

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Special Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Special Steering Committee meeting was held at the Robert Cabral Agricultural Center (2101 E. Earhart Stockton CA 95206). At approximately 8:30AM call to order was conducted by Chairman Robert Rickman and roll call was taken of members only.

In attendance were Director and Alternates: Andrew Watkins, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Brandon Nakagawa, Chairman Robert Rickman and Secretary Fritz Buchman

II. Scheduled Items

A. Discussion/Action Items

1. Approval of the July 12th, 2023, minutes

Motion to approve the minutes: Jason Colombini

2nd: Andrew Watkins

The vote was unanimous.

2. Grand Jury Response

Fritz Buchman reviews the Grand Jury response draft with the Steering Committee. Brandon Nakagawa to provide red lines. Budget documents are to be added to the ESJ GWA website and a link to the Auditors Controllers Office. Additional tasks to be completed include adding the ESJ GWA Board Members names to the agendas and the website, creating a separate column for the meeting minutes for easier reference.

Motion to submit the purposed response draft to the GWA as amended: Mike Henry

2nd: Brandon Nakagawa

The vote was unanimous.

3. Communications and Engagement Plan Review Process

Matt Zidar shared the C&E Plan dates:

- 9/1/23 Draft C&E Update to ESJGWA due (Stantec) for Internal review
- 9/6/23 Internal review comments due to Stantec
- 9/8/23 Mail draft to Steering Committee and GSA
- 9/29/23 Comments to C&E Plan due from agencies to GWA staff and Stantec

Brandon Nakagawa advised to accept as a recommended plan then the Board can make the final decision.

4. Staffing Support Plan

Fritz Buchman shared Matt Zidar's retirement and that Brandon Nakagawa will be serving as interim staff in the meantime until recruit comes. Brandon Nakagawa has accepted and will be compensated by SJC Public Works for his time. A MOU will be presented to the GWA board.

Motion of recommendation to utilize Brandon Nakagawa for interim staff: Andrew Watkins

2nd: Mike Henry

The vote was unanimous.

III. Staff/DWR Reports

1. Well Mitigation Program: Matt Zidar shared Tracy has this issue and East San Joaquin. Matt Zidar recommends a document that could support consideration by both entities. Brandon Nakagawa commented the policy is what was agreed to in the GSP update.
2. DWR Report: attached to the agenda for review.

IV. Public Comment – none

V. Directors Comment – Chairman Robert Rickman shared the State of the County will be held on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023, at the Grand Theatre in Tracy from 9-11AM.

VI. Future Agenda Items – The MOU Adjustments for RRPA Allocation

VII. Adjournment at 10:26AM