

**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEETING
HELD FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025, AT 8:30 A.M.**

The *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Exchange Contractors GSA)* met on Friday, April 4, 2025, 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; Jarrett Martin, General Manager

San Luis Canal Company (SLCC):

Cannon Michael, Director

Firebaugh Canal Water District (FCWD):

Mike Stearns, Director; Jeff Bryant, General Manager (arrived at 8:32 a.m.)

Columbia Canal Company (CCC):

Kimberly Brown, Chair; Mike Gardner, General Manager

STAFF MEMBERS:

Chris White, Executive Director; Steve Chedester, Director of Policy & Programs; Joann White, Director of Finance and Administration; Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist; and Marisol Bonilla, Administrative Assistant

PRESENT:

Andrew McClure, Minasian Law; Chris Cardella, CCC Director, David Cory, Consultant

The following persons participated via Conference Call:

Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Mastro, Cuttone Mastro CPA (departed at 8:37 a.m.)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kimberly Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked Manager Gardner to lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW OF THE AGENDA:

The Executive Director stated that there were no changes proposed to the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The unapproved minutes from the March 7, 2025, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors GSA meeting were presented. A motion was made by Director Stearns and seconded by Director Fontana to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Introductions by those attending in person and via teleconference were provided.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023:

Joe Mastro of Cuttone Mastro provided a page-by-page summary of Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2024, and 2023.

Following the presentation, a motion was made by Director Michael and seconded by Director Stearns to approve the Financial Statements and Supplemental Data as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

BOARD TO APPROVE MARCH 2025 EXPENDITURES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Joann White presented the Expenditure List, followed by summarizing her Financial Memo that recapped the Budget Summary and Cash Activity Report for March 2025.

A motion was made by Director Fontana and seconded by Director Stearns to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

The March 3, 2025, Finance Committee minutes were included for informational purposes.

DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN SINGLE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP):

Manager Martin shared an update that the annual report was adopted and submitted on schedule. Additionally, the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is currently in the public comment phase as it has been posted on the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) website. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Board staff will brief the SWRCB board members on the status of the GSP, noting that meetings continue with the SWRCB staff to address some outstanding issues.

Regarding an update on the new governance restructuring because of San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority no longer administering the program, Manager Martin stated that the Hallmark firm has been hired to administer the basic functions.

Executive Director White inquired about the impact of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) case, and Attorney Andy McClure stated that at the March 7th hearing, the Court allowed the Plaintiffs to file a Fifth Amended Complaint to challenge the Single GSP, adding that the case proceedings remain stayed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

KIMBERLY BROWN, CHAIR

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

CHRIS WHITE, SECRETARY

ERIC FONTANA, DIRECTOR

CANNON MICHAEL, DIRECTOR

MIKE STEARNS, DIRECTOR