



Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Teleconference Only

Call-In Information Provided

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Safety Announcement/Roll Call** (*Please remember to keep your phone line muted and unmute when announcing yourself for attendance or speaking)
- 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. Action Items:**
 1. Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2020 (Attached)
 2. Authorize Task Order No. 2 under GSP Implementation Services Agreement A-20-1 Authorizing additional scope of work and increasing Agreement budget amount to \$437,000
 3. Adopt a Resolution to submit the Water Conservation Coordinator Grant to the California Department of Conservation
 - B. Discussion**
 1. Board and Steering Committee Schedule (Staff Report Attached)
 2. GSA payments for FY19/20 and FY 20/21
 3. Project Progress Reports
 4. DWR Update (Attached)
- III. Secretary Report**
- IV. Public Comment (non-agendized items)**
- V. Directors' Comments**
- VI. Future Agenda Items**
- VII. Adjournment**

NOTICE: Coronavirus COVID-19

See Attached Notice Regarding COVID 19, Closure of Board Chambers to the Public During the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meeting and Teleconference Information

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting

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Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Action may be taken on any item

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Important Notice Regarding COVID 19 and Closure of Board Chambers to the Public During Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meetings

On March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 recognizing that COVID 19 continues to spread throughout our community resulting in serious and ongoing economic harm. Governor Newsom has therefore waived certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act relating to public participation and attendance at public meetings.

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Officer, **effective immediately** and while social distancing measures are imposed, Board chambers will be closed to the public during the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Board of Directors Meetings.

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2. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Please submit your comment to the Clerk/Secretary of the Board at kmsith@sjgov.org. Your comment will be shared with the Board members and placed into the record at the meeting. Every effort will be made to read comments received during the meeting into the record but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments received after an agenda item will be made part of the record if received prior to the end of the meeting.

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2020

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

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board Teleconference meeting was convened and Chairman Chuck Winn called the meeting to order, via the online Webex Meeting platform, at 10:36 a.m. on June 10, 2020. The meeting was conducted via Teleconference only.

Chairman Winn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Kristy Smith with San Joaquin County conducted the roll call.

In attendance were Chairman Chuck Winn; Vice Chairman Mel Panizza; Secretary Kris Balaji; Directors David Fletcher, Mike Henry, Tom Flinn, Eric Thorburn, John Herrick, Robert Holmes; Alternate Directors Charlie Swimley, Mel Lytle, Walter Ward.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2020

Chairman Winn called for the approval of minutes of the meeting on May 13, 2020. There were no comments by the GWA Board members and no comments by the public. Mrs. Kristy Smith with San Joaquin County conducted the roll call vote.

Motion:

Vice Chairman Mel Panizza moved, and Director David Fletcher second, approval of the May 13, 2020 minutes.

Roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Department of Conservation Grant

Mr. Matt Zidar with San Joaquin County advised the Board that the final draft of this grant would be out the following Monday, for submittal by September 15, 2020. Mr. Zidar reminded the Board that this Department of Conservation Grant would allow for a staff position for the GSP implementation process and was one that staff was very interested in. Mr. Zidar advised that time allowed for a full proposal to the Board at the August 12, 2020 meeting.

3. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Plan

Mr. Matt Zidar with San Joaquin County briefly reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Plan and requested that the Board move to approve it. The process for developing the budget was reviewed. The process included multiple meetings of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee, the Steering Committee and the Board. There were no comments by the GWA Board Members and no comments by the public. Mrs. Kristy Smith with San Joaquin County conducted a roll call vote.

Motion:

Director Robert Holmes moved, and Director John Herrick second, to approved the proposed Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Plan.

Roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion Items:

1. Project Progress Reports

Mr. Matt Zidar with San Joaquin County provided an overview of the suggested Project Progress Report, noting that regular project updates will allow for tracking progress to implement the GSP and achieve sustainability. Mr. Zidar stated that these Project Progress Reports would be a standing agenda item and that he is looking into the ability for GSAs to update Table 6 via the web and a shared document updated by each GSA.

Chairman Winn asked for comments from the GSA's regarding their current projects. No updates were provided at that time.

Mr. Zidar provided a request on behalf of North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, for letters of support from the GWA Board and the GSAs. These would be included in the NSJWCD grant application. A brief explanation of the grant-funded project was provided, as well as submission deadline. The Directors noted that they would be glad to submit letters of support based on a draft letter provided by NSJWCD. NSJWCD was to provide additional information to the GWA and GSAs to help them in craft letters of support.

Chairman Winn briefly discussed the Steering Committee workshop plans, regarding partnerships and funding possibilities.

Mary Elizabeth of the Sierra Club provided a Public Comment, stating that the workshop idea for discussing funding and financing alternatives is very attractive and much needed.

