MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
August 6, 2025

The Board of Directors of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency met in the Kerman Community Center boardroom 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, August 6, 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
Don Cameron
Brian Pacheco

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

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

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order at 2:09 P.M. Chairman Cameron asked if the public had any comments. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2025 REGULAR MEETING AND THE JULY 24, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the July 2, 2025 Regular Meeting and the draft minutes for the July 24, 2025 Special Meeting. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of

Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously approved the draft Minutes for the July 2, 2025 Regular Meeting and the July 24, 2025 Special Meeting as presented. (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.

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 that a thorough review is being conducted of the final Environmental Impact Report documents for quality control. A meeting was held with Table Mountain Rancheria representatives to hear their concerns and comments.

McMullin Expansion Project Update: GM Hurley reported that he is meeting with general engineering companies to discuss the budgets for the dirt moving and the steel and concrete construction portions of the project. GM Hurley stated that specific pre-bids are being worked on.

Water Smart Meter and Telemetry Rebate: Deputy General Manager Cristel Tufenkjian reported that rebates have been provided to 100 landowners representing 504 wells totaling over $1 million. There are 917 wells on the rebate list.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

GM Hurley reported that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is reviewing MAGSA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) revisions and Periodic Review. DWR plans to have comments back on these items by the end of this year. GM Hurley reported the draft Best Management Practices document on subsidence has been released for public comment.

GM Hurley reported that the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is holding meetings with their landowners to discuss allocations. GM Hurley reported that MAGSA is holding off on allocations at this time.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report from County of Fresno:. Director Abercrombie reported that the last remaining issues have been resolved and that the annexation is scheduled for a vote on the LAFCo agenda on August 13 at 1:30 am. He encouraged landowners to attend the LAFCo meeting. Director Abercrombie thanked Raisin City Water District Board and white area landowners who have worked on annexation.

Report from Raisin City Water District: Director DeGroot reported that the Raisin City Water District Board has been focused on the annexation. Director DeGroot stated that LAFCo staff noted that this was one of the largest annexations that they have done. Consequently, they have asked Raisin City Water District to work through every issue that was brought forward.

Report from Mid Valley Water District: Director Nijjar reported that Mid Valley WD Board is meeting at 3 pm tomorrow. He noted there will be a zoom link for those who would like to join online.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Outreach: Goldsmith reported on the Grower Irrigation Academy summer webinars. The webinars had speakers who are experts on irrigation efficiency topics including soil moisture sensors and deficit irrigation. Goldsmith noted the upcoming webinar is on data driven irrigation. Goldsmith stated that the final two webinars will be exclusively in Spanish and Punjabi.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAGSA Board	September 3, 2025
Kings Subbasin GSA Coordination	August 15, 2025
MAGSA Stakeholder	TBD
MAGSA Technical Advisory	TBD
Mid-Valley Water District	TBD
Raisin City Water District	August 19, 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 and Chairman Cameron announced the Board had taken no action during the Closed Session discussions.

ADJOURNED to the Regular September 3, 2025 meeting.

Attest:

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Matthew H. Hurley, Board Secretary

Affirmed:

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Matt Abercrombie, Vice Chairman