McMullin Area
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
March 11, 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, March 11, 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 JANUARY 7, 2026 REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 6, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING AND MARCH 4, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING.

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the January 7, 2026 Regular Meeting. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously approved the January 7, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. (5-0-0)

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the February 6, 2026 Special Meeting. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously approved the February 6, 2026 Special Meeting minutes. (5-0-0)

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the March 4, 2026 Special Meeting. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously approved the March 4, 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 Nijjar, 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.

Provost & Pritchard Contract Renewal: GM Hurley requested that the Board approve the annual contract renewal with Provost & Pritchard for general engineering services with a fee that shall not exceed $100,000. On the motion of Director Abercrombie, with the second of Director Nijjar, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the annual Provost & Pritchard Contract. (5-0-0)

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 the comments received. 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, noted that comments were provided by the aforementioned agencies and that a letter was sent this week stating they are waiting on some additional items that they want to receive for evaluating the Project. She stated that the agencies support the Aquaterra Water Bank and want it be successful. They want to evaluate it to make sure there are no impacts to those agencies upstream of the project.

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 790 wells have received rebates.

DGM Tufenkjian reported that there are an estimated 1,200 wells within MAGSA, which leaves approximately 200 that are not compliant with the MAGSA's meter policy.

McMullin Expansion Project Update: Vice Chair Abercrombie noted that Chair Don Cameron left the boardroom due to a conflict of interest with the agenda items related to the McMullin Expansion Project. DGM Tufenkjian provided an overview of MAGSA's vision for groundwater sustainability including the projects and timelines to accomplish SGMA's requirements by the year 2040. GM Hurley reported on the work accomplished and the final work needed for construction of the Expansion Project including agreements, final engineering drawings, and landowner easements. GM Hurley stated that MAGSA staff recommend moving the McMullin On-Farm Flood Capture Expansion Project forward and authorizing and directing all project related requirements to be met in anticipation of the commencement of the construction of the project.

GM Hurley stated that MAGSA staff and counsel recommended approval of a contract with LT Municipal Consultants to conduct a Proposition 218 assessment balloting campaign for the Agency as it relates to construction of the McMullin Expansion Project and related activities and to authorize the General Manager to execute the same on behalf of the Agency. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously approved a contract with LT Municipal Consultants to conduct a Proposition 218 assessment balloting campaign and authorize the General Manager to execute the same on behalf of the Agency. (4-0-0). Director Cameron recusal/abstention.

GM Hurley stated that MAGSA staff and counsel recommended approval and acceptance of the draft Engineer's Report dated March 2026 prepared in accordance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Prop 218) to support the establishment of a special benefit assessment to provide financing for the Expansion Project. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Nijjar, the Board unanimously approved and accepted the draft Engineer's Report dated March 2026 to support the establishment of a special benefit assessment to provide financing for the Expansion Project. (4-0-0). Director Cameron recusal/abstention.

GM Hurley stated that MAGSA staff and counsel recommended authorization to proceed with the Prop 218 election and to set the date of June 3, 2026 at 2:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as appropriate, at the boardroom of the Agency at The Kerman Community Center, 15101 Kearney Blvd., Kerman, CA 93630 to conduct a public hearing to receive final inputs and to determine whether the election has been successful in establishing the authority prescribed. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Pacheco, the Board unanimously approved authorization to proceed with the Prop 218 election and to set the date of June 3, 2026, at 2:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as appropriate, at the boardroom of the Agency at The Kerman Community Center, 15101 Kearney Blvd., Kerman, CA 93630 to conduct a public hearing. (4-0-0). Director Cameron recusal/abstention.

GM Hurley stated that MAGSA staff and counsel recommended approval of a proposal from Holman Capital Corporation to provide construction financing for the Expansion Project in a principal amount of Twenty Million Dollars ($20,000,000), with a repayment term of fifteen (15) years to be secured by Prop 218 assessments, and to authorize the General Manager to continue to process paperwork in relation to the same, conditioned upon successful completion of an affirmative vote by the MAGSA landowners during the Prop 218 election and subject to a final approval of all terms and conditions by the MAGSA Board of Directors in due course. On the motion of Director DeGroot, with the second of Director Nijjar, the Board unanimously approved a proposal from Holman Capital Corporation to provide construction financing for the Expansion Project in a principal amount of Twenty Million Dollars ($20,000,000), with a repayment term of fifteen (15) years to be secured by Prop 218 assessments, and to authorize the General Manager to continue to process paperwork in relation to the same, conditioned upon successful completion of an affirmative vote by the MAGSA landowners during the Prop 218 election and subject to a final approval of all terms and conditions by the MAGSA Board of Directors in due course. (4-0-0). Director Cameron recusal/abstention.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

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

GM Hurley reported that an allocation framework has been accepted by several GSAs in the Kings Subbasin. GM Hurley noted that MAGSA is not in agreement with the allocation framework that was developed 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 Water District had a workshop and that their engineering firm provided a plan to move forward with possible projects. Director Cameron noted that the plan is currently under advisement.

Report from Mid Valley Water District: No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Outreach: Goldsmith provided a recap on the Vision Event. Goldsmith reported that the Grower Irrigation Academy grant has been extended for one more year. Goldsmith stated that the focus on education events for the Academy will be on how to incorporate MAGSA's weather stations into their irrigation management.

GM Hurley reported that MAGSA staff recommend the establishment of a Policy Ad Hoc Committee, with the initial members being Directors DeGroot and Nijjar and supported by the General Manager. The purpose of the Policy committee will be to review possible additional policies for the Agency and recommend consideration of the same by the full board as appropriate.

On the motion of Director Abecrombie, with the second of Director Pacheco, the Board unanimously approved the establishment of a Policy Ad Hoc Committee, with the initial members being Directors DeGroot and Nijjar. (5-0-0)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAGSA Board	April 8, 2026
Kings Subbasin GSA Coordination	March 20, 2026
MAGSA Stakeholder	TBD
MAGSA Technical Advisory	TBD
Mid-Valley Water District	TBD
Raisin City Water District	March 17, 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. 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 April 8, 2026 meeting.

Attest:

Matthew H. Hurley, Board Secretary

Affirmed:

Don Cameron, Chairman