2. DWR Update

Mr. Paul Wells from DWR provided an update to the Board on behalf of DWR. Mr. Wells stated that the GSP is in the review phase with DWR, noting that they have two years to review the GSP submitted. Brief details were provided on the review process, noting that the Groundwater Management Office handles the management of the reviews, and additional details on the process could be provided at future meeting.

Mr. Wells noted that the GWA is in the GSP implementation phase and that the GSA's are working to develop project to achieve sustainability over the 20-year period. Mr. Wells noted that the drilling of monitoring wells is still in progress as part of the original grant, also mentioning that there would be more details on other support services when DWR hosts future workshops. Mr. Wells offered assistance with workshop support to the Board and Steering Committee.

III. Executive Secretary Report:

1. Potential Funding Sources – Sacramento / Washington Reports

Secretary Kris Balaji provided an update on the State and National efforts. Secretary Balaji advised that they have been working closely with water related advocates in DC and Sacramento to track and keep an eye out for potential funding opportunities and sources. Secretary Balaji advised that this would remain a standing agenda item, as funding is very important, also noting that individual agencies may also have their own advocates tracking grants or loans and that is a great idea as well. He reported on existing programs, stating that Congress is in the process of working on the 2020/2021 spending bills, related bills like the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) and that the final spending bill will be approved in the fall. In the area of new funding, Secretary Balaji reported that Congress is working on legislation to authorize infrastructure-funding programs and provide additional Covid relief. Staff are tracking the infrastructure bills and there may be new programs for the Bureau of Reclamation. Additionally, Secretary Balaji provided details on a Special District Corona Virus element considered for inclusion in the relief bill that is in initial stages with Congress. There were no funding updates on the State side pertaining to the GWA but the state budget revisions are likely to be steep and affect current programs.

IV. Public Comments:

Mary Elizabeth with the Sierra Club advised the Board that she had posted on the meeting chat, a link to the IRWM upcoming outreach events. Ms. Elizabeth encouraged the participation of the members.

V. Director's Comments:

Director John Herrick advised the Board that South Delta Water Agency would be paying the remaining balance of their six-month budget. Mr. Matt Zidar provided a reminder to pay the 6-month budget invoices to each GSA.

VI. Future Agenda Items:

Director Mike Henry asked that Matt to provide the list of potential future agenda items that were earlier provided to the Steering Committee.

Mr. Matt Zidar provided a list of potential items for future discussion, including funding and financing, water budget for GSA's, water available for recharge and ground water banking and permitting. It was noted that technical items would be vetted through the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and then the Steering Committee, before being presented to the Board.

VII. Adjournment:

Chairman Winn adjourned the June 10, 2020 meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, August 12, 2020
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Location TBD

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

Roll Call

June 10, 2020

Agency Name	Director First	Director Last	Alternate First	Alternate Last
Cal Water	John	Freeman	Steven Jeremiah	Cavallini Mecham
Central Delta Water Agency	George	Biagi, Jr.	Dante	Nomellini
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Grant	Thompson	Reid	Roberts
City of Lodi	Alan	Nakanishi	Charlie	Swimley
City of Manteca	David	Breitenbucher		
City of Stockton	Dan	Wright	Mel Paul	Lytle Canepa
Eastside San Joaquin GSA	Russ	Thomas	Walter	Ward
Linden County Water District	David	Fletcher	Paul	Brennan
Lockeford Community Services District	Mike	Henry	Joseph Eric	Salzman Schmid
North San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Tom	Flinn	Joe	Valente
Oakdale Irrigation District	Eric	Thorburn, P.E.		
South Delta Water Agency	John	Herrick, Esq.	Jerry	Robinson
South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Robert	Holmes	Brandon	Nakagawa
Woodbridge Irrigation District	Andy	Christensen		
San Joaquin County Public Works Secretary (1)	Kris	Balaji		
Stockton East Water District Vice Chair (2)	Melvin	Panizza	Andrew	Watkins
San Joaquin County Chairman (3)	Chuck	Winn	Kathy	Miller

