

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board Meeting Minutes
August 9th, 2023

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

At 10:30 AM the ESJ GWA Board did not meet quorum. 8 Members were in attendance. The board did not discuss action items but allowed Stantec to share their presentation with the board (item #4 under topic A on the agenda). At approximately 11:28 AM the 9th member of the board arrived, Dante Nomellini. Once quorum was met for the ESJ GWA Board, action items were discussed, and motions were made. The minutes below will reflect the order in which the meeting took place.

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board Meeting convened at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center in Stockton CA (2101 E. Earhart Avenue; Assembly Rm. 1), called to order (once quorum was met) by Andrew Watkins at approximately 11:28 AM.

Angie Provencio of San Joaquin County Water Resources Division conducted roll call.

In attendance: Jeremiah Mecham, Mike Henry, Eric Thorburn, Jason Colombini, Robert Holmes, Fritz Buchman, Charley Swimley, Mitchell Maidrand, Dante Nomellini arriving late and Andrew Watkins acting as Chair.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Communication and Engagement (C&E) Plan Status and Initial Draft Deliverable

Craig and Khandriale from Stantec reviewed the C&E presentation mentioning that the work plan, interviews, and the C&E plan update appendices were completed. They shared the interview information and plan provided on page 6 of the C&E Plan Status attachment and the reviewed the C&E Inventory Recommendations.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 14th, 2023

No discussion or comment

Motion: Robert Holmes

2nd: Eric Thorburn

All in favor

3. GWA Adopt Cost Allocation Table 2 and Authorize Invoicing to GSAs

No discussion or comment

Motion: Charlie Swimley

2nd: Robert Holmes

All in favor

4. Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget for the Easter San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Grant Fund #21452

No discussion or comment

Motion: Jason Colombini

2nd: Eric Thorburn

All in favor

5. Ad Hoc TAC Activity and Assignments for FY 2023-2024

Matt Zidar shared the tasks assigned to the Ad Hoc TAC and asked for motion to allow the TAC to proceed with the listed assignments on page #59 of the agenda.

Motion: Eric Thorburn

2nd: Robert Holmes

All in favor

III. STAFF REPORTS/DWR REPORT

A. Staff Reports

1. Plan for Grand Jury Response

The response to the Grand Jury will be shared with the Steering Committee members at the end of the month then will be shared with the ESJ GWA Board of Directors in October.

2. Status of the Mokelumne Integrated Conjunctive Use Project to Perfect Mokelumne River Water Rights

Matt Zidar shared the RFP, written proposals and interviews are complete. The negotiated scope schedule budget is set for review by the Steering Committee later this month.

B. DWR Report

No report

IV. DIRECTORS COMMENTS

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Memorandum of Understanding and GWA Budget
- Grand Jury Response

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 11:58 AM