



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY April 8, 2026

The Board of Directors of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency met in the Kerman Community 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, April 8, 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
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 2:05 P.M. Chairman Cameron asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the March 11, 2026 Special Meeting. On the motion of Director Abercrombie, with the second of Director DeGroot, the Board unanimously approved the March 11, 2026 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 DeGroot, with the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously ratified the checks/disbursements. (5-0-0)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

GM Hurley introduced MAGSA General Counsel Shawnda Grady to provide a review of the new Brown Act updates including teleconferencing protocol, social media rules, and training requirements. GM Hurley noted that a copy of the updated Brown Act was provided to each Board Member. In addition, General Counsel Grady provided an overview of newly enacted SB827 requirement to add Fiscal and Financial Training to the already required Ethics and Sexual Harassment Biannual coursework for Board and staff members. It was noted that each Board member's primary agency should be tracking their individual training.

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 MAGSA's environmental consultant, Tetra Tech, is drafting a report in response to comments received. This should be completed in 60 days.

Water Smart Grant Meter and Telemetry Rebate: Deputy General Manager Cristel Tufenkjian reported that over 1,000 wells are in the rebate process and that 800 wells have received rebates. DGM Tufenkjian noted that \$1.9 million has been provided in rebates to date, which represents \$5.2 million that landowners have invested in meters, telemetry and monitoring fees. DGM Tufenkjian reported there are six months left before the grant ends on September 30. DGM Tufenkjian is reaching out to those who have started but have not completed the steps to receive a rebate. MAGSA's data management company, SWA, is also contacting landowners regarding rebates for their 2nd and 3rd year monitoring fees. It was also noted that approximately 200 are not compliant with the MAGSA's meter policy.

MAGSA Expansion Project and the appurtenant Proposition 218 election: DGM Tufenkjian reported that MAGSA has initiated a Proposition 218 election to seek landowner approval for a new special benefit assessment that would fund construction, operation, and long-term sustainability of the Expansion project. The proposed assessment is \$32.85 per acre in fiscal year 2026–2027, which is in addition to the Agency's existing \$19 per acre fee. The assessment is designed to fund approximately \$22 million in project costs, along with ongoing operations, maintenance, and reserves. Ballots will be mailed by April 17 to eligible landowners. The project

is expected to provide direct benefits to assessed parcels, including improved groundwater reliability, increased recharge through flood capture, and overall enhanced water supply sustainability. A public hearing scheduled for June 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Kerman Community Center, where ballots will be tabulated and the results announced. Discussions followed regarding groundwater credits. Chair Cameron stated that the Ad Hoc Policy Committee will be considering future groundwater credits.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

GM Hurley reported that the Kings Subbasin Coordination Group submitted the Annual Report was submitted on time prior to the due of April 1st. GM Hurley stated that they are waiting for comments 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 has been accepted by several GSAs in the Kings Subbasin and that North Fork Kings GSA is working on enforcing an allocation. GM Hurley noted that MAGSA is not in agreement with the allocation framework that was developed by the Kings Subbasin Coordination Group. He noted that the year 2030 is when MAGSA would consider implementing an allocation if needed.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report from County of Fresno: No report

Report from Raisin City Water District: No report

Report from Mid Valley Water District: No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Outreach: Goldsmith provided a report on the 218 outreach and communications stating that several communication tools have been developed including a flyer, frequently asked questions, mailer, and webpages for the 218 election and the Expansion Project. Goldsmith reported on two upcoming events, a webinar on April 28 at 12 noon and an in-person workshop on April 30 at 12:30 pm in the Kerman Community Center. Both events will provide information on the Prop 218 election and the Expansion Project and provide an opportunity to answer questions.

Ad Hoc Board Policy Committee: No Report.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAGSA Board	May 14, 2026
Kings Subbasin GSA Coordination	April 17, 2026
MAGSA Stakeholder	TBD
MAGSA Technical Advisory	TBD
Mid-Valley Water District	TBD
Raisin City Water District	April 21, 2026
MAGSA 218 Election Public Hearing	June 3, 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:

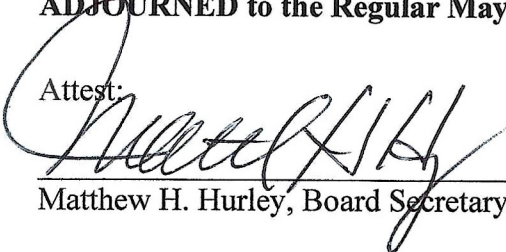
1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
 - a. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d): (three potential cases)
 - b. Significant likelihood of initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d): (three potential cases)

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 May 14, 2026 meeting.

Attest:


Matthew H. Hurley, Board Secretary

Affirmed:


Don Cameron, Chairman