WE HAVE A QUORUM



Joint Exercise of Powers Board of Directors Meeting

MEMBER SIGN-IN SHEET

Location: Teleconference Call Only Date: 06/10/2020 Time: 10:30 AM

INITIAL	Member's Name	GSA	Phone	Email
	John Freeman	Cal Water Member	209-547-7900	jfreeman@calwater.com
	Jeremiah Mecham	Cal Water Alternate		jmecham@calwater.com
	Steve Cavallini	Cal Water Alternate	209-464-8311	scavallini@calwater.com
	George Biagi, Jr.	Central Delta Water Agency Member	209-481-5201	gbiagi@deltabluegrass.com
	Dante Nomellini	Central Delta Water Agency Alternate	209-465-5883	ngmplcs@pacbell.net
	Grant Thompson	Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Member	209-639-1580	gtom@velociter.net
	Reid Roberts	Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Alternate	209-941-8714	reidwroberts@gmail.com
	Alan Nakanishi	City of Lodi Member	209-333-6702	anakanishi@lodi.gov
<i>Present</i>	Charlie Swimley	City of Lodi Alternate	209-333-6706	cswimley@lodi.gov
	David Breitenbucher	City of Manteca Member	209-456-8017	dbreitenbucher@ci.manteca.ca.us
		City of Manteca Alternate		
	Dan Wright	City of Stockton Member	209-937-5614	Dan.Wright@stocktonca.gov
	Paul Canepa	City of Stockton Alternate	209-603-7091	Paul.Canepa@stocktonca.gov
<i>Present</i>	Mel Lytle	City of Stockton Alternate	209-	Mel.Lytle@stocktonca.gov

INITIAL	Member's Name	GSA	Phone	Email
	Russ Thomas	Eastside San Joaquin GSA Member	209-480-8968	rthomascwd@hotmail.com
Present	Walter Ward	Eastside San Joaquin GSA Alternate	209-525-6710	wward@envres.org
Present	David Fletcher	Linden County Water District Member	209-887-3202	dqfpe@comcast.net
	Paul Brennan	Linden County Water District Alternate	209-403-1537	ptbrennan@verizon.net
Present	Mike Henry	Lockeford Community Services District Member	209-712-4014	midot@att.net
	Joseph Salzman	Lockeford Community Services District Alternate	209-727-5035	lcsd@softcom.net
	Eric Schmid	Lockeford Community Services District Alternate	209-727-5035	lcsd@softcom.net
Present	Tom Flinn	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Member	209-663-8760	tomflinn2@me.com
	Joe Valente	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Alternate	209-334-4786	jcvalente@softcom.net
Present	Eric Thorburn, P.E.	Oakdale Irrigation District Member	209-840-5525	ethorburn@oakdaleirrigation.com
		Oakdale Irrigation District Alternate		
Present	Chuck Winn	San Joaquin County Member	209-953-1160	cwinn@sigov.org
	Kathy Miller	San Joaquin County Alternate	209-953-1161	kmiller@sigov.org
Present	John Herrick, Esq.	South Delta Water Agency Member	209-224-5854	jherrlaw@aol.com
	Jerry Robinson	South Delta Water Agency Alternate	209-471-4025	N/A
Present	Robert Holmes	South San Joaquin GSA Member	209-484-7678	rholmes@ssjid.com
	Brandon Nakagawa	South San Joaquin GSA Alternate	209-249-4613	bnakagawa@ssjid.com
Present	Melvin Panizza	Stockton East Water District Member	209-948-0333	melpanizza@aol.com
	Andrew Watkins	Stockton East Water District Alternate	209-484-8591	watkins.andrew@verizon.net
	Anders Christensen	Woodbridge Irrigation District Member	209-625-8438	widirrigation@gmail.com
		Woodbridge Irrigation District Alternate		

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Staff & Support

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	Glenn Prasad	San Joaquin County	468-3089	grasad@sigov.org
	Mike Callahan	San Joaquin County	468-9360	mcallahan@sigov.org
	Alicia Connelly	San Joaquin County	468-3531	aconnelly@sigov.org
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	Roy Valadez	San Joaquin County	468-3089	rvaladez@sigov.org
Present	Kristy Smith	San Joaquin County	468-0219	kmsmith@sigov.org
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Present	Monica Streeter	Neumiller & Beardslee / Legal Counsel	948-8200	mstreeter@neumiller.com
Present	Renee Neal	SJC		

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

Minute Approval Vote

June 10, 2020

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Cal Water	John	Freeman		Steven Jeremiah	Cavallini Mecham	
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Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Grant	Thompson		Reid	Roberts	
City of Lodi	Alan	Nakanishi		Charlie	Swimley	Y
City of Manteca	David	Breitenbucher				
City of Stockton	Dan	Wright		Mel Paul	Lytle Canepa	Y
Eastside San Joaquin GSA	Russ	Thomas		Walter	Ward	Y
Linden County Water District	David	Fletcher	Y	Paul	Brennan	
Lockeford Community Services District	Mike	Henry	Y	Joseph Eric	Salzman Schmid	
North San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Tom	Flinn	Y	Joe	Valente	
Oakdale Irrigation District	Eric	Thorburn, P.E.	Y			
South Delta Water Agency	John	Herrick, Esq.	Y	Jerry	Robinson	
South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	Robert	Holmes	Y	Brandon	Nakagawa	
Woodbridge Irrigation District	Andy	Christensen				
San Joaquin County Public Works Secretary (1)	Kris	Balaji				
Stockton East Water District Vice Chair (2)	Melvin	Panizza	Y	Andrew	Watkins	
San Joaquin County Chairman (3)	Chuck	Winn	Y	Kathy	Miller	

