



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

San Joaquin County – Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Avenue – Assembly Room #1, Stockton, California

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Safety Announcement/Roll Call
- II. **SCHEDULED ITEMS – *Presentation materials to be posted on ESJGroundwater.org and emailed prior to the meeting. Copies of presentation materials will be available at the meeting.***
 - A. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 1. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2019 (See Attached)
 2. Outreach and Groundwater Sustainability Workgroup Update
 3. Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendation and Input
 4. Draft GSP Public Comment Incorporation Process
 5. Overview of Draft GSP Public Comments
 6. Staff Administration for GWA for Implementation
 7. Implementation Next Steps
 8. DWR Update
 9. October Agenda Items
- III. **Public Comment (non-agendized items)**
- IV. **Directors' Comments**
- V. **Future Agenda Items**
- VI. **Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting

October 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

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Action may be taken on any item

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EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Safety Announcement/Roll Call

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board meeting was convened by Chair Chuck Winn at 11:00 a.m., on July 10, 2019, at the Manteca Transit Center, 220 Moffat Blvd., Manteca, CA. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a representative of the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services provided the required safety information.

In attendance were Chair Chuck Winn; Directors George Biagi Jr., Dave Fletcher, Mike Henry, Eric Thorburn, John Herrick; Alternates Jeremiah Mecham, Charlie Swimley, Mark Houghton, Dan Wright, Walt Ward, Joe Valente, Robert Holmes and Andrew Watkins; and Secretary Kris Balaji.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2019

Motion:

The June 12 meeting minutes were approved, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Draft GSP Public Review Period & Process for Adopting

Ms. Alyson Watson indicated that the Draft GSP had been posted to www.esjgroundwater.org. She reminded the group that comments are requested via email to info@esjgroundwater.org by August 25. Ms. Watson walked through the chapters included in the Draft Plan and noted that the public draft comment period begins today (July 10). She indicated that a notice of intent (NOI) to adopt the Plan has been drafted and will be distributed to GSA staff. Ms. Watson noted it is anticipated that individual GSA adoption dates will not be listed on the NOI, and that those can be listed on the website. She indicated that the final draft of the Plan, which will reflect public comments, will be distributed on November 5. The proposed approach for adoption is for the JPA to recommend adoption, and then have the GSAs adopt the Plan individually. Based on comments received at the Advisory Committee meeting, this approach will be revisited. The JPA is scheduled to adopt the GSP on January 8.

Alternate Walt Ward indicated he would like to see a side-by-side comparison of the schedules. He then noted that Eastside San Joaquin GSA is governed by an MOU, and that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors will want to take formal action. He noted that they are targeting December 10 for adoption, and that the group will consider adoption of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSP at that meeting as well. Director John Herrick stated that the concerns raised regarding GSA-level adoption are valid and noted his support for the new approach. Additionally, he stated that if any agency will vote to not adopt the Plan, to let that be known now. Supervisor Winn questioned what happens if a GSA adopts the Plan unilaterally and another GSA does not adopt formally but makes a recommendation that the JPA adopt. He questioned if that would affect the legitimacy of the adoption. Ms. Watson noted that the item would be followed up on. Mr. Paul Wells (DWR) indicated that Water Code Section 10728.4 discusses the adoption process and it states that a GSA may adopt or amend the Plan. Secretary Kris Balaji asked a clarifying question.

3. Outreach & Groundwater Sustainability Workgroup Update

Ms. Watson provided an update on outreach efforts and the Groundwater Sustainability Workgroup. The Groundwater Sustainability Workgroup will meet next in September (date TBD).

4. Comments Received on Draft GSP

Ms. Watson walked through substantive proposed changes to the Draft GSP that came out of the administrative review process. She noted that the Advisory Committee has provided input, and that Board action is needed on several items.

Minimum Depth-to-Water Requirement for Groundwater Level Minimum Thresholds

Ms. Watson presented an overview of the requested edit, and she summarized the Advisory Committee recommendation to approve no change at this time.

Motion:

Director Swimley moved, and Alternate Dan Wright seconded that no change be made to add a minimum depth-to-water requirement for groundwater level minimum thresholds. The motion passed unanimously.

Use of Municipal Wells in Criteria for GWL Minimum Thresholds for Municipalities

Ms. Watson walked through the proposed change to use municipal wells in place of domestic wells when determining groundwater level minimum thresholds for municipalities in which there is an ordinance requiring domestic users to connect to City water. She summarized the Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the change. Director Herrick questioned if that would mean that people with domestic wells would have different criteria than someone with a City well.

Ms. Mary Elizabeth (Sierra Club, Delta-Sierra Group) indicated that this topic came up last month. She stated that she has asked for and could not find the municipal code that states that any well within the City of Stockton is illegal to operate. She indicated that the well proposed for the City of Stockton has no construction details and that official monitoring wells need construction details. She stated there has been no long-term monitoring of water levels in that well, only monitoring for salinity and irrigation value. Dr. Mel Lytle responded that the City of Stockton does have construction details for that well. He noted that there has not been a lot of groundwater elevation data for that well, and that it mainly has evaluated production and water quality. He summarized the well selection process, noting that all wells were considered, and that this one was selected because it is located in the center of the City's service area and it felt representative. He noted it is a municipal well with no irrigation component. Alternate Wright indicated he had no comment and stated a preference to adopt the Advisory Committee's recommendation.

