

# MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD

## SUMMARY MINUTES

September 8, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Conducted via Teleconference  
Per Executive Order N-29-20

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Mederos, Dave Martin, Steve Nelsen, David Bixler, G. Collins, Chris Harrell<sup>(Alt)</sup>

STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Fukuda, Valerie Kincaid, Kathy Artis, Rob Hunt, Trisha Whitfield, Randy Groom, Leslie Caviglia, Andrew Munn, Roxanne Yoder

OTHERS PRESENT: Blake Wilbur (MKGSA Advisory Comm. Chair), Tim Leo (Montgomery & Associates), Derrik Williams (Montgomery & Associates), Rick Bergin, Stacie Ann Silva, Blanca Escobedo, Geoff Vander Heuvel, Matt Klinchuch, Blake Wilbur, Amanda Peisch-Derby, Paul Adams, Sarah Rutheford (Provost & Pritchard), Hylon Kaufmann (Ranch Systems)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mederos opened the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – The public may comment on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Board, including items on the agenda. Speakers will be allowed three minutes unless otherwise extended by the Board Chair. The Board cannot legally discuss or take official action on items presented under public comment.

Chair Mederos called for comments from any members of the public present at the meeting. None were forthcoming.

### 3. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 11, 2020

It was moved by Director Nelsen, seconded by Director Bixler, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

- b. Financial Reports\*

- i. Financial Statements – Year-to-Date

K. Artis provided the report for the Board's review and consideration. She pointed out highlights in the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, and list of recent transactions. Following the report, it was moved by Director Collins, seconded by Director Nelsen, and unanimously carried to accept the report as presented.

- c. Legal Counsel Report
  - V. Kincaid advised that she had no update.
- d. MKGSA Advisory Committee Membership Update
  - A. Fukuda provided an update for the Board’s review and consideration. He advised that applications are being sought for three vacancies and that those applications are due September 30. The applications will be reviewed by the Management Committee with a recommendation to the Board in October. He noted that the seat previously held by Soapy Mulholland will be assumed by Cam Tredennick, Sequoia Riverlands Trust Executive Director; furthermore, Ms. Mulholland will continue to participate in an oversight capacity and Mr. Tredennick will serve as voting member of the committee.
- e. MKGSA GSP Review Status
  - i. Public Comments on GSP
  - ii. Letter – Responses to Comments
    - A. Fukuda briefly introduced the item and Derrik Williams, Montgomery & Associates, who provided an update to the Board on the MKGSA responses to the GSP.

Following the presentation, it was moved by Director Nelsen, seconded by Director Bixler and unanimously carried to approve the letter as presented authorizing Board Chair Mederos to execute same.

- f. MKGSA GSP Implementation Workplan
  - Tim Leo, Montgomery & Associates provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration. He advised that the two-year Workplan consists of seven priority activities meant to be implemented by 2022 and six extended workplan activities that are intended to be initiated during the first five to ten years of the GSP Implementation.

Following the presentation it was moved by Vice Chair Dave Martin, seconded by Director Nelsen and carried by Director Martin, Director Nelson, Director Harrell, Director Mederos, and Director Bixler to approve the Implementation Workplan as presented. Director Collins cast the only no vote.

- g. MKGSA Consultants
  - A. Fukuda provided a brief update on the MKGSA Consultants, Montgomery & Associates, Provost & Pritchard and Stantec, for the Board’s review and consideration.

h. Kaweah Subbasin Coordination

- i. Kaweah Subbasin Managers Report
- ii. Prop 68 Grant
- iii. RCIS Program
- iv. Water Marketing Strategy Grant
- v. Stanford SkyTEM

A. Fukuda provided a report for the Board's review and consideration; highlighting the CVSALTS program, EKGSA approved Engineering Report and the GKGSA Prop 218 process, UC Riverside Modeling, Prop 68 Grant Components & RCIS Program. No update with regard to SkyTEM.

i. CVSALTS Presentation

A. Fukuda introduced the item and Sarah Rutheford (Provost & Pritchard) who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Kaweah Subbasin Nitrate Management Zone.

**4. STAFF UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND RECEIVE DIRECTION, IF NECESSARY, REGARDING COVID-19**

**5. BOARD/STAFF UPDATES, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST**

**6. CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Mederos adjourned to closed session for the items as noted at 4:44p.m.

- a. Gov't Code §54956.9 – Anticipated Litigation: One Case
- b. Gov't Code §54957 – discuss employment of General Manager

**7. ADJOURNMENT** Next Regular Meeting – October 13, 2020

Chair Mederos reconvened at 5:13 p.m., advised there was no reportable action as to item “a” and as to item “b” the Management Committee was directed to move forward with the General Management Recruitment and adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Board Chair

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Board Secretary