



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY December 10, 2025

The Board of Directors of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency met in the Kerman Senior Center for a live and in-person meeting and provided additional public streaming access to the boardroom of the Agency, via Zoom meeting protocols and Owl audio and video, on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 P.M.

Chairman Cameron presided and General Manager/Secretary Hurley kept the Minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Matt Abercrombie
Jonathon DeGroot
Varinder Nijjar (arrived 2:10 pm)
Don Cameron
Brian Pacheco

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew H. Hurley – General Manager/Secretary
Cristel Tufenkjian – Deputy General Manager
Shawnda Grady, General Counsel (online)
Ashley Goldsmith, Blue Chair Communications

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order at 2:07 P.M. Chairman Cameron opened up for public comment. Kassy Chauhan representing the Fresno Irrigation District, Consolidated Irrigation District, Alta Irrigation District, North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency expressed on the behalf of the agencies their concern as water agency managers with groundwater conditions both supply and

quality associated with the Aquaterra Water Bank project. Bill Stretch General Manager of Fresno Irrigation District (FID) stated ditto to what Chauhan said. Stretch said that FID is supportive of the Aquaterra Water Bank Project so long as FID knows that it won't negatively impact FID and users. Justin Mendes, North Fork Kings GSA Executive Director stated he was concerned with making sure there are no negative impacts are found because it would be a great project to have.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2025 AND NOVEMBER 21, 2025 SPECIAL MEETINGS.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the November 7, 2025 and November 21, 2025 Special Meetings. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously approved November 7, 2025 and November 21, 2025 Special Meeting minutes. (5-0-0)

FINANCIAL

General Manager Matt Hurley presented the current log of checks written since the last approved disbursements. He requested the Board ratify the checks disbursements. On the motion of Director Abercrombie, with the second of Director DeGroot, the Board unanimously ratified the checks disbursements. (5-0-0)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

General Manager Report: GM Hurley reported the state of the Agency is excellent.

Deputy General Manager Cristel Tufenkjian reported that MAGSA won the regional outreach award at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Fall conference. The award was for advocacy work that MAGSA did in 2025 regarding water legislation. Work included letters, emails, and phone calls to State legislators and the Governor's office regarding support or oppose positions on various legislation.

GM Hurley reported that DGM Tufenkjian received the prestigious Emissary Award at the ACWA Fall conference. The award recognizes individual ACWA member volunteers who have made remarkable and visible contributions to the enhancement, protection or development of water resources in California by participating in, supporting and advancing ACWA's goals.

Water Bank Environmental Review and Engineering: GM Hurley provided an update on the progress of the Aquaterra Water Bank development and environmental review. GM Hurley reported the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is on the State Clearinghouse and there is a 45-day comment period. GM Hurley reported that the document will be out for public review until December 22. The next stage of the process is to have MAGSA's consultant review the comments received and make any additions or changes to the DEIR. It will then come back to the Board for certification of the DEIR.

McMullin Expansion Project Update: GM Hurley reported that the pre-bidding numbers have been further refined. Hurley stated that other items to be done include financing, landowner easements, and final agreements.

Water Smart Grant Meter and Telemetry Rebate: Deputy General Manager Cristel Tufenkjian reported that 700 wells have completed the rebate process and that over half of the grant funds have been expended. DGM Tufenkjian noted that an additional 300 wells are working on completing the installation process. DGM Tufenkjian reported that there is an estimated 1,200 wells within MAGSA, which leaves 200 that are not compliant with the MAGSA's meter policy. Tufenkjian noted that MAGSA staff are working to bring all landowners into compliance with the meter policy.

GM Hurley requested that item 2.A. MAGSA's **Groundwater Export Policy and Related Implementing Rules and Regulations** be moved to the end of the agenda for discussion in closed session. The Board ultimately continued the Export Policy item until the January meeting.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

GM Hurley reported that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is still reviewing MAGSA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) revisions and Periodic Review. GM Hurley reported that an allocation framework continues to be worked at by the Kings Subbasin coordination group.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report from County of Fresno: No report

Report from Raisin City Water District: Director Cameron reported that Raisin City WD is scheduled to have a meeting tomorrow. Director Cameron also stated that they are moving ahead after the completion of the annexation of the white area.

Report from Mid Valley Water District: No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Outreach: Goldsmith reported that November had the highest level of website views for the entire year. Goldsmith reported on the Grower Irrigation Academy that is funded through a grant received by MAGSA and Fresno State's Center for Irrigation Technology. Goldsmith stated that in November the GIA held several events including a workshop and field days. Topics for the events included more effectively using data to inform irrigation scheduling; in-field distributions on uniformity and tensiometer installation to help MAGSA irrigators better understand how to measure their system's efficiency and their field's soil moisture. Three field days were scheduled one in English, the second in Spanish and the third field day, which was cancelled due to rain, was for Punjabi speaking growers. Goldsmith also announced MAGSA's annual Vision Event is scheduled for January 29, 2026.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAGSA Board	January 7, 2026
Kings Subbasin GSA Coordination	December 19, 2025
MAGSA Stakeholder	TBD

MAGSA Technical Advisory	TBD
Mid-Valley Water District	TBD
Raisin City Water District	December 11, 2025

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Cameron explained to the public and announced that the Board would be reconvening the meeting into a Closed Session to review the following agenda items:

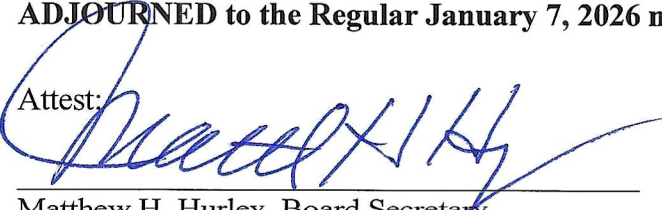
1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
 - a. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d): (One potential case)
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
 - a. Pending litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d): JID v MAGSA, Superior Court of Santa Clara County, Case No. 23CV417565 (JID Appeal)
 - b. Pending litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d): MAGSA v JID, Superior Court of Santa Clara County, Case No. 24CV447516 and related case(s)

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned from Closed Session. Chairman Cameron announced the Board took no formal action and continued the Export Policy consideration to the January meeting.

ADJOURNED to the Regular January 7, 2026 meeting.

Attest:


Matthew H. Hurley, Board Secretary

Affirmed:


Don Cameron, Chairman