

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Special Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Steering Committee meeting was held at the Robert Cabral Agricultural Center in Assembly Room 1. At approximately 8:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Board of Supervisors, Paul Canepa.

Roll Call: In attendance were Director and Alternates: Andrew Watkins, Jason Colombini, Jeremiah Mecham, Justin Hopkins, Mike Henry, Mitch Maidrand, Robert Holmes, and Board of Supervisor, Paul Canepa.

II. Scheduled Items

A. Discussion/Action Items

1. Approval of the November 8th, 2023, meeting minutes.

Motion: Robert Holmes

Second: Mike Henry

Abstain: Paul Canepa

All in favor: Andrew Watkins, Jason Colombini, Jeremiah Mecham, Justin Hopkins, Mike Henry, Mitch Maidrand, and Robert Holmes.

2. Discussion and Possible Recommendation of a Draft Well Mitigation Program

Motion: Refer draft to the Board for Discussion

The following recommendations were suggested.

1. Make the deciding body 5 members.
2. Require applicant to supply drillers report that states why it failed and recommended fix.
3. What is the statute of limitations to make a claim?
4. Add a policy on how to replenish funds...same as initial funding unless board determines adjustments are needed to address equity of pro rata funding.

Motion: Jason Colombini

Second: Jeremiah Mecham

3. Recommendation to Approve a Consultant Agreement with Woodard & Curran for the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update for a Not to Exceed Cost of \$1,130,120.00

Motion: Robert Holmes

Second: Andrew Watkins

- 4. Recommendation to Approve an ESJGWA Budget Amendment Increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$790,120 to Authorize \$310,000 in Reserves for Use as Revenue, and to approve the Cost Allocation of Increase Dues to ESJGWA Members.**

Motion: Andrew Watkins

Second: Jeremiah Mecham

- 5. Recommendation to Approve Form a Project Management Committee for the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update**

Brandon Nakagawa shared a presentation before the board members made motion. The presentation can be found [here](#) on the ESJ GWA website.

Motion: Robert Holmes

Second: Jason Colombini

III. Staff/DWR Reports

1. Staff Report - None
2. DWR Report – DWR is working on recharge, there is \$15 million to help support recharge for flooding emergencies. If you have any needs, please reach out.

IV. Directors Comments - None

V. Public Comment - None

VI. Future Agenda Items - None

VII. Adjournment at 9:37 am

NOTE* - Meeting presentation material can be found on the website at www.esjgroundwater.org/.