

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board Meeting
February 12th, 2025

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

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board Meeting convened at the Council of Governments building at 555 E. Weber Ave. Stockton, CA 95202. At approximately 10:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Mel Panizza.

In attendance were Directors and Alternates: Craig Stevens, Alan Nakanishi, Michael Blower, Myron Blanton, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, John Herrick, Robert Holmes, Keith Bussman, Fritz Buchman, Mel Panizza, Sonny Dhaliwal, Dante Nomellini, Christy McKinnon and Scot Moody.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action Items

1. Approval of December 11th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Scot Moody

Second: John Herrick

In Favor: Craig Stevens, Alan Nakanishi, Myron Blanton, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Robert Holmes, Keith Bussman, Mel Panizza, Dante Nomellini, Christy McKinnon.

Abstain: Sonny Dhaliwal and Michael Blower

2. Election of ESJGWA Officers – Chair and Vice Chair

Brandon Nakagawa shared his presentation with the following Chairman duties before the Board made nominations.

- The incoming Chair will call Special meetings,
- Make appointments to standing and ad hoc committees,
- Will receive no additional compensation from the ESJGWA,
- The Vice Chair will act in the Chair's absence.
- The incoming Chair would immediately be tasked with forming the Ad Hoc Executive Committee as approved by the Board in 2024.

Director Jason Colombini nominated Robert Holmes for Chairman.

Director Scot Moody seconded the nomination for Robert Holmes for Chairman.

Director John Herrick motioned to close nominations

Director Michael Blower seconded the motion to close nominations

The vote for Director Robert Holmes as the new Chairman of the ESJGWA was unanimous.

Director Robert Holmes then continued the meeting as the new Chairman.

Director Keith Bussman nominated Jason Colombini for Vice Chair

Director Michael Blower seconded the nomination for Jason Colombini, Vice Chair

Director Robert Holmes nominated Mel Panizza for Vice Chair

Director Alan Nakanishi seconds the nomination for Mel Panizza, Vice Chair

Director Mel Panizza motioned to close the nominations

Director John Herrick seconded the motion to close the nominations

Director Mel Panizza was elected as Vice Chair by the following vote:

YES: 7

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 2

3. Financial Report

Brandon Nakagawa presented the financial report through January 2025. He reported that secured revenues included \$225K from Zone 2 and \$2.1 Million in ARPA funding with both earning interest in the County's investment pool. Expenditures through January include staff time, GSP Amendment consultant costs, and the Fall groundwater monitoring.

4. GSA Reports

Chairman, Robert Holmes shared that this item may continue to be a standing item for GSAs to share updates. Director Scot Moody shared that OID's out-of-district program has been successful. Director Jason Colombini mentioned that North San Joaquin used more surface water this year, than all other year's he's been alive, and they continue their recharge projects.

5. ESJGWA Website Updates

Khawaja Saifuddin, Management Analyst III, from San Joaquin County Public Works, presented proposed website updates presentation, highlighting the following possible upgrade features:

- The new website redesign is to enhance customer service and implement parts of the C&E Plan
- To provide user friendly features finding agendas, announcements and language translation
- Calendar search features for agenda packages
- Vastly improved content organization
- Contact information for ESJGWA Board Members
- Easy to view presentations and meeting materials
- Redesign will be live by April of 2025

This redesign cost is estimated at \$7,500 and there is \$10,000 already adopted in the 2024-2025 GWA budget for outreach. Ashley Couch, San Joaquin County Water Resources Manager, stated this quote was given by Mayaco, a local marketing consultant who created the current ESJGWA website and other websites within San Joaquin County.

Director Jason Colombini suggested looking into Streamline as a another vendor providing website design and support to public agencies.

Motion to proceed with the presented website redesign after researching other options and comparing costs.

Motion: Michael Blower

Second: Mel Panizza

Unanimously approved.

III. STAFF/DWR Report

A. Staff Report – Brandon Nakagawa shared there will be emails sent out on behalf of the newly elected Chair regarding the formation of the Ad Hoc Executive Committee.

B. DWR Report – Chelsea Spier, of DWR, shared the following updates:

- DWR Releases Second and Third Paper on Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water
- Update your GSA and GSP Manager Point of Contact Information on DWR's SGMA Portal
- Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order N-16-25
- Coming Soon - Basin Characterization Exchange

C. Communications – Brandon Nakagawa asked the Board of Directors to review the handouts provided which were mentioned at the December ESJGWA Board Meeting.

- **Environmental Law Foundation:** Sent to San Joaquin County and City of Stockton prior to action on the GSP.
- **Restore the Delta:** Comment letter printed and provided to the Board from the December 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

IV. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director John Herrick commented that Form 700's are to be filed soon and the process has changed per newly signed legislation. Director Michael Blower shared his appreciation for the ESJGWA Board and looks forward to working together.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 11:47 am