



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

January 7, 2026

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, January 7, 2026, 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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Brian Pacheco

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 2:03 P.M. Chairman Cameron asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the December 10, 2025 Special Meeting. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Nijjar, the Board unanimously approved the December 10, 2025 Special Meeting minutes. (4-0-1)

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 Abecrombie, with the second of Director DeGroot, the Board unanimously ratified the checks disbursements. (4-0-1)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

Approval of Board Meeting dates for 2026: GM Hurley presented the proposed Board meeting dates for 2026. On the motion of Director Abecrombie, with the second of Director DeGroot, the Board unanimously approved the Board meeting dates for 2026. (4-0-1)

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 last day for the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to be available on the State Clearinghouse was December 22. He noted that comments were received and are being compiled and addressed by MAGSA's environmental consultant, Tetra Tech.

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 concern about receipt of certain model files and urged continued cooperation in that regard.

Phil Desatoff General Manager of CID and CKGSA voiced support for what Ms. Chahan said.

McMullin Expansion Project Update: GM Hurley reported that Engineers Report is being finished and the final numbers associated with Expansion Project are being completed.

Water Smart Grant Meter and Telemetry Rebate: Deputy General Manager Cristel Tufenkjian reported that 1,000 wells are in the rebate process with 747 wells out of the 1,000 wells have received rebates. DGM Tufenkjian reported that there are an estimated 1,200 wells within MAGSA, which leaves 200 that are not compliant with the MAGSA's meter policy.

GM Hurley requested that item 2.A. MAGSA's **Groundwater Export Policy and Related Implementing Rules and Regulations** be moved under Item XII at the end of closed session.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

GM Hurley reported that the Kings Subbasin Coordination Group is waiting for a report back from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) revisions and Periodic Review. GM Hurley reported that an allocation framework is in the final phases by the Kings Subbasin Coordination Group. Hurley reported that MAGSA has provided mitigation funds to a landowner whose well went dry.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report from County of Fresno: No report

Report from Raisin City Water District: Director DeGroot reported that Raisin City Water District met in December to discuss different projects and agency relationships now that the annexation is complete. Board members are being assigned to different working groups to engage on various topics.

Report from Mid Valley Water District: Director Nijjar reported that Mid Valley Water District is working on scheduling a board meeting for the February timeframe.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Outreach: Goldsmith provided a summary of outreach activities for 2025. Goldsmith stated that 20 events were held with 544 total attendees. At the Grower Irrigation Academy (GIA) events, 140 growers attended. Goldsmith reported that the GIA was the top viewed page on the website. The website had 28,557 total views for the year. We gained 77 new followers on LinkedIn and, we have 489 contacts on the Interested Persons email list. Sixty-six emails were sent. Nine direct mailers were sent out to share updates on MAGSA's activities. Goldsmith reported that the 2026 Vision Event is on January 29 at the Kerman Community Center.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAGSA Board	February 4, 2026
Kings Subbasin GSA Coordination	January 16, 2026
MAGSA Stakeholder	TBD
MAGSA Technical Advisory	TBD
Mid-Valley Water District	TBD
Raisin City Water District	January 20, 2026

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

Chairman Cameron indicated that discussion had ensued on the Export Policy item and that the Board was prepared to act.

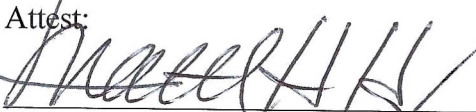
Groundwater Export Policy and Related Implementing Rules and Regulations

On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously approved the Amended Export Policy adding a new paragraph 6 consistent with the draft provided by Counsel. (4-0-1)

On motion by Director DeGroot, with second by Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously authorized Chairman Cameron to sign a letter agreement wherein MAGSA agrees that in the event that James Irrigation District is in breach of the agreement that the statute of limitations will be waived for 30 days. (4-0-1)

ADJOURNED to the Regular February 4, 2026 meeting.

Attest:


Matthew H. Hurley, Board Secretary

Affirmed:


Don Cameron, Chairman