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors

FY 20/21 Budget Approval Vote June 10, 2020

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Cal Water	John	Freeman		Steven Jeremiah	Cavallini Mecham	
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Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Grant	Thompson		Reid	Roberts	
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City of Manteca	David	Breitenbucher				
City of Stockton	Dan	Wright		Mel Paul	Lytle • Canepa Y	
Eastside San Joaquin GSA	Russ	Thomas		Walter	Ward • Y	
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Lockeford Community Services District	Mike	Henry • Y		Joseph Eric	Salzman Schmid	
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Memo

To: Steering Committee and Board for August 12, 2020 Discussion/Action

From: Matt Zidar, Water Resources Manager

RE: Amendment to Woodard Curran Agreement Number A-20-1 for Consulting Services for the Implementation of the East San Joaquin Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Date: August 6, 2020

Summary: This Board action will assign work via Task Order to Woodard Curran under the Agreement for Consulting Services, dated February 12, 2020. Work to be included in the Task Order is to undertake tasks funded by the DWR agreement using monies Proposition 68 Grant funds awarded to the GWA.

Details: In February 2020, the Board entered into an Agreement for Consulting Services with Woodard Curran (WC) to support implementation of the ESJ GSP. The agreement allowed for issuance of Task Orders to revise the scope, schedule and assign Task Orders to the consultants. The intent was to expedite assignment of work to the contractor that is included in Board approved budgets; and to allow the board to reduce the number of Board meetings from monthly to quarterly, letting the steering committee and Executive Secretary authorize. The term of the agreement is two years (Ending February 12, 2022) with an additional one year option. The Not-to-Exceed amount specified was \$162,000, an amount less than the approved budget. Staff's recommendation at the time, and continues to be, to allow Task Orders to be issued so long as the tasks remain within the annual adopted budget.

The Board adopted the FY20-21 Budget in June 2020. The budget included \$350,000 of Proposition 68 Grant revenues awarded to the GWA by DWR¹. DWR Agreement Number 4600012686, the original Proposition 1 agreement for development of the GSP, was amended to include the Proposition 68 revenues and the tasks to begin implementing the GSP. Component No. 3 of the amended DWR agreement included \$100,000 for (a) Planning activities consisting two task, 1) to implement the Data Management System (\$50,000) and b) to evaluate funding and financing options (\$50,000); and b) monitoring and assessment (\$225,000) to drill an additional monitoring well for a total of \$325,000.

Today's action will include authorization of Woodard Curran Task Order No. 2 under Agreement A-20-1 to undertake the work for Component No. 3 of the Amended DWR Agreement. The attached Task Order details the scope, budget and anticipated schedule for Task Order No. 2. The total budget planned for Task Order No 2 is \$275,000 for a) Implement the DMS, and for b) monitoring to construct a monitoring well.

Not included in the task order is Grant Component No. 3 a) to evaluate funding and financing alternatives. Staff is reviewing this scope of work and will come back to the board at a future date with recommendations as to how to proceed.

In February when the Board approved the Woodard Curran Contract it authorized Task Order No. 1 in the amount of \$162,000, which expended all funds authorized pursuant to the Agreement. Staff is also asking the Board to amend the Contract with Woodard and Curran to amend to contract not to exceed amount to \$437,000, to reflect the funds received pursuant to the DWR Prop 68 Agreement.

TASK ORDER NO. 2. TO AGREEMENT NUMBER A-20-1 WITH WOODARD CURRAN

This is an amendment to Agreement A-20-1 (hereinafter "AGREEMENT") to issue Task Order NO. 2 to Exhibit A and to increase the Contract Not-to-Exceed amount of \$162,000 by \$275,000 to a total of \$437,000.

AGREEMENT A-20-1 is hereby amended as follows:

- A. The PARTIES agree that the provisions of AGREEMENT shall continue in effect except as amended below:
1. All references to GWA designated representative refers to the San Joaquin County Director of Public Works, or Interim San Joaquin County Director of Public Works, or designee;
 2. REPLACE the not-to-exceed amount in III – COMPENSATION from One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$162,000) to Four Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$437,000).
 3. ADD to Exhibit A of the Agreement, Task Order No. 2 (attached) which includes the scope, schedule and budget.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, GWA and CONSULTANT have executed this AMENDMENT ONE on the day and year first written above.

