

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

SUMMARY MINUTES

Thursday, June 22, 2017 3:00 pm

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jose Sigala, Dave Martin, David Bixler, Steve Nelsen, Greg Collins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Nunley

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Howard Stroman

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Olmos, Leslie Caviglia, Aaron Fukuda, Paul Hendrix, Alex Peltzer, Joe Carlini, Melissa Hermann, Trisha Whitfield

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Rodriguez, GEI Consultants, and other members of the public.

1. **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION:**

Chair Bixler opened the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF CITY OF TULARE ALTERNATES**

Alternate Director Howard Stroman was introduced to the Board and staff.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chair Bixler called for comments from any members of the public present at the meeting. There were no comments made.

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

a. Approve Minutes of April 11, 2017 Board Meeting

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

b. Public Workshop – GSA Budget and Funding Considerations*

Larry Rodriguez of GEI Consultants provided a presentation on the cost outlook for the GSP (Groundwater Sustainability Plan) and coordination between the three GSAs. He emphasized the conservative nature of the estimates, stating that \$515,000 is the projected cost for the GSP and \$763,000 for the coordination effort. Mr. Rodriguez further indicated that Tulare County is expected to contribute \$194,000 towards the coordination work, thereby reducing the cost to the GSAs. He continued with a description of some of the major components of the GSP and coordination work that make up the respective budgets.

Director Sigala asked about the two-year schedule for the work and requested that the timing of funding needs be identified. Directors Nelson and Martin expressed

concern over the high costs of this work, and Director Collins asked if the basin setting component could make use of existing data. Mr. Rodriguez indicated that the basin setting as well as other components of the coordination work will fold into each of the sub-basin GSPs. Director Collins inquired as to the public's involvement in this process and any assurances that the state will accept the final product. Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Hendrix indicated that the technical work will be vetted with the public via workshops and the GSA's Advisory Committee input. Director Stroman asked when the plans and other documentation are due, to which Mr. Rodriguez replied January 2020.

c. Approval of FY 2017-18 Budget

Mr. Hendrix next reviewed a projected budget for FY 2017-18 and the year following. He made note of the expense line items and carryover funds from the previous fiscal year. He then summarized the potential sources of income that may offset the need for a call for funds, including a Prop 1 grant from the state for GSP preparation. Director Sigala inquired as to whether public stakeholder outreach costs are in the budget, to which Mr. Hendrix said yes. Director Nelson expressed some concern over a budget relying on income sources that were not assured and asked what would happen if these sources do not materialize. Mr. Hendrix responded that the Mid-Kaweah's anticipated GSP expenses would need to come from its Members and that any significant funds devoted to coordination would not be authorized unless agreements were in place with the East Kaweah and Greater Kaweah GSAs to pay their respective portions thereof. It was moved by Vice Chair Nelson, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried to approve the FY 2017-18 operating expense budget of \$474,000.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Bixler adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Chair

Attest:

Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Secretary

* Staff reports and/or other documents provided.