



# EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

## STEERING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

### AGENDA

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Teleconference Meeting Only

Call-In Information Provided

### NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19

See Attached Notice Regarding COVID-19, Closure of Board Chambers to the Public During the Steering Committee Meeting.

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Scheduled Items – *Presentation materials to be posted on ESJGroundwater.org and emailed prior to the meeting.*
  - A. Discussion Items
    1. Draft Budget and Formula Allocation Discussion
  - B. Action Items
    1. Motion to Recommend ESJGWA Board of Directors Adopt FY 2020-2021 Budget
- III. Public Comment (non-agendized items)
- IV. Director's Comments
- V. Future Agenda Items
- VI. Adjournment

### **Important Notice Regarding COVID 19 and Closure of Board Chambers to the Public During Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting**

On March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 recognizing that COVID 19 continues to spread throughout our community resulting in serious and ongoing economic harm. Governor Newsom has therefore waived certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act relating to public participation and attendance at public meetings.

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Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Officer, *effective immediately* and while social distancing measures are imposed, Board chambers will be closed to the public during the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Steering Committee Meetings.

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the following options are available to members of the public to listen to these meetings and provide comments to the Committee Members before and during the meeting:

1. You are strongly encouraged to listen to the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee meetings by attending the teleconference:

#### **Join By Webex**

(www.webex.com)

**Meeting number (access code): 622 657 332**

**Meeting password: NTdJJmnq273**

#### **Join By Phone**

**1-8665905055 Call-in number (ATT Audio Conference) (ATT Audio Conference)**

**1-8164234282 Call-in number (ATT Audio Conference) (ATT Audio Conference)**

**661 530 5 Access Code**

*Once connected, we request you kindly mute your phone.*

2. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Please submit your comment to the Secretary of the Board at [ksmith@sjgov.org](mailto:ksmith@sjgov.org). Your comment will be shared with the Board members and placed into the record at the meeting. Every effort will be made to read comments received during the meeting into the record but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments received after an agenda item will be made part of the record if received prior to the end of the meeting.

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**Next Scheduled Meeting**

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

8:30 am to 10:00 am

Tentative Teleconference Meeting



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### Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Teleconference Meeting Only

Call-In Information Provided Below

Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm

Roll Call taken: Roll call taken of members only. Additional folks introduced themselves.

### Discussion Items

1. Budget and Cost Allocation. Matt presented slides. Discussed were:
  - a. 6 month budget, invoices to GSA, contract with W&C and approximate carry-over anticipated.
  - b. 68 grant funds and amount available and when available.
  - c. Zone 2 to provide funds as previously identified.
  - d. Proposed budget summary – expenses and revenue. Advised will need additional from GSA's to cover all expenses. Zone 2 funds credited evenly to GSA's within Zone 2.
  - e. The proposed 60/40 split was recommended for further discussion but was not established as policy. A lot of discussions still need to be had regarding the percentage of split.
  - f. Need to take into account credits for recharge being done.
  - g. Some felt a 50/50 was a better way.
  - h. The group wanted to see different
  - i. The different budget categories may be split differently based
  - j. The biggest groundwater users are being charged less than the cities.
  - k. Should rely on actual groundwater use today and not projected rather than the actuals.
  - l. Not supportive of city paying more on groundwater than highest AG pumpers in area.
  - m. SJC 1 and SJC 2 being paid out of zone 2 which is county money. These areas should have to come up with money like the other GSA areas. Every district has to come up with funds to pay but SJC 1 and 2 do not have to be burdened with finding funds
  - n. Suggested that all GSA's be held to a minimum cost and then apply the % split to the difference (\$5000)
  - o. There was some supportive of the equal split items and would like to have further discussion on the percentage split

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- p. Might apply a membership fee of set dollar figure for applying to meetings and outreach and then percentage split on the remaining items
- q. It was observed that there are 3 components to be Budget.
  - 1) base or admin fee,
  - 2) costs split upon 16 GSA members.... could be called fixed costs
  - 3) variable cost split and would be included in each section
- r. Chairman can appoint ad-hoc committee members. Parties noted that it's a tight time frame to get the budget done. If a decision is going to be made in June, everyone needs an opportunity to weigh in before a final decision is made.
- s. GSAs need to schedule meeting to review the proposed draft budget.
- t. Decision Process
  - 1) Ad Hoc review costs allocation and budget alternatives and make a recommendation to the Steering Committee
  - 2) Steering Committee Makes a recommendation to the GWA Board
  - 3) GWA refers the draft budget to the GSA's for input
  - 4) GWA Board adopts budget with due consideration of the GSA input
- u. Decision Schedule
  - 1) 4/22 Ad Hoc TAC.
  - 2) 4/29 Special SC meeting
  - 3) 5/13 Regular SC and GWA Board meeting
  - 4) 5/14-5/29 Window for GSA review
  - 5) 6/10 Regular SC and GWA Board meeting

#### **Budget Action Items**

- 1. Apply a base amount of \$5000 from all and then do 50/50 or 60/40 on remaining cost items. Prepare new comparison charts.
- 2. Convene and schedule an Ad Hoc Budget Committee to discuss budget and then bring back to May SC meeting. Volunteers include Brandon Nakagawa (SSJID), Mel Lytle (City of Stockton), Andrew Watkins (SEWD), and John Herrick or Dante Nomallini (ag district with low groundwater use)
- 2. Prop 68 Grant Agreement Update. The acceptance letter from DWR was received. Negotiation on agreement with final 5/15. DWR want to amended the existing agreement to get funds out quickly.
- 3. Project Planning & Phase 4 Federal Relief for Infrastructure Projects. Discussed a planned federal relief projects to help create jobs once pandemic is resolved. Big take away is to get the projects ready – designed and defined, environmental clearance. Have planning done so projects can begin. The GSA

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partners need to be ready with projects for when that door opens so we can get some projects through the door.

4. Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Information on the federal grant was presented. 100 % local match. Focus on partnerships and the GWA would be a great example of a partnership that would draw attention to possibly receiving these funds.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Director's Comments: none

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:19pm