

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT/ROLL CALL

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board Meeting convened on July 13, 2022 in Assembly Room 1 at the San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center. In Chairman Winn's absence, Acting Vice Chairman Andrew Watkins called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Mr. Watkins led the Agenda and Alicia Connelly of San Joaquin County Water Resources Division conducted Roll Call.

In attendance were Chairman Chuck Winn (present after roll call), Andrew Watkins (Acting Vice Chairman), David Breitenbucher, Dan Wright (present after roll call), Gary Tofanelli, Mike Henry, Tom Flinn, Eric Thorburn, John Herrick, Dante Nomellini, Reid Roberts, Charlie Swimley, Douglas Smith, and Robert Holmes.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of May 11th, 2022

Vice Chairman Andrew Watkins called for the approval of May 11th, 2022 meeting minutes. Comments from the public were made from Ms. Mary Elizabeth of the Sierra Club who stated that the May 11, 2022 minutes announced the "Next Regular Meeting" as June 24, 2022 and should have been June 8, 2022. Additionally, Ms. Elizabeth requested that the ESJ GWA website be updated to correct the language to replace "Advisory Committee" with "Steering Committee" in the introductory paragraph where monthly meeting information is posted.

Motion:

Mr. David Breitenbucher made the motion to approve the amended May 11, 2022 minutes and the motion was seconded by Mr. John Herrick.

With no members opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss and Consider Adoption of the FY 2022-23 ESJ GWA Budget

Mr. Zidar presented the 2022-23 ESJ GWA Budget. Mr. Andrew Watkins commented that item 'Revenue from GSAs Cost Allocation' was listed as \$220K and should be \$320K. Further discussions included the need for a reserve policy; implementation of DMS and grant administration costs.

Motion:

Mr. Mike Henry made the motion to approve the amended budget which corrected the revenue to \$320K, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Andrew Watkins.

With no members opposed, the motion passed unanimously. **(R-22-06)**

3. Discuss and Consider Adoption of a Resolution to Accept the Revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Direct the Secretary to Submit the Plan to the California Department of Water Resources on Behalf of the Member Agencies.

Mr. Zidar introduced resolutions to accept the GSP, which were being submitted to DWR on July 27, 2022. Mr. Dante Nomellini commented that it was not easy to download. GWA Counsel, Mr. Rod Attebery, indicated that the download worked for him and that the problem could be a browser issue.

Public Comments

Ms. Mary Elizabeth of the Sierra Club commented about the public opinion process for the revised GSP through the SGMA portal and through the ESJGWA, and that other non-governmental organizations had submitted similar comments (to hers) as well: notifications went out last week that the Revised GSP was available and that left little to no opportunity to revise; late comments, projects and omissions will plague implementation of the GSP; processes need to be followed-up (timely).

Motion:

Mr. Dante Nomellini made the motion to adopt the resolution accepting the Revised GSP and to submit it to DWR on behalf of the member agencies. It was seconded by Mr. Dan Wright.

With no members opposed, the motion passed unanimously. [\(R-22-07\)](#)

III. STAFF/DWR REPORTS

Ms. Chelsea Spier of DWR indicated the SGMA portal has been updated to accept the Revised GSP. Use their email for any questions or comment; update contact information within the SGMA portal for changes in GSA contacts.

There is a conservation workshop coming up on July 19: INSAR data subsidence and free leak detection for small systems.

IV. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS & PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

Mr. Rod Attebery of Neumiller & Beardslee (GWA Legal Counsel) introduced himself and indicated that he was there for procedural purposes. He further introduced Mr. Tom Terpstra Jr, also of Neumiller & Beardslee.

Chairman Chuck Winn commented that the County had met with EBMUD and continues to collaborate with them on the EBMUD project; he further commented that the Delta Counties Coalition water summit was last month and mentioned the Delta Movers project regarding its portability and effectiveness (to keep saltwater away, etc).

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS)

Ms. Mary Elizabeth of the Sierra Club commented on outreach and education material; encouraged all to read the guidance for communicating and engaging with groundwater users- some have work conflicts. (Social Media is a way to communicate) Facebook page has not been updated since 2019. Collaborate to get out information on regulation, drywell mitigation. Important part of outreach is having meetings that the public can attend-also important to engage underrepresented groundwater users; Ms. Elizabeth recommended video or audio of meetings.

No other comments were provided.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Vice Chairman Andrew Watkins adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.