Motion:

Alternate Wright moved, and Director Henry seconded the use of municipal wells in the criteria for determining groundwater level minimum thresholds for representative monitoring wells in municipalities where an ordinance requires domestic users connect to City water. The motion passed unanimously.

Use of an Isocontour Line for the Seawater Intrusion Measurable Objective

Ms. Watson walked through the proposed change to use an isocontour line as the measurable objective for seawater intrusion for consistency with the minimum threshold. She summarized the Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the change. Ms. Watson clarified that the proposed measurable objective would be an isocontour line at the same location as the minimum threshold isocontour line. She reminded the group that this change would be for the measurable objective and would not affect the minimum threshold.

Motion:

Director Fletcher moved, and Director Henry seconded to approve the use of the proposed isocontour line for the measurable objective for seawater intrusion.

Updates to Monitoring Network

Ms. Watson walked through the proposed changes to the monitoring network, noting the Advisory Committee's recommendation to change to a semi-annual monitoring frequency and their input that this frequency would be sufficient to capture seasonal trends.

Motion:

Director Herrick moved, and Alternate Swimley seconded to approve the change to a semi-annual monitoring frequency, consistent with the Advisory Committee recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Watson then requested Board action on changes to the number of multiple completion wells included in the broad monitoring network for groundwater levels and quality, clarifying that 16 multiple completion wells could be included. She also requested Board action on the proposed addition of a representative monitoring well located in Eastside San Joaquin GSA through coordination with Oakdale Irrigation District. This proposed change would increase the number of representative monitoring wells in the groundwater level representative monitoring network from 19 to 20.

Motion:

Alternate Wright moved, and Alternate Houghton seconded to approve 16 multiple completion wells and 20 representative monitoring wells for groundwater levels. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposition 68 Application

Ms. Watson summarized the funding opportunity available through the Proposition 68 grant and the Advisory Committee recommendation that the JPA pursue this funding. Chair Winn indicated that there may be opportunity to reimburse administrative costs. Mr. Wells indicated that this was not included in the last round, but the topic was discussed. Mr. Wells recommend the group review the proposal solicitation package (PSP) to determine if these expenses can be covered. He noted it has been allowed in other grant opportunities.

Director Thorburn questioned if the grant would require a match. Mr. Wells indicated that the maximum grant available to the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin is up to \$500,000, and this would include a cost share. Mr. Wells stated that there is a disadvantaged community (DAC) waiver with different tiers compared to the last round. Ms. Watson clarified that the match amount would depend on the DAC waiver. Director Thorburn asked what the time period is to spend the money. Ms. Watson noted that the group anticipates using it within the first year.

Alternate Wright indicated that the grant application seems like a lot of work and questioned how badly the money is needed. Ms. Watson indicated that the current contract is for plan development, and that there is currently no consultant support for implementation. Implementation items include a significant amount of work, including regional requirements, such as monitoring; outreach; JPA meetings; and maintaining the model, data management system, and website. She noted that there is a need for funding, but it does not have to be this. Director Thorburn indicated the need to look at risk versus reward. Alternate Ward stated that the process would be very competitive and indicated concern on schedule and a lack of a defined purpose. He stated he is concerned about spending money if the grant is not approved. He questioned who would prepare the application.

Director Henry asked what the deadlines would be. Mr. Wells indicated the deadlines are short. He noted the public comment period on the Draft PSP has closed, and that applications would need to be submitted in the next month or two following the release of the Final PSP.

Mr. Wells reminded the group that the grant application review process would give priority to basins that did not receive funding under previous rounds. Secretary Balaji questioned if there would be priority for critically overdrafted basins. Mr. Wells recommended a review of the PSP but stated there is no priority for critically overdrafted basins in the funding amounts.

Secretary Balaji asked the group if there were any other concerns. Alternate Swimley indicated that the basin would net \$450,000 at best, which is roughly \$30,000 per GSA, assuming an even split. Director Herrick questioned if basins with greater overdraft to address will receive preference. Mr. Wells responded that no preference is stated. Mr. Wells clarified that there are additional evaluation criteria, but typically those relate to application completeness. Director Biagi asked the group: how do we differentiate our application? What will we do with the money? Why should we get it versus someone else? He noted the answers to these questions have not been figured out.

Ms. Valerie Kincaid (counsel to OID/SSJID) stated the Ad-Hoc Committee would determine if there is a need for grant funding. She noted that if the JPA does not apply for funding, a GSA could apply for funding to fund individual projects. Mr. Wells stated that DWR specifies one application per basin. If the JPA does not want to apply, they could allow a GSA to apply. Ms. Kincaid noted that very few basins did not receive funding previously. Alternate Walt stated he believes the grant application process could dilute focus from compliance with SGMA and finishing the GSP. Direction was given to hold this item for the next meeting in order to answer questions and provide clarity.

