



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

San Joaquin County Public Works

1810 Hazelton Avenue Stockton, CA 95205

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

II. Scheduled Items – *Presentation Materials to be Posted on ESJGroundwater.org and Emailed Prior to the Meeting.*

A. Discussion/Action Items

1. Approval of May 25th Special Steering Committee Meeting Minutes - [page 3](#)
2. Water Accounting Framework
3. Communications and Engagement Plan
4. Budget and GSA Cost Distribution
5. TAC Activity and Assignments for FY 2023-24
 - a. Data Management Systems
 - b. Monitoring Network Evaluation
 - c. Interbasin Flows

III. Staff Reports

1. DWR Report
2. Other Items
 - a. Mokelumne River Water and Power Association (MRWPA) Mokelumne River Application 29835 and Next Steps
 - b. DREAM Pilot Project Results

IV. Public Comment (items not on the agenda)

V. Director Comments

VI. Future Agenda Items

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Steering Committee Meeting

AGENDA

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Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

8:30 am to 10:00 am

San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority SPECIAL Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 25th, 2023

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Steering Committee meeting was held at 1810 Hazelton Avenue, Stockton CA in conference room A. At approximately 9 a.m. call to order was conducted by Robert Rickman and roll call was taken of members only. In attendance were Director and Alternates: Andrew Watkins, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Brandon Nakagawa, Robert Holmes, Fritz Buchman, Mel Lytle, and Chairman Robert Rickman

II. Scheduled Items

A. Discussion/Action Items

1. Approval of the April 12th, 2023, minutes with the corrections (in item 2) of removing the first sentence regarding the five-year reserve. In addition, substituting “GSAs” for “South San Joaquin” in the comment made by Robert Holmes.

Approved by vote.

The vote was unanimous.

2. Status of SGMA Round 2 Grant

Matt Zidar shared that he’s not seeing much opportunity in the next year or two from SGMA sources. Matt encouraged to rally and support each other in pursuing grants, adding, it would be great to use money for construction. Brandon Nakagawa shared the money didn’t come to our basin, however, Oakdale received 14 million.

3. Review of FY 23-24 GWA Budget Alternatives, Referral to the Board

Matt Zidar reviewed scenarios. The total revenue is \$750,000.00. We are subsidized by Zone 2, grant money is still available to complete some well work. He pointed out the differences between the scenarios, compared to total cost and the GSA cost distribution for the scenarios. The annual report costs are budgeting about the same, groundwater data collection is stable. Robert Holmes recommended using the low budget scenario then adding the additional lines needed for public outreach, well monitoring, the data management system and model development and support; in addition, if the money isn’t spent it can be saved for the five-year update. Andrew Watkins agreed.

Motion by: Mel Lytle

2nd: Robert Holmes

The vote was unanimous.

III. Staff Reports

1. GWA Staff Report

a. SGMA Round 1 Grant and Progress

Matt Zidar commented that proposals for the Mokelumne Integrated Conjunctive Use Project were received on the 17th and there is an evaluation review committee that consists of North San Joaquin, Cal Water, San Joaquin County, City of Stockton, and Stockton East to evaluate proposals and the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors will be coming soon after interviews. In addition, conversations have been had with Woodbridge Irrigation District. Mitchell Maidrand shared the Geotech work for the City of Stockton is wrapping up and results look promising for recharge, the feasibility study is wrapping up as well, then into design and construction. Mel Lytle shared negotiations with a developer are happening on a combined storm/recharge basin in Cameron Park. This could potentially add an additional 15-acre basin which would bring it to over 100 acres of recharge basins once complete. Jason Colombini shared they just closed on a 10-acre property so they will be moving forward on recharge.

b. WAF Ad Hoc Committee Formation

Matt Zidar shared gratitude to Chairman Rickman for his help getting the committee formed and Water Resources is currently assessing and scheduling the first meeting.

c. Communications and Engagement Plan - none

2. DWR Report – attached to agenda for personal review.

3. Other Items – none

IV. Public Comment – none

V. Directors Comment – Chairman Robert Rickman shared he’s asked an attorney to look into the US Supreme Court Chevron Doctrine. Andrew Watkins commented if it’s overturned, the courts would give difference to the EPA or whoever would be the expert and they would be given more validity.

VI. Future Agenda Items – Matt Zidar adds the 2023-2024 Budget

VII. Adjournment at 10:21 am