichetto Jr., Danile de Graaf, Hope Paulin, Nait Vann Alviar, Ethan Andrews, RM and ER.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were added to the agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Elizabeth provided a public comment.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. Coastal Cleanup, Selinda Centeno – San Joaquin County Public Works

Selinda covered the contents of her presentation on the annual Coastal Cleanup event.

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of July 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Michael Blower

Second: Paul Canepa

Vote was unanimous

2. **Member GSA Assessments – Approve the table of increased dues for ESJGWA Members which allocates an additional \$167,000 in costs using the allocation formula currently in use by the ESJGWA.**

Motion: Paul Canepa

Second: Michael Blower

Vote was unanimous

3. **Budget Amendment – Adopt a revised budget with the following:**
 - a. **Budget amendment to reflect a \$167,000 increase in spending authority and an create a new budget item “2025 Periodic Evaluation/GSP Response,” and**
 - b. **Reclassify \$17,000 from budget item “Model Development and Support” to budget item “2025 Periodic Evaluation/GSP Response”**

Motion: Michael Blower

Second: Scot Moody

Vote was unanimous

4. **Well Mitigation Program – Review and consider action to adopt a resolution approving the amended and restated Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin Program for Domestic Well Mitigation**

A motion was made to adopt the resolution and directed staff to modify the language in in the Program to extend the response time to the applicant from 15 days to 30 days of receipt, and correct minor grammatical errors and typos.

Motion: Paul Canepa

Second: Michael Blower

AYES: Craig Stevens, Richard Wagner, Michael Blower, Scot Moody, Paul Canepa, Keith Bussman, Mel Panizza, Robert Holmes, Dante Nomellini, Christy McKinnon, Douglas Smith

NOES: Mike Henry

The vote passed

V. Authority Staff/Agency Reports

1. Julia D. Berry, ESJGWA Executive Director

Julia shared the following updates:

- Responses to DWR are due October 1. Six responses were required, and technical memoranda will be prepared by staff and consultants with review and input by the GSAs. The technical memoranda will be presented to the Board of Directors on September 9th for review and submittal.

2. Chelsea Spier, Department of Water Resources

Chelsea reviewed relevant program information and grant funds available in the future from DWR.

VI. Directors' Comments and Project Status

Mel Panizza thanks Julia Berry for attending Stockton East Water District meeting.

VII. Adjournment at 11:47am