6. Plan Manager Position

Ms. Watson presented an overview of the Plan Manager position definition and summarized the Advisory Committee recommendation that the position run with San Joaquin County.

Secretary Balaji stated that the position should associate with San Joaquin County because the County is the staff administrator to the JPA currently, and he reads the position as the Staff to the JPA. Alternate Ward questioned what decision-making authority the Plan Manager has and questioned if the JPA as a body could be identified. Secretary Balaji indicated an individual must be identified in the Plan. Chair Chuck Winn asked if the position could run with the Chair. Alternate Ward questioned what authorities the position would carry. Ms. Watson indicated that the position would be a point of contact.

Motion:

Director Swimley moved to approve Kris Balaji as the Plan Manager, and Chair Winn seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

7. Implementation Phase and Funding Next Steps

Chair Winn provided an update on the Ad-Hoc Committee meeting, noting that the group is looking at the existing JPA agreement and implementation costs and will come to the Board with a recommendation in September. He noted his availability to answer any questions.

Ms. Watson requested to skip ahead to be able to cover additional content on implementation funding and next steps. She noted that the information from the skipped slides is reflected in the Draft Plan.

Motion:

Alternate Ward moved to skip ahead in the presentation, and Alternate Wright seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Fourth Informational Meeting – July 18, 5-8 PM, Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center

Ms. Watson provided an update on the fourth Informational Meeting, scheduled for July 18. She asked the Board members and audience members to please help to get the word out to both publicize the Informational Meeting and to publicize that the Public Draft GSP is up for review. She asked that the GSAs inform the consulting team if they have additional meetings planned to publicize the Public Draft so that information can be posted on the website. Secretary Balaji requested that GSAs spread the word about the public meeting and the Public Draft comment period. Ms. Watson noted that if any GSAs need support in terms of materials, to let the consulting team know.

9. DWR Update

Mr. Paul Wells provided an update, noting that the previous grant invoice has come in and the invoice has been reviewed. He stated that the final invoice is expected to be submitted shortly.

August Agenda Items

Ms. Watson stated that the Advisory Committee will meet in August. She asked the group if they felt an August Board meeting is needed. Chair Winn noted that the Ad-Hoc Committee will be meeting several times in that timeframe and suggested tentatively scheduling a meeting in August that can be canceled later if needed. Ms. Watson indicated that no action was needed to keep the meeting as scheduled.

B. Informational Items:

III. Public Comment (non-agendized items):

None

IV. Directors' Comments:

None

Future Agenda Items:

The August meeting will be kept on the schedule tentatively and can be canceled if it is determined there is not enough input from the Ad-Hoc Committee. Proposition 68 grant funding will be discussed at the next meeting.

V. Adjournment:

The July 10 meeting was closed at 12:23 p.m. Chair Winn adjourned the meeting.

Next Regular Meeting: August 14, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. (tentative), or September 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
San Joaquin County – Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center, 2101 E. Earhart Ave., Assembly Rm. #1, Stockton, CA



MEMBER SIGN-IN SHEET

Location: MANTECA TRANSIT CENTER Date: 07/10/19 Time: 11:00 AM

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OTHER INTERSTED PARTIES - SIGN-IN SHEET

Location: MANTECA TRANSIT CENTER Date: 07/10/2019 Time: 11:00 AM

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Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority
 GSA Outreach Activities - August 2019

| Agency Name | Update Website | Use Outreach Slides | Post to Social Media | Other |
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| Cal Water | | | | |
| Central Delta Water Agency | | | | |
| Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District | | | | |
| City of Lathrop | | | | |
| City of Lodi | | | | |
| City of Manteca | Added information about GSA and GSP development | Added to website | Informational Item on 8/20/19 Council Meeting | Provided GSP update to City Council. Requested comments to Draft GSP on City website, Council Bulletin Board, and placed two copies of Draft GSP at the Manteca Public Library for comment. |
| City of Stockton | | | | |
| Eastside San Joaquin GSA | 7/9 CCWD Website - Notifying public of workshop | | 7/9 post to facebook notifying public of outreach meeting | Facilitated article in the Calaveras Enterprise |
| Linden County Water District | | | | |
| Lockeford Community Services District | | | | draft GSP at office for review |
| North San Joaquin Water Conservation district | Posted, updated slides for Aug | | | District Newsletter sent to all landowners |
| Oakdale Irrigation District | Updated for August | Added to website | | |
| San Joaquin County | | | | |
| South Delta Water Agency | | | | |
| South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency | | | | |
| Stockton East Water District | | | | |
| Woodbridge Irrigation District GSA | | | | |

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| City of Lathrop | | | | |
| City of Lodi | | | | |
| City of Manteca | | Added to website | | |
| City of Stockton | | | | |
| Eastside San Joaquin GSA | | | | |
| Linden County Water District | | | | |
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