**EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**
**Board of Directors**
**Meeting Minutes**
**September 9, 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 10:31 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holmes.

**In attendance were Directors and Alternates:** Craig Stevens, Regina Lackey, Michael Blower, Myron Blanton, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Scot Moody, Paul Canepa, Keith Bussman, Dante Nomellini, Kevin King, Christy McKinnon, Vice Chair Mel Panizza and Chair Robert Holmes

**Directors Absent:** George Biagi, Richard Wagner, Alan Nakanishi, Gary Tofenelli, and Dean Ruiz

**Members of the Public in attendance:** Executive Director, Julia Berry, Chelsea Spier, Rashik K., Mary Elizabeth, Omar Samara, Greg Young, Neda Spinder, TJ Salano, Justin Hopkins, Brandon Warmerdam, Travis Small, Jason Mathews, Ron Skaggs, Gavin Cline, Steve S., Andrew Renshaw, Melissa Anna, Louie B., Maria Razo, Michael Miller, Jennifer Spaletta, Greg Terzakis, Margo Praus, Robert Eckard, Scott Williams, Jarin Tasmin Anika, Brittany Harker, Wes Henson, Secretary Najee Zarif, Nait Vann Alviar and SJCOG Support Staff.

## II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were added to the agenda.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alicia Valenzuela, Mary Elizabeth and Margo Preus provided public comments.

## IV. ACTION ITEMS

### 1. Approval of August 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Scot Moody
**Second:** Michael Blower
**Vote was unanimous**

2. **Review and take action to direct staff to respond to Department of Water Resources requests for clarification**

Louie B, Christy Mckinnon, Mary Elizabeth and Jennifer Spaletta provided public comments.

**Motion:** Michael Blower
**Second:** Jason Colombini
**Vote was unanimous**

Mary Elizabeth, Louie Brichetto Jr., and Jennifer Spaletta provided public comments.

3. **Review and take action to give direction to staff regarding Effective Precipitation Methodology for Annual Net Groundwater Impact Accounting Framework – Greg Young, Zanjero**

Najee Zarif, Mary Elizabeth and Jennifer Spaletta provided public comments.

**Motion:** Dante Nomellini
**Second:** Keith Bussman
**Vote was unanimous**

## V. AUTHORITY STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

### 1. Julia D. Berry, ESJGWA Executive Director

Julia shared the following updates from First Water Partners:

- ARPA funding, totaling $2.104 million dollars has been spent on drilling two new nested monitoring wells. Staff is in the process of selecting a third well location to fill RMN data gap area. Funds will also be used to install telemetry to USGS and new monitoring wells. Thirdly, upgrades to the Data Management System are being performed by Woodard and Curran
- The Well Mitigation Program application is posted to the ESJGWA website
- Julia recommended that the October agenda include a discussion of recording meetings, potential for a draft MOU for GSA review, and an ESJGWA Quarter Budget update from SJ County Public Works staff.

### 2. Chelsea Spier, Department of Water Resources

Chelsea reviewed the items listed in her written report, provided prior to the meeting.

## VI. Directors' Comments and Project Status

Chair Holmes welcomes any agenda item suggestions from the Board of Directors.

## VII. Adjournment at 12:03pm