

**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEETING  
HELD FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022 AT 8:30 A.M.**

The *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Exchange Contractors GSA)* met on Friday, November 4, 2022 at the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's* office located at 541 "H" Street, City of Los Banos, County of Merced, State of California. The following persons were present:

**Central California Irrigation District (CCID):**

Eric Fontana, Director

**San Luis Canal Company (SLCC):**

Cannon Michael, Alternate Director; John Wiersma, General Manager

**Firebaugh Canal Water District (FCWD):**

Mike Stearns, Director; Jeff Bryant, General Manager

**Columbia Canal Company (CCC):**

Kimberly Brown, Chair (teleconference); Randy Houk, General Manager

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

Chris White, Executive Director; Joann White, Director of Finance and Administration;  
Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist and Darlene O'Brien, Administrative  
Assistant

**PRESENT:**

Andrew McClure, Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper LLP and Chris Cardella,  
CCC Director

The following person(s) participated via Conference Call:

Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Kimberly Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked Executive Director Chris White to lead meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The unapproved minutes from the October 7, 2022 Exchange Contractors GSA meeting were presented. A motion was made by Director Fontana and seconded by Director Stearns to approve the minutes as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed 4-0.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There were no public comments presented.

**BOARD TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2022 EXPENDITURES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Joann White presented the Expenditure list and provided a summary of the Financial Memo included in the meeting packet for October 2022.

Director Stearns made a motion to approve the October 2022 Expenditure List and Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Fontana. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

The October 4, 2022 Finance Committee minutes were included for informational purposes.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06:**

The Executive Director presented Resolution No. 2022-06 Authorizing and Directing that Application be made to Obtain a Grant Under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Implementation Grant – Round 2 and to Enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to Receive a Grant for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSP Implementation Proposal and Authorizing Related Actions.

Director Fontana made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-06, Authorizing and Directing that Application be made to Obtain a Grant Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Implementation Grant. The motion was seconded by Alternate Director Michael. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

**STATUS OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND SUBBASIN COORDINATION EFFORTS:**

CCID staff is compiling data from Water Year 2022 to submit the annual report to DWR by April 1, 2023. The SJREC GSA will take the lead on the next SGMA grant funding opportunity for the Subbasin. The GSAs will be using SGMA Round 1 Grant funds to install monitor wells near the river and establish management criteria consistent with avoiding undesirable results for interconnected surface waters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

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KIMBERLY BROWN, CHAIR

Attest a true record of proceedings had  
And taken at the foregoing meeting, our  
Presence thereat and our consent thereto.

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CHRIS WHITE, SECRETARY

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ERIC FONTANA, DIRECTOR

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MIKE STEARNS, DIRECTOR

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CANNON MICHAEL, ALTERNATE DIRECTOR