By _____
EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY "GWA"
Representative
FRITZ BUCHMAN, P.E.
Interim Secretary of "GWA"

By _____
WOODARD & CURRAN, INC.
CHRISTY KENNEDY, P.E., C.HG.
Project Manager
"CONSULTANT"

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: _____
MONICA STREETER
General Counsel

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION R-20-xx

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NUMBER A-20-1 WITH
WOODARD CURRAN, INC., FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN, AND AUTHORIZE
THE GWA'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL
DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE AMENDMENT, INCLUDING TASK ORDER #2**

WHEREAS, On October 17, 2019, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) adopted Resolution R-19-02 authorizing submittal of a Proposition 68 grant application for an amount of \$575,000 to the DWR; and

WHEREAS, DWR notified the GWA of the award of Proposition 68 grant fund; DWR and GWA executed Amendment #2 to Grant Agreement Number 4600012686 by \$325,000, increasing the grant budget from \$1,500,000 to \$1,825,000 to include the Proposition 68 funds; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #2 adds *Component 3: Round 3 Eastern San Joaquin GSP Development*, to the Proposition 68 Grant Work Plan, which includes Category (a) Planning Actives (Financing Plan, \$50,000, Database Management (DMS) System Refinements, \$50,000), and Category (b) Monitoring/ Assessment (\$225,000); and

WHEREAS, The GWA Board in June 2020 adopted the FY 20-21 Budget to include \$350,000 in revenue from Proposition 68; and

WHEREAS, Woodard Curran/GWA Agreement Number A-20-1 adopted by the Board in February 2020 is a service agreement that can be amended by approved Task Orders for budgeted work;

WHEREAS, staff negotiated with Woodard Curran for Task Order No. 2 on August 3, and staff has reviewed the submitted proposal to ensure it conforms with the requirements of the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, is anticipated that the work will be completed within the terms of the agreement with Woodard Curran for a not-to-exceed amount of \$275,000 (\$50,000 for DMS Refinements, and \$225,000 for Monitoring/ Assessment); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority hereby;

1. Approves Task Order No. 2 as an amendment to Exhibit A of Agreement Number A-20-1 with Woodard Curran, Inc., including the scope, schedule and budget for consulting services for work associated with the Proposition 68 Grant funding;
2. Increases the Not-to-Exceed amount of Agreement A-20-1 by \$275,000 to a new Not-to-Exceed amount of \$437,000 for the Work in Task Order No. 2; and
3. Authorizes the GWA's Executive Secretary, acting as the designated representative, to execute all documents related to implementation of Task Order #2 and make administrative changes to Task Order # 2 as deemed necessary to implement the

provisions of this Resolution.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2020 by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, to wit:

AYES :

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: FRITZ BUCHMAN, P.E.
Interim Secretary of
the Eastern San
Joaquin Groundwater
Authority

CHUCK WINN, Chairman
Board of Directors of the
Eastern San Joaquin
Groundwater Authority



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Memo

To: Steering Committee and Board for August 12, 2020 Discussion/Action

From: Matt Zidar, Water Resources Manager

RE: 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Grant Program Application

Date: August 6, 2020

This staff report is to support discussion and action by the GWA Board to submit a Grant to the Department of Conservation Watershed Coordinator Grant Program for \$300,000 to be used over 3 years to support implementation of the East San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The attached resolution authorizes the Board Secretary to prepare and submit the grant. It further authorizes the chair to sign the grant agreement should the funds be awarded. There is no matching funds requirement.

The grant program is being managed by the Department of Conservation. Funds are intended to support implementation of projects and management actions contained in the GSP. This includes outreach; planning, environmental review and design of projects; evaluation of management actions; project formulation; and improvements to monitoring. Priority is for critically overdrafted and high priority basins that have submitted their GSP to DWR for review. Briefings regarding the grant have previously been provided to the Steering Committee and Board in May 2020. The GWA is an eligible applicant. Proposals are due September 15, 2020. The purpose for the grant is to:

- a. Work with local groundwater sustainability agencies, landowners, and local governments to identify and implement projects to help develop landowner driven solutions to increase groundwater sustainability and meet broader statewide goals of biodiversity and climate resiliency.
- b. Facilitate watershed-scale collaborations, promote integrated watershed management efforts, and support local implementation activities focusing on areas significantly impacted by SGMA implementation
- c. Program emphasizes that collaboration between diverse entities at the regional scale is critical to efficiently meet the state's goals and address variations in water management conditions throughout California

We will solicit letters of support from each of the GSA as funding partners in the grant. We are also seeking partners to support the work. This will include the local RCD, NRCS, Cooperative Extension, Farm Bureau, and others.

