

**MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUB-BASIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Tuesday, November 8, 2016 3:00 pm

Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers
491 North M Street – Tulare, CA 93274

MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Smith^(Alt.), Craig Vejvoda, David Bixler, David Martin, Steve Nelsen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Collins, Carlton Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Olmos, Leslie Caviglia, Aaron Fukuda, Paul Hendrix, Kathy Artis, Ken Richardson, Paul Melikian, Trisha Whitfield, Roxanne Yoder

OTHERS: Larry Rodriguez, retained consultants with GEI, Bakersfield

1. **CALL TO REGULAR ORDER:**

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

3. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a. **Approval of minutes of September 13, 2016 GSA meeting** – It was moved by Director Vejvoda, seconded by Vice Chair Nelsen and carried 5 to 0 (Director Collins & Jones absent) to approve the minutes as presented.
- b. **Adopt GSA Board Resolution 2016-01 establishing meeting frequency** – P. Hendrix provided a report for the Board's review and consideration. Mr. Hendrix summarized the board meeting frequency since GSA formation and the requirement to establish regular meetings by resolution. He further recommended that meetings on a quarterly basis would generally be sufficient. Director Martin sought assurance that special meetings would be held should the need arise. Following a brief discussion, it was then moved by Director Martin, seconded by Director Smith^(Alt.) and carried 5 to 0 (Directors Collins & Jones absent), to adopt Resolution 2016-01 as presented.
- c. **Approve appointment of GSA Board Secretary** – L. Caviglia provided a report for the Board's review and consideration. She noted that the JPA allows for appointments of GSA officers as determined by the Board, and that there is a need for a designated Secretary to handle various administrative affairs. She further indicated that the Management Committee recommended the appointment of Roxanne Yoder for this position. With no further discussion it was moved by

Director Vejvoda, seconded by Vice Chair Nelsen and carried 5 to 0 (Directors Collins & Jones absent) to appoint Ms. Yoder as Secretary of the Mid-Kaweah GSA.

d. **Financial Reports:**

- Financial Statements – K. Artis provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration. She reviewed pertinent line items in the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement for the fiscal year to-date. Director Martin asked what was obtained with the logo design expense, and staff explained its purpose. With no further discussion it was moved by Vice Chair Nelsen, seconded by Director Martin and carried 5 to 0 (Director Collins & Jones absent) to approve the Financial Statements as presented.
- Audit Requirements – No Report

e. **Advisory Committee Status Report** – P. Hendrix summarized the last meeting of the Advisory Committee held on September 14. He talked about the educational nature of these preliminary meetings, chair and vice chair appointments, GSA budget overview, and a presentation by GEI. Mr. Hendrix indicated that the presentation engendered many questions and good discussion amongst the committee members.

f. **Technical Advisory Sub-Committee Status Report** – L. Rodriguez reviewed a revised task completion schedule. He further described the role of GEI insofar as stakeholder outreach is concerned, which will now focus primarily on the Mid-Kaweah interested parties. He then summarized the data review process and next steps, basin boundary considerations and water balance refinements. Director Martin asked what is meant by the term water budget, to which Mr. Rodriguez noted it is all water inputs and outputs within a groundwater basin. Discussion ensued with Mr. Rodriguez’ observation on the advantages of working with other GSAs within the Kaweah Sub-Basin.

g. **County Facilitation** – P. Hendrix summarized the status of other would-be GSAs within the sub-basin, meetings of the Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Committee and the initiation of coordination efforts. He referred the Board to a coordination agreement outline which has been presented to this management committee for consideration and feedback. Director Smith commented that a glossary of terms list may be useful to the Board given all the new acronyms being referred to in SGMA discussions.

h. **DWR Activities** – P. Hendrix talked about the water community’s concerns over water supply supplementation expressed both during SGMA negotiations and in the aftermath of the law’s passage. He discussed state agencies’ obligations to consider impacts on GSPs when making regulatory decisions or in promulgating new policies. He also made mention of DWR’s soon-to-be published report on

water supplies available for groundwater replenishment. Mr. Hendrix then summarized DWR's development of best management practices intended to help guide GSAs in the preparation of their respective GSPs.

- i. **TID Geophysical Data Collection** – A. Fukuda provided a PowerPoint slide presentation for the Board's review and consideration. He described the purpose of the geophysical data collection effort as a pilot project. He summarized the helicopter fly-over methodology, where data was collected, and the preliminary results depicting the area's soil strata below the ground surface. He concluded with some observations on how this technology and additional hydrogeological data made available thereby could be useful in GSP preparation.
- j. **Other Business** – There was no other business to come before the Board.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Bixler adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Chair

Attest:

Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Secretary