McMullin Area
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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

June 3, 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, June 3, 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.

Following the public comment period, Chairman Cameron recused himself due to a conflict of interest related to Agenda Item # IV Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of a Special Benefit Assessment.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTION OF A SPECIAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

Vice Chairman Abercrombie called the public hearing on the Proposition 218 election to order and invited public comment. Comments were received regarding potential alternatives to the Expansion Project, including land fallowing, whether a cost-benefit analysis had been conducted, and the availability of governmental grant funding.

Vice Chairman Abercrombie provided a final opportunity for landowners to submit ballots. There being no further comments or submissions, he declared the public hearing closed.

The Election Official Alison Lechowicz then retired to a public location within the Kerman Community Center to qualify and tabulate the ballots.

Upon conclusion of the public hearing, Chairman Cameron resumed his duties as Chair of the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2026 REGULAR MEETING AND THE MAY 27, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Nijjar, the Board unanimously approved the April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. (5-0-0)

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the May 27, 2026 Special Meeting. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Nijjar, the Board unanimously approved the May 27, 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 Abercrombie, with the second of Director DeGroot, the Board unanimously ratified the checks/disbursements. (5-0-0)

GM Hurley presented the unaudited financials for the period through March 31, 2026 for the current fiscal year 2025-2026. GM Hurley also reviewed a draft of the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget for the Agency which is in conformance with the previously adopted five (5) year budgeting associated with the current Proposition 218 $19.00 per acre assessment approval.

Kip Hudson from Hudson & Company, Inc. provided an overview of MAGSA's audit report and audited financials for fiscal year 2024-2025. Hudson noted that his firm issued a clean opinion for the audit. Hudson stated that an additional single audit was conducted for the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency grant. Hudson noted that the only material finding was that the audit was not conducted within the deadline of March 31, 2026. GM Hurley stated that a process is in place to meet the single audit March 31, 2027 deadline for the grant. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Nijjar, the Board unanimously accepted the audit for fiscal year, 2024-2025. (5-0-0)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

General Manager Report: GM Hurley reported the condition 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 MAGSA's environmental consultant, Tetra Tech, is developing a matrix of the public comments and responses.

Water Smart Grant Meter and Telemetry Rebate: Deputy General Manager Cristel Tufenkjian reported that 168 landowners have received rebates to date, which represents approximately 820 wells. Tufenkjian noted there are 37 landowners representing approximately 130 wells that still need to complete the rebate process. Tufenkjian stated that the grant will be closing out in four months.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

GM Hurley reported that the Kings Subbasin Coordination Group is still waiting for comments back from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on the Groundwater Sustainability Plans revisions and Periodic Review. GM Hurley stated that the group is currently reviewing the newly released DWR Subsidence Best Management Practices.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report from County of Fresno: No report

Report from Raisin City Water District: No report

Report from Mid Valley Water District: Director Nijjar reported that Mid Valley Water District has approved a $3.00 benefit assessment. He stated that three of the board seats are up for election this year and encouraged landowners within the Mid Valley Water District to consider running for a seat.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Outreach: Ashley Goldsmith provided a recap of the Proposition 218 outreach and communications providing an overview of several communication tools including a flyer, frequently asked questions, mailer, and webpages for the 218 election and the Expansion Project. Goldsmith reported two events were held, a webinar and an in-person workshop were. Goldsmith noted that several reminders to returning ballots were distributed and that translation of materials in Spanish and Punjabi were posted on the 218 webpage.

Ad Hoc Board Policy Committee: Director DeGroot reported that he and Ad Hoc Committee member Nijjar reviewed several MAGSA correspondences and met with James Irrigation District Ad Hoc Committee to discuss items related to the settlement agreement.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chairman Cameron noted that the following upcoming meetings:

MAGSA Board	July 1, 2026
Kings Subbasin GSA Coordination	June 19, 2026
MAGSA Stakeholder	TBD
MAGSA Technical Advisory	TBD
Mid-Valley Water District	TBD
Raisin City Water District	July 2, 2026

Chairman Cameron declared a recess to allow the Election Official to complete the ballot tally.

Following completion of the tally, Chairman Cameron reconvened the meeting. Election Official Lechowicz reported that 200 valid ballots, 5 invalid ballots, and 2 duplicate ballots were received. The valid ballots represented 77,497.03 acres. The assessment of $32.85 per acre received majority approval, with 80.46% voting in favor and 19.54% opposed.

Immediately thereafter, Chairman Cameron resigned from the Board, citing potential conflicts of interest pursuant to California Government Code Section 1090.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman Abercrombie stated that there was no closed session and adjourned to the rescheduled Regular Meeting on June 11, 2026.

Attest:

Matthew H. Hurley, Board Secretary

Affirmed:

Matt Abercrombie, Vice Chairman