**Before the Board of Directors of the
Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority**

Resolution R-2-##

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$300,000 TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION UNDER THE 2020 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT WATERSHED COORDINATOR GRANT PROGRAM (PROGRAM) TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

WHEREAS, The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJ GWA) is a high priority, critically overdrafted groundwater basin pursuant to the California Department of Water Resources pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA); and,

WHEREAS, the ESJ GWA is a California Joint Powers Authority consisting of 16 member Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) acting in a collaborative partnership and have prepared, adopted and submitted the East San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (ESJ GSP) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) pursuant to SGMA; and,

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority is to provide for coordination among the Members to develop and Implement a GSP; and,

WHEREAS, The California Department of Conservation Program provides funding from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50). The Budget Act of 2019 (AB 74, Ch. 23, Stat. 2019) is providing competitive grants to fund watershed coordinator positions and programs to support GSAs to implement their adopted GSPs; and,

WHEREAS, the Grant Proposal Solicitation package required the ESJ GWA, acting as the sponsor for the proposed project, determines the Grant Application is not a "project" pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA guidelines ; and,

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority is eligible to apply for funding under the Program and is proposing a project titles "East San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Watershed Coordinator Project (Project)".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority hereby approves that application be made to the California Department of Conservation to obtain a grant under 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Grant Program, and directs the Executive Secretary to prepare and submit the grant application to the Department of Conservation; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ESJ GWA finds and determines that the Project is not a project subject to CEQA since it is for planning, stakeholder outreach, and support to implementation projects identified in the ESJ GSP that would be subject to environmental review by the individual GSAs acting in partnership or individually, and makes a finding that the Project does not involve any actions which would have any significant effects on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority hereby certify that the Board, acting as the applicant, understands the assurances and certification in the application; accepts the contract template terms and conditions, if the project is awarded funding; and if such grant funding is awarded, authorizes the Secretary to act as its agent and accept the award of grant funding on behalf of the ESJGWA.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a special meeting of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority on the 12th day of August 2020. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the foregoing on. Motion carried and the on was adopted.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2020 by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, to wit:

MOTION:

AYES:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: FRITZ BUCHMAN, P.E.
Secretary of the Eastern San Joaquin
Groundwater Authority

CHUCK WINN, Chairman Board of Directors
of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater
Authority



Memo

To: Steering Committee and Board for August 12, 2020 Discussion

From: Matt Zidar, Water Resources Manager

RE: Proposed GWA Steering Committee and Board Meeting Schedule

Date: August 6, 2020

QUESTION FOR CONSIDERATION: Is the proposed meeting schedule sufficient and acceptable to the Committee and Board Members to complete 2020?

INTRODUCTION:

A definitive GWA Board and Steering Committee Meeting Schedule needs to be discussed for the remainder of 2020. The meeting schedule below is proposed by San Joaquin County Water Resources Staff.

Meeting	Date	Notes
GWA Steering Committee	August 12 th	
	September 9 th	
	October 14 th	
	November 11 th	*this is a holiday, so an alternate date needs to be selected*
	December 9 th	
GWA Board of Directors	August 12 th	
	October 14 th	
TAC	TBD	Need to revisit configuration, composition

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of San Joaquin County Water Resources Staff that the proposed schedule be discussed and considered.

Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Authority
Accounts Receivable Member Payments Report
As of August 6, 2020

Invoiced per GWA Board Resolution R-20-02*

Customer ID	Agency	Invoice No.	Billed	Paid	Date Pd	Balance Due	
1	C00000068	Central San Joaquin	04032020-01	\$ 11,569	\$ 11,569	07/14/2020	\$ -
2	E00000016	Eastside San Joaquin	04032020-02	18,227	18,227	06/02/2020	-
3	L00000033	Lockeford Community Services District	04032020-03	10,197	10,197	06/02/2020	-
4	L12000004	Linden County Water District	04032020-04	10,206	10,206	05/05/2020	-
5	L12000042	City of Lodi	04032020-05	11,031	11,031	05/12/2020	-
6	C00000007	City of Manteca	04032020-06	11,149			11,149
7	N00000005	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District	04032020-07	11,812	11,812	05/26/2020	-
8	O00000005	Oakdale Irrigation District	04032020-08	10,565	10,565	04/28/2020	-
9	S00000009	South Delta Water Agency	04032020-09	10,298	10,298	03/24/1998	-
10	S19000042	Stockton East Water District	04032020-10	12,229	12,229	04/28/2020	-
11	C00000023	California Water	04032020-11	11,076	11,076	05/26/2020	-
12	C00000123	San Joaquin Public Works	04032020-12	10,741	10,741	06/30/2020	-
13	S00000080	South San Joaquin GSA	04032020-13	11,206	11,206	05/05/2020	-
14	C00000012	City of Stockton	04032020-14	13,850	13,850	06/02/2020	-
15	W00000023	Woodbridge Irrigation District	04032020-15	10,566			10,566
16	C00000027	Central Delta Water Agency	04032020-16	10,277	10,277	03/24/2020	-
				\$ 185,000	\$ 163,284		\$ 21,715

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Grants

NEW California Grants Portal

The California State Library, in partnership with the Department of Water Resources and other state grantmaking agencies, has launched the California Grants Portal – your one destination to find all state grant and loan opportunities provided on a first-come or competitive basis. Visit grants.ca.gov to find funding opportunities for you and your community.

