



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

San Joaquin County – Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Avenue – Assembly Room #1, Stockton, California

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Safety Announcement/Roll Call
- II. **SCHEDULED ITEMS – *Presentation materials to be posted on ESJGroundwater.org and emailed prior to the meeting. Copies of presentation materials will be available at the meeting.***
 - A. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 1. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2019 (See Attached)
 2. GSP Adoption Process
 3. Grant Update
 4. Plan Implementation
 - i. Summary of Advisory Committee Feedback
 - a. Work Items to start in 2020
 - b. Plan Administration (meeting structure, governance, committees in 2020)
 - c. Budget through June 30, 2020
 - d. Longer Term Cost Allocation
 5. DWR Update
 6. December Agenda Items
- III. **Public Comment (non-agendized items)**
- IV. **Directors' Comments**
- V. **Future Agenda Items**
- VI. **Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting

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Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
(Continued)

December 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

San Joaquin County - Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Ave., Assembly Rm. #1, Stockton, California

Action may be taken on any item

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EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Safety Announcement/Roll Call

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board meeting was convened by Chair Chuck Winn at 10:04 A.M., on October 17, 2019, at the Delta Water Supply Treatment Plant, 11373 North Lower Sacramento Road, Lodi, CA. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mel Lytle provided the required safety information.

In attendance were Chair Chuck Winn; Vice-Chair Mel Panizza; Directors David Breitenbucher, Dave Fletcher, Mike Henry, Tom Flinn, Eric Thorburn, John Herrick, Robert Holmes, Anders Christensen; Alternate Directors Dante Nomellini, Reid Roberts, Charlie Swimley, Mel Lytle, Walt Ward; and Secretary Kris Balaji.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2019

Motion:

Vice-Chair Panizza moved, and Director Herrick seconded, the approval of the September 11, 2019 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes will be amended to reflect that Chair Winn was not in attendance, and the spelling of Flinn will be corrected. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Resolution to Admit Woodbridge GSA into the Authority (Board Action)

Motion:

Director Henry moved, and Director Fletcher seconded, the resolution to reinstate Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID) GSA into the Groundwater Authority. The motion was approved unanimously. Secretary Balaji acknowledged DWR's help with the process. Alternate Lytle noted the City of Stockton, the City of Lodi, and WID are working on a GSA cooperative agreement to adopt in next couple months.

3. Comment Review – Ad-Hoc Committee Findings & Recommendations

Ms. Monica Streeter (counsel to the GWA) clarification that no re-release for public circulation is needed since it was a self-imposed public comment period. Ms. Alyson Watson walked through proposed responses to public comments developed by the Comment Response Ad-Hoc Committee, focusing on those that would result in functional changes to the GSP.

Projects & Management Actions:

Motion:

Alternate Nomellini moved, and Director Flinn seconded, to accept revised language on Projects and Management Actions to read: "The GWA will convene a working group to evaluate solutions...to evaluate supply and demand-side actions." The motion was approved with opposing votes by Director Thorburn, Director Fletcher, and Alternate Ward.

Alternate Ward suggested updated language: "evaluate adaptive management strategic such as other supply side project and or demand-side actions... to retain flexibility." Director Fletcher indicated demand-side specific actions should be addressed. Ms. Jennifer Spaletta (counsel to NSJWCD) noted demand-side management actions need to be considered. She stated it is very important to understand that DWR will not like a plan from a critically-overdrafted basin that does not acknowledge demand-side actions. She then provided clarification on the process following a non-consensus vote.

Chair Winn called to question if there was a motion to consider alternative language.

Motion:

Director Holmes moved to use the original language developed by the Comment Review Ad-Hoc Committee, and Director Thorburn seconded. Director Herrick requested to adjust the language to mention examples, modifying the language to include "...such as groundwater curtailment, land fallowing, etc." Director Holmes amended his motion. Director Flinn requested inclusion of "supply-side actions". Director Holmes further amended his motion to the following wording: "Although the ESJGWA does not provide direct authority to require GSAs to implement projects, the GWA will be working on GSA-level water budgets and will be requesting annual or biannual progress reports to evaluate progress. If the projects do not progress, or if monitoring efforts demonstrate that the projects are not effective in achieving stated recharge and/or offset targets, the GWA will convene a working group to evaluate supply-side and demand-side management actions such as the implementation of groundwater pumping curtailments, land fallowing, etc." Director Thorburn seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems

Alternates Nomellini and Swimley asked clarifying questions.

