

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 12th, 2023

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Steering Committee meeting was held at San Joaquin County Public Works in Stockton, California (1810 Hazelton Avenue Conference Rm A). At approximately 8:30 a.m. 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, Robert Holmes, Jason Colombini, Chairman Robert Rickman and Secretary Fritz Buchman

II. Scheduled Items

A. Discussion/Action Items

1. Approval of the May 25th, 2023 minutes with the correction of the word “deference” in a statement made by Andrew Watkins.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended: Andrew Watkins

2nd: Jason Colombini

The vote was unanimous.

2. Water Accounting Framework (WAF)

Matt Zidar reviewed the presentation attached to the agenda indicating the WAF intent, and content of the first meeting.

3. Communications and Engagement Plan (C&E)

Matt Zidar shared the C&E Plan Update Appendices with a 7/12/23 start date and named Stantec as the responsible party. The ESJ GWA/GSA start date of 7/12/23 and end date 7/25/23. Stantec to forward the finalized word and pdf copies of the C&E Plan Update plus it's appendices to ESJ GWA and GSAs.

4. Budget and GSA Cost Distribution

Matt Zidar shared the corrected table #2 for the GSA Cost Distribution.

Motion to approve: Robert Holmes

2nd: Andrew Watkins

Vote is unanimous.

5. TAC Activity and Assignments for FY 2023-24

Matt Zidar shared they are working on data monitoring evaluations and instrumenting the representative wells. Andrew Watkins suggested a presentation from Tracy Data System. Matt suggested having the TAC evaluate both.

III. Staff/DWR Reports

1. DWR Report – Chelsea shared the Drought Resilience Committee meeting was July 20th and was open to the public and the Water Commission will have three meetings on how to prepare for drought and non-droughts: July 19th, 25th and 27th.

IV. Public Comment – Mary Elizabeth commented the presentation shared was not posted to the website prior to the meeting, she was not included in the survey, the agenda doesn't contain any information regarding the grand jury report, or any information on SB552 or update on dry wells in the county.

V. Directors Comment – Robert Holmes commented the board approved 2.1 million for project management last Tuesday for monitoring wells.

VI. Future Agenda Items – The Grand Jury report and quarterly reporting after speaking with counsel.

VII. Adjournment at 9:25 am