

**EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT/ROLL CALL**

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board Meeting convened at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center in Stockton CA (2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton CA). At approximately 10:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Rickman.

In attendance were Directors and Alternates: Jeremiah Mecham, David Breitenbucher, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Eric Thorburn, John Herrick, Robert Holmes, Keith Bussman, Mel Panizza, Dante Nomellini, Charlie Swimley, Douglas Smith, Secretary Fritz Buchman and Chairman Robert Rickman.

**II. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**A. Discussion/Action Items:**

**1. Approval of the August 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** David Breitenbucher

**Second:** Mike Henry

All in favor

**2. Approve a Letter of Agreement with the South San Joaquin Irrigation District for Staff Support Services**

**Motion:** Charlie Swimley

**Second:** Mel Panizza

In favor: Jeremiah Mecham, David Breitenbucher, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Eric Thorburn, John Herrick, Dante Nomellini, Douglas Smith, Robert Rickman

**Abstain:** Robert Holmes and Keith Bussman

**3. Approve Draft Response to the San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury**

**Motion to approve with the addition of clarification that the GSAs have obligations to SGMA, the GWA was formed to coordinate some but not all efforts, not mentioned is all outreach that the individual GSAs did for the amended plan. In addition, delegation to the Steering Committee to approve the response and some efforts will be implemented but not by November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Motion:** Jason Colombini

**Second:** David Breitenbucher

In favor: Jeremiah Mecham, Mike Henry, Eric Thorburn, John Herrick, Dante Nomellini, Douglas Smith, Robert Holmes, Mel Panizza, Robert Rickman, Charles Swimley

**Abstain:** Keith Bussman

**4. Approve a Budget Adjustment in the Amount of \$192,571 for Remaining Grant Funds Awarded Under Proposition 68**

No discussion or comment

**Motion:** John Herrick

**Second:** Eric Thorburn

In favor: Jeremiah Mecham, David Breitenbucher, Mike Henry, Jason Colombini, Robert Holmes, Mel Panizza, Robert Rickman, Dante Nomellini, Charlie Swimley, Douglas Smith

**Abstain:** Keith Bussman

**5. Direct Staff to Respond to the Department of Water Resources' Request for Model Data**

**Motion:** Jeremiah Mecham

**Second:** Charles Swimley

All in favor

**III. STAFF Reports/DWR Report**

**A. Staff Report - none**

**B. DWR Report**

Final funding went out this morning for SGMA grants.

**IV. DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

None

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT at 11:59 AM**