Motion:

Director Fletcher moved, and Vice-Chair Panizza seconded, to accept the Comment Review Ad-Hoc Committee's proposed responses on GDE comments. The motion was approved unanimously.

Interconnected Surface Water

Director Herrick asked a clarifying question on gaining and losing streams. Ms. Valerie Kincaid (counsel to OID and SSJID) provided clarification on the Comment Review Ad-Hoc Committee's direction.

Alternate Nomellini and Alternate Ward stated they would like footnotes added to the two figures describing interconnected surface water indicating the graphics are based on model results and limited information. Director Herrick asked for clarification on language on the release of stored surface water in the undesirable result language. There was discussion of the proposed changes and a motion to keep the original undesirable result language.

Motion:

Director Herrick moved, and Director Flinn seconded, to accept the Comment Review Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation with the following changes: 1) Add a footnote to Figure 2-65 and 2-66 that the results are model outputs based on limited data; and 2) Keep the original language for undesirable result. The motion was approved unanimously.

Seawater Intrusion**Motion:**

Director Breitenbucher moved, and Alternate Lytle seconded, to accept the Comment Review Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Water Quality

Ms. Watson provided clarification on monitoring and noted the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program monitors for arsenic.

Motion:

Director Thorburn moved, and Director Fletcher seconded, to accept the Comment Review Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Outreach

Motion:

Alternate Nomellini moved, and Director Fletcher seconded, to accept the Comment Review Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Ms. Mary Elizabeth (Sierra Club, Delta-Sierra Group) asked to clearly state which GSAs did outreach instead of 'many'.

Motion:

Alternate Nomellini moved, and Director Holmes seconded, to accept the first Project and Management Actions comment. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ad-Hoc Recommendations: Changes to Draft GSP (Board Action)

Motion:

Alternate Nomellini moved, and Alternate Ward seconded, to accept the Comment Review Ad-Hoc proposed responses to comments with noted changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Secretary Balaji asked DWR to comment on the process. Mr. Paul Wells noted it is a locally driven plan and DWR will review the plan and comment at that time.

4. Implementation – Ad-Hoc Committee Findings & Input

Grant: Prop 68 Resolution, Grant Package, Letters of Support (Board Action)

Motion:

Director Breitenbucher moved, and Director Holmes seconded, to accept a resolution approving the submittal of a grant application for an amount of \$575,000 to the Department of Water Resources for studies and equipment to support the development of the ESJ GSP under the Proposition 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management grant program. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Elizabeth commented in regard to the grant application proposed data management system (DMS) refinement to help GSAs to learn to input data. She indicated the last sentence has opportunities to incorporate more users. This will need to be expanded before the Sierra Club will provide a letter of support. She noted her hope for open and transparent input into the grant. She indicated that monitoring of \$400,000 would reduce direct economic burden on groundwater users in the basin. She then noted it seems like DACs were thrown in rather than addressing the issues the DACs are faced with every day in regard to water quality and water issues. She stated there has not been a good assessment of those issues, and it is a new initiative to IRWM to seek out projects to benefit DACs. She stated her support for a commitment on the grant application that something along those lines will be occurring. Alternate Nomellini asked for clarification on what should be done. Ms. Elizabeth noted to reach out specifically to find out their interests rather than just releasing an agenda. She restated her request for a firmer commitment in regard to the DMS and noted that individual GSAs need to be looking at how to do outreach to DACs in their jurisdictional boundaries.

Chair Winn noted that the County made specific presentations to the Thorton community, one of the most severely disadvantaged communities in the County. He noted the group is making efforts to resolve those issues the best they can. Additionally, the City of Stockton is actively working with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to help DACs with poor water quality. The next project will be along Sunny Road on wells contaminated with arsenic and nitrate. A \$1.2 million grant application will go before the City to extend City services.