NEW DWR: Prop 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grants for Critically Overdrafted Basins

Public comment is open for the draft Proposal Solicitation Package for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program. The public comment period will close at 5 p.m. on September 18, 2020. During the first round of funding, \$26 million will be available for critically overdrafted basins for projects that will assist with the implementation of groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). A second round of funding will be available beginning in 2022 and will have approximately \$62 million available for projects for high- and medium-priority basins. Public Webinar will be held September 3, 2020 10 a.m. to Noon. The meeting will be recorded for later viewing. [Register here](#). Comments can be emailed to Kelley List at SGWP@water.ca.gov.

CA Department of Conservation: Watershed Coordinator Grant

The CA Department of Conservation has a 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Grant Program. Application period open June 15th – September 15th. Workshops will be held August 6th at 2:30 and August 11 at 1:00 pm. To register for the workshops email wcp@conservation.ca.gov or call (916) 324-0850. More information can be found here: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/watershed>

Wildlife Conservation Board: Stream Flow Enhancement Program

\$200 Million will be available for projects that result in enhanced stream flows (i.e., a change in the amount, timing, and/or quality of water flowing down a stream, or a portion of a stream, to benefit fish and wildlife). The Proposal Solicitation Notice is now posted with application templates. Applications must be submitted by 5pm on September 10, 2020. More information here: <https://wcb.ca.gov/Programs/Stream-Flow-Enhancement>

USBR: WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Opportunity

Reclamation provides 50/50 cost share funding to irrigation and water districts, tribes, states and other entities with water or power delivery authority. Projects conserve and use water more efficiently; increase the production of hydropower; mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict; and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States. Projects are selected through a competitive process and the focus is on projects that can be completed within two or three years. The application deadline is Thursday, Sept. 17. More information here:

<https://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=71343>

DWR Prop 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grants

- Final funding list announced March 13th. The full list can be viewed here: <https://water.ca.gov/sgmgrants>.
- The final Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) are available here: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Sustainable-Groundwater>
- An implementation round will have at least \$88 million. \$26 million will be available to Critically Over Drafted basins with a draft PSP expected in August of 2020 and grants to be awarded in early 2021. The Draft PSP for the remaining funds is expected in 2021 and grants to be awarded in early 2022.

Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, DWR

- DWR released the FINAL grant awards for North Coast, Tulare-Kern, Colorado River, Lahontan, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Central Coast, San Diego, San Joaquin River, Sacramento River, and Mountain Counties funding

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areas. DRAFT funding recommendations have been made for Los Angeles funding area. Details can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants>

- Questions should be directed to Maria Lorenzo-Lee at Maria.Lorenzo-Lee@water.ca.gov or (916) 657-4893

Other state & federal grant websites for resources that may be helpful are:

- California Financing Coordinating Committee -- <https://cfcc.ca.gov/>, and
- CalOES grants -- <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/grants-management>
- US EPA -- <https://www.epa.gov/grants/specific-epa-grant-programs>, and
- Economic Development Administration -- <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>
- The rollout webinars of FEMA's new grant, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (risk reduction), started in July 2020 and can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/bric>

SGMA

GSPs have been submitted by all Critically Over-drafted basins.

GSPs and public comments have been posed on the SGMA portal here: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/all>.

Draft Report on Drought and Water Shortage Vulnerability Released

DWR recently released the draft *Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities at Risk of Drought and Water Shortage Vulnerability and Recommendations and Guidance to Address the Planning Needs of these Communities* report. The report provides information for GSAs to consider and incorporate into future updates to GSPs and will help inform management decisions as these plans are implemented. More information can be found here including 2 recorded webinars: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/Making-Conservation-a-California-Way-of-Life/County-Drought-Planning>

SVSim Beta Model Released

DWR has released the beta version of the [Sacramento Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model \(SVSim\)](#) that can be used during GSP development. Instructions for use are included in the [Roadmap to Running SVSim](#) document. A calibrated version of SVSim is expected in fall 2020.

Brown Act Modifications to enable Virtual Meetings

Governor Newsom recently issued [Executive Order N-25-20](#) encouraging elected officials to conduct public meetings by teleconference or other electronic venue. The order also temporarily waives requirements in the Bagley-Keene Act and Brown Act as long as specific requirements are met. This order would apply to GSAs and others involved in the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

2019 Groundwater Level Change Reports & Maps Available

The [Groundwater Level Change Report](#) and accompanying Dot Maps for [spring 2019](#) and for [fall 2019](#) are available on the DWR website and present a summary of groundwater level data. The report and Dot Maps include a discussion of groundwater level trends with multi-year comparisons which can assist with the development of GSPs.

