

**MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

August 3, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

This Committee Meeting was held via teleconference with no physical location due to the COVID-19
Pandemic and the Governors Executive Order N-

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blake Wilbur, Mike Lane, Eric Furtado, Richard Garcia,
Jessi Snyder, James Nichols, Soapy Mulholland, Lee Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Boyes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Mederos, Howard Stroman

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Fukuda (Interim General Manager), Trisha Whitfield,
Andrew Munn, Derrik William (Montgomery & Associates), Tim
Leo (Montgomery & Associates)

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Geoffery Vanden Heuvel, Stacie Ann Silva, Karen Yohaness, Amer Hussain,
Damon Quales, Marc Schuil, Susan Simon, Johnny Gailey

1. CALL TO REGULAR ORDER

The meeting was opened by Chairman Wilbur at 3:05 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from any members of the public were provided.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Wilbur asked if any Committee members had any changes to be brought up regarding the minutes of the special meeting held May 5, 2020. A motion and second were made by Jessi Snyder and Richard Garcia, respectively, to approve the minutes as presented.

4. MKGSA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Fukuda updated the Committee on the recent resignation of Ed Henry and the request by Committee member Jimmy Nichols to step down once a replacement is found. Mr. Fukuda noted that with the recent resignations, there would be three open seats and that the MKGSA Management Committee would be seeking applications that will be considered, and recommendations would be made to the MKGSA Board in the near future as to three new members.

5. MKGSA GENERAL MANAGER SEARCH

Mr. Fukuda provided an update, noting that the MKGSA Management Committee is working on a General Manager Solicitation package that would be released soon. The goal is to have a replacement by the end of the year.

6. MKGSA CONSULTANTS

Mr. Fukud provided the Committee with a summary of the three consultants either hired or being recommended for positions to assist the MGKSA. He reported that Montgomery & Associates (Derrick Williams and Tim Leo) had been retained as hydrogeologists, and Stantec (Craig Moyel) has been secure to help with communications and outreach. Lastly, he reported that Provost & Pritchard was being retained in the near future to assist with engineering needs.

7. KAWEAH SUBBASIN ACTIVITIES

Mr. Fukuda began the report by providing a summary of activities that have taken place at the Kaweah Subbasin Managers discussions. He then provided a report on the Kaweah Subbasin Prop 68 Grant, the RCIS Program, the Water Marketing Strategy, and the Stanford University SkyTEM project.

8. MKGSA GSP SUBMITTAL

Mr. Fukuda noted to the Committee that the public comment period for the MGKSA had closed on June 3, 2020 and eight comments were submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), and one comment was submitted after June 3, 2020. He noted the general themes of comment letters and reported on conceptual responses. Thereupon Mr. Fukuda presented summaries of each of the comment letters to the Committee. Committee members provided a discussion on several of the letters. Mr. Fukuda concluded his report by giving an outline of the response process.

Mr. Fukuda then provided the committee with an update on the implementation of the GSP. He highlighted several projects that were being worked on, including the completion of the Cordeniz Basin, the initiation of the McKay Point Reservoir Project, and the impacts of the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach fix on the MKGSA's ability to achieve sustainability.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, UPDATES OR OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

No reports were given

10. ADJOURN

There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Mr. Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Advisory Committee Chair

Attest:

GSA Board Secretary