Introduce Implementation Items: Annual GSP Activities, Approach for Cost Sharing, Proposed

Methodology

Secretary Balaji provided clarification on the \$45,000 number line item. There was discussion on the need for an annual budget. The County Zone 2 budget goes through June 2020 but lacks budget for plan implementation. There is a need for a budget augmentation once methodology is approved. This money will be needed in 2020 to get through June 30, 2020. Ms. Watson clarified that the group may end up adopting a stop-gap budget then a full-year budget and indicated she is looking for feedback on the proposed methodology. Director Flinn asked that ability to pay be incorporated. He indicated the fees would be devastating to NSJWCD. He then stated that his GSA has the largest acreage and that Zone 2 funds should be allocated by acreage, not an even split. He then suggested setting a limit on the maximum impact/% of anyone's budget requested. He stated he expects a larger impact from paying a large amount of funds into Zone 2. Alternate Nomellini asked to look at what is expected to be spent for the year only. For Central Delta Water Agency (CDWA), he stated he needs to better understand water use and avoided overlap. He asked which wells in CDWA are contributing to pumping. He further indicated CDWA currently pays \$11,000 and could not pay \$24,000-46,000. He indicated the budget numbers are too high and that until the group starts implementing solutions, there is no need for monitoring and refinement. He restated the need to eliminate extra meetings and consider the Advisory Water Commission Meetings as a vehicle for SGMA agenda items.

Director Herrick stated that a number is needed for the next six months. He noted there is no fair way to cost share, as all GSAs have an argument. He commented that they all pump from the groundwater and should get together and figure out a way to split up costs. Chair Winn asked for feedback on the recommendation put forth by the Ad-Hoc Committee. Alternate Nomellini stated he needs to know more about numbers and derivation of numbers. Ms. Watson summarized the next steps: 1) Look at a 6-month budget in addition to the following fiscal year; 2) Factor in affordability and DAC considerations to cost split, as well as a sustainability number to factor in rates for urban areas. Mr. Fritz Buchman (San Joaquin County) noted there are multiple solutions for funding aside from direct contributions from GSAs.

Public Comment:

Ms. Spaletta commented that NSJWCD will need to go to landowners to approve an assessment or landowner charge, and the sooner an annual budget is created, the sooner the landowners can be reached out to. She noted it is difficult to get to a Prop 218 Engineers Report without knowing contribution. Director Holmes noted that as the group moves forward, costs will become clear but the group needs to keep the 5-year window in the vision so districts can look at a funding mechanism. Chair Winn noted the importance of Ms. Spaletta's comments.

Director Thorburn stated there is a portion of OID in Zone 2. He questioned if there is there a way to get credit for recharge so total impact could be considered. Matt Zidar responded that the GSA-level water budgets can be used to get the recharge aspect.

Public Comment:

Ms. Elizabeth indicated that Zone 2 is a property assessment, and since NSJWCD has paid more into Zone 2, more benefit should be realized. She additionally noted that Cal Water should be removed from Zone 2 benefit. She stated that some discussion or evaluation of population density should be looked at.

5. GSA GSP Adoption Process

Ms. Streeter noted the draft resolution language is not final yet.

6. DWR Update

Mr. Paul Wells indicated that the grant application period closes November 1, 2019. He then provided an update on the Technical Support Services (TSS) funding, indicating that two wells are scheduled to be drilled in the spring. He stated that if there are questions about probationary status, fees are available online. It is a per-well fee and a per-AF fee. Mr. Wells provided clarification on the grant amount.

7. November Agenda Items**B. Informational Items:****II. Public Comment (non-agendized items):**

Ms. Elizabeth commented in regard to the mailing list, noting that interested parties are not getting all the information mailed out to the mailing list, including regularly involved representatives of Catholic Charities and Restore the Delta. Therefore, they are not aware of meeting notices and meeting agendas.

III. Directors' Comments:**Future Agenda Items:**

November agenda items include Plan Implementation and GSP Adoption.

IV. Adjournment:

Chair Winn adjourned the meeting. Alternate Swimley moved, and Director Fletcher seconded meeting adjournment. The October 17 meeting was closed at 12:59 pm.

Next Regular Meeting: November 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

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Joint Exercise of Powers Board of Directors Meeting

MEMBER SIGN-IN SHEET

Location: DELTA WATER SUPPLY TREATMENT PLANT Date: 10/17/19 Time: 10:00 AM

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Joint Exercise of Powers Board of Directors Meeting

OTHER INTERSTED PARTIES - SIGN-IN SHEET

Location: DELTA WATER SUPPLY TREATMENT PLANT Date: 10/17/19 Time: 10:00 AM

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OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES – SIGN-IN SHEET

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Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority
GSA Outreach Activities - October 2019

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Lockeford Community Services District				
North San Joaquin Water Conservation district				
Oakdale Irrigation District				
San Joaquin County				
South Delta Water Agency				
South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency				
Stockton East Water District				
Woodbridge Irrigation District GSA				

Please indicate which of the above outreach activities your GSA has planned for the upcoming month. Please approximate date of completion.

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