Draft Handbook for Water Budget Development

The handbook has been posted on the SGMA webpage and can be viewed at the following link under the "reports" tab: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>. A recent webinar discussing the handbook with a deeper dive on 4 topics can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1V4V-SG5jY&feature=youtu.be>

DWR is developing eight Proposition 68-funded technical projects

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These projects include airborne electromagnetic surveys, improving groundwater elevation and quality monitoring networks, Statewide land use data collection, improved subsidence monitoring network, installing and maintaining stream gauges, maintaining and enhancing statewide well completion reports, managing and reporting sustainable groundwater information, and enhancing and maintaining DWR's modeling tools. Fact sheets on each project can be viewed under the "Prop 68" tab here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>

SGMA Data Viewer Updated with Subsidence Information

New subsidence information covering the period of June 2018 to September 2019 has been added to the [SGMA Data Viewer](#) under land subsidence. This information can help groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs), water managers and the public implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

DWR and SWRCB hosted joint workshops in early January. A video of the meeting is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-EYbyJ7-RU&feature=youtu.be> The workshops will focused on:

1. GSP evaluation and assessment process.
2. DWR and SWRCB interaction during GSP evaluation.
3. Annual reporting requirements and process.
4. DWR and SWRCB assistance programs that will support GSP implementation and future GSP updates.

2016 Statewide Crop Mapping data released by DWR January 3rd. This data can be accessed here: <https://data.cnra.ca.gov/dataset/statewide-crop-mapping>. The 2018 data set is expected to be released mid-2021 and will be the first ever multi-crop data set.

Facilitation Support Services (FSS): Funding still available

- GSA's developing GSPs are eligible to receive funding for identification and engagement of interested parties, meeting facilitation, interest-based negotiation/consensus building, and public outreach facilitation
- More information can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-Engagement>
- New written translation services available in 10 languages for outreach materials (5,000 word maximum).

Technical Support Services (TSS): Funding still available

- COD basins have priority, but this application is open to all high and medium priority basins including those with an approved alternative plan. More information and applications can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>
- Funds can be used for monitoring well instillation, geophysical logging, geologic logging, groundwater level monitoring training, borehole video logging, and other field activities.

Data and Tools

- Compilation of maps, modeling, climate change, reports: <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>
- Natural Communities Commonly Associated with Groundwater map viewer: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/NCDatasetViewer/>

Best Management Practices and Guidance Documents

- <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management/Best-Management-Practices-and-Guidance-Documents>

DWR has a SGMA listserv. If you are not on the list and would like to be added you can join here: https://listserv.cnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_SGMP&A=1

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Other

Governor Newsom Releases Final Water Resilience Portfolio

The Governor released the final version of the Water Resilience Portfolio on Tuesday, July 28th: <https://waterresilience.ca.gov/>. Given the recent drastic downturn in the state's budget situation, the final version acknowledges that the pace of progress on the actions in the portfolio will depend upon the resources available. The portfolio is a comprehensive, aspirational document, but there are several priorities the state will focus on including:

1. Implementing the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act of 2019
2. Supporting local communities to successfully implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014
3. Achieving voluntary agreements to increase flows and improve conditions for native fish in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its watersheds
4. Modernizing the Delta water conveyance system to protect long-term functionality of the State Water Project
5. Updating regulations to expand water recycling
6. Accelerating permitting of new smart water storage
7. Expanding seasonal floodplains for fish and flood benefits
8. Improving conditions at the Salton Sea
9. Removing dams from the Klamath River
10. Better leveraging of information and data to improve water management

Flood-MAR (Managed Aquifer Recharge)

A new survey on forming a Flood-MAR network is available: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FloodMAR_2020. This survey is being conducted on behalf of DWR. There is also a new Lunch-MAR monthly speaker series. If you are interested in attending please email Jennifer.Marr@water.ca.gov (916) 651-9229 to be added to the calendar invite. To join the Flood-MAR listserv follow this link:

https://listserv.cecnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_FLOODMAR&A=1

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has released its draft Technical Assistance Guidelines for State Agencies. The guidelines include best practices in capacity building and technical assistance to assist State agencies in developing their own technical assistance programs. The public comment period will run through July 20. The draft document and how to comment can be found here: <https://sgc.ca.gov/news/2020/06-30.html>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has taken the wraps off a new tool called How's My Waterway. It can assemble a wide range of water quality data into user-friendly packages. Information is available on community, state, and national levels. Details are available in this news release: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-dynamic-new-water-data-transparency-tool>

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research has updated the General Plan Guidelines to include revised guidance on environmental justice. The revisions provide more specific guidance on identifying and engaging with disadvantaged communities. There is also additional clarity on when environmental justice requirements are triggered.

<https://opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>

2020 DACTI Lessons Learned Summit

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) is hosting the 2020 Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement (DACTI) Lessons Learned Summit from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on October 8, 13 and 14. This virtual Summit is intended for IRWM practitioners, Community members, Tribal representatives, and State agencies. More information will be provided in the near future. Update sign ups here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/lt5cddR/DCI>