

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board Meeting Minutes
March 13th, 2024

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

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board Meeting convened at the Manteca Transit Center located at 220 Moffat Blvd, Manteca, CA. At approximately 10:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Rickman.

In attendance were Directors and Alternates: Dante Nomellini, David Breitenbucher, Charlie Swimley, Mitch Maidrand, Mike Henry, Douglas Smith, Jason Colombini, Eric Thorburn, Robert Holmes, Keith Bussman, Secretary Fritz Buchman, Vice Chair Mel Panizza and Chairman Robert Rickman.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Approval of the January 10th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jason Colombini

Second: David Breitenbucher

All in favor.

2. Financial Report thru February 2024

Hope Paulin from SJC Water Resources, provided the financial report update.

Motion: Jason Colombini

Second: Mel Panizza

All in favor.

3. Authorize the GWA Secretary to Amend Terms of the Agreement for Temporary Staff Services Provided by SSJID to ESJGWA

Brandon Nakagawa shared SSJID has approved a 3-month extension for his services to the ESJ GWA Board. In addition, Fritz Buchman commented that the Water Resources Manager should be in position by the end of this 3-month period.

Motion: To approve a 3-month extension for services provided by Brandon Nakagawa and request that the contract remain open thereafter, in case further support is needed while Water Resources Manager gets acclimated.

Motion: Keith Bussman

Second: Charlie Swimley

In favor: Dante Nomellini, David Breitenbucher, Mitch Maidrand, Mike Henry, Douglas Smith, Jason Colombini, Eric Thorburn, Mel Panizza and Robert Rickman.

Abstained: Robert Holmes

4. Recommendation and Approval of an Amendment No. 1 to Land Use Agreement A-22-375 License to Use Land for Groundwater Monitoring Stations with San Joaquin County for the Westgate Landing Monitoring Well

Fritz Buchman presented that the amendment is for permission to drill a monitoring well at the Westgate Landing Park. The location was selected to fill recognized data gap and it being a San Joaquin County park. The item is time sensitive with a grant expenditure deadline of April 12th, 2024. Brandon Nakagawa commented that the April 12th date is impossible to meet and that an extension will be needed to save the grant monies. Staff has made the request and will hopefully hear from DWR in the coming months.

Motion: David Breitenbucher

Second: Robert Holmes

All in favor.

5. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with San Joaquin County to Receive American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Monitoring Network Enhancements

Fritz Buchman shared the MOU allocates the \$2.1 million in ARPA funding for monitoring network improvements. This was requested by Supervisor Rickman and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Motion: Jason Colombini

Second: Charles Swimley

All in favor.

6. Receive Progress Update on GSP 5 Year Update

Brandon Nakagawa shared ~\$85,000 of work has been invoiced. There have been 3 Project Management Committee meetings held. Mr. Nakagawa shared DWR is asking for more from GSAs in the 5-year updates.

I. STAFF Reports/DWR Report

A. Staff Report - none

B. DWR Report – Chelsea Spier from DWR shared that feedback will be provided on the 2023 Annual Reports in June or July.

II. DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Eric Thorburn shared OID is participating in the Modesto Subbasin, and they are in the process of addressing their incomplete designation on their GSP, and that they have 180 days to take corrective action.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. ADJOURNMENT at 11:03 AM