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MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025 AT 8:00 A.M.

The ***San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Exchange Contractors GSA)*** met on Thursday, October 2, 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):
Andrew Bloom, Alternate Director; Jarrett Martin, General Manager

San Luis Canal Company (SLCC):
Cannon Michael, Director (via teleconference); John Wiersma (via teleconference)

Firebaugh Canal Water District (FCWD):
Mike Stearns, Director; Jeff Bryant, General Manager (arrived at 8:04 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

The following persons participated via Conference Call:
Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard; Andrew McClure, Minasian Law; Chris Cardella, CCC Director; Lauren Layne, Baker, Manock & Jensen, and Ryo Takanashi, WaterOne

***CALL TO ORDER*:**

Chair Kimberly Brown called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and asked Alternate Director Bloom 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 April 4, 2025 San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors GSA meeting were presented. A motion was made by Director Stearns and seconded by Alternate Director Bloom to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

***PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*:**

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

***BOARD TO APPROVE APRIL- SEPTEMBER 2025 EXPENDITURES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT*:**

Marisol Bonilla presented the Expenditure List, followed by summarizing her Financial Memo that recapped the Budget Summary and Cash Activity Report for April through September 2025.

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

The March 31, 2025 and September 2, 2025 Finance Committee meeting minutes were included for informational purposes.

DRAFT 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET:

Executive Director White presented the Draft 2026 Proposed Budget and outlined the expenses for each category. He said that he is asking for the Board's approval to present the proposed budget to each of the member entity boards and bring it back for Board ratification.

A motion was made by Alternate Director Bloom and seconded by Director Stearns to recommend the 2026 Proposed Budget to the member agencies and bring it back to the next Board meeting for approval. The motion was unanimously carried.

AUDIT PROPOSALS:

Executive Director White informed the Board that approximately twelve audit proposals were mailed out, however, received only one proposal, noting that there were some responses stating that they would be unable to submit a proposal for various reasons. With that, the Executive Director explained that the Finance Committee recommended to accept the proposal from Cuttone & Mastro Certified Public Accountants. Alternate Director Bloom asked whether the same auditor could be used for multiple years. Following discussions, Attorney McClure recommended accepting the proposal, noting any necessary changes could be brought back to the Board at the next meeting.

DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION POLICY:

Manager Martin outlined the Domestic Well Mitigation Policy highlighting specific requirements, thresholds, and mitigation process.

A motion was made by Alternate Director Bloom and seconded by Director Stearns to approve the Domestic Well Mitigation Policy as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

DELTA- MENDOTA SUBBASIN GSAS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT:

Manager Martin recapped that the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority will no longer handle administrative functions for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs. These responsibilities will now be managed by the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs through a the proposed Joint Powers Authority (JPA). One significant change is the restructuring of the Coordination Committee,and he recommended John Wiersma as the SJREC GSA board representative, and Jarrett Martin as the alternate.

A motion was made by Director Stearns and seconded by Alternate Director Bloom to approve the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs Joint Powers Authority Agreement as presented appointing John Wiersma as the board representative and Jarrett Martin as the Alternate. The motion was unanimously carried.

REVISED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE DELTA- MENDOTA SUBBASIN:

Manager Martin presented the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for informational purposes. He noted that there are many edits to the MOA, but these are primarily for consistency with the JPA. Many of the provisions currently in the MOA will be incorporated into the Joints Powers Authority. However, items that are unique to the MOA will remain, adding that Exhibit C outlines the adaptive framework used to address any arising issues.

***ANY OTHER BUSINESS*:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 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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ANDREW BLOOM, ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

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CANNON MICHAEL, DIRECTOR

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MIKE STEARNS, DIRECTOR