

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Special Board Meeting
August 14th, 2024

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

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board Meeting convened at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center in Stockton CA (2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton CA). At approximately 10:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Rickman.

In attendance were Directors and Alternates: Keith Bussman, Jason Colombini, Mike Henry, Robert Holmes, Dan Wright, Alan Nakanishi, Melvin Panizza, Eric Thorburn, Christy McKinnon, David Breitenbucher, Secretary Fritz Buchman and Chairman Robert Rickman.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action Items

1. Approval of the June 12th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Robert Holmes

Second: David Breitenbucher

All in favor.

2. Adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget for Fund 21452 – DWR SGMA Implementation Grant Fund
Motion approved with the correction of “North San Joaquin Water & Power Authority” to “North San Joaquin Water Conservation District”.

Motion: Jason Colombini

Second: Mel Panizza

All in favor.

3. Update from Stantec on Communications and Engagement Plan Development

Brandon Nakagawa encouraged the Board to complete the survey sent out by Stantec. The survey will be open till the end of the month, August 31st. After the survey, Stantec will process the survey, and we will be able to post the results.

4. Presentation from Woodard & Curran – Groundwater Demand Management

Katie Cole and Leslie Dumas presented the material on the presentation found on the ESJGWA website. Brandon Nakagawa shared that the 2030 update is due at the end of January 2025. Motion to accept the presentation, to consult with DWR if they'll accept the threshold, and Woodard & Curran to adjust.

Motion: Dan Wright

Second: Mel Panizza

Opposed: Eric Thorburn

In favor: Alan Nakanishi, David Breitenbucher, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Robert Holmes,

Keith Bussman, Robert Rickman and Christy McKinnon

5. Staff Updates

- a. Staffing Transition – Fritz Buchman shared that Bob Granberg will be assisting with GWA tasks due to other work efforts Ashley is overseeing in Water Resources.
- b. Fall Groundwater Monitoring – No update due to meeting time constraints
- c. Westgate Landing Monitoring Well Drilling – No update due to lack meeting time constrains
- d. ARPA Funded Activities – No update due to lack meeting time constrains

6. DWR Update

Chelsea from DWR shared upcoming dates on the attachment.

III. STAFF/DWR Report

A. Staff Report –

B. DWR Report – attached to agenda

IV. DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Robert Holmes thanks the Project Management Committee for a job well done and encouraged them to stay together to keep direction of the GWA moving forward. Fritz Buchman shared the Grand Jury report responses were accepted with one follow up recommendation for the GWA to adopt a Communication and Engagement (C&E) Plan. During the September board meeting there will be a recommendation for the GWA to accept a response to the Grand Jury regarding a C&E Plan. Brandon shared a poll will be sent to Board Members regarding rescheduling the date of the September meeting due to Chairman Rickman’s schedule.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 12:07pm