

**South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Regular Meeting  
Manteca, California  
January 24, 2018**

The Governing Board of the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA) met in a regular session at the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) Board Room at 9:00 a.m. Member Holmes called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

Upon roll call the following Members were noted present:

**DIRECTORS:** Tammy Alcantor, City of Escalon  
Robert Holmes, South San Joaquin Irrigation District  
Dave Kamper, South San Joaquin Irrigation District  
Dale Kuil, South San Joaquin Irrigation District  
Leo Zuber, City of Ripon

**ABSENT:** None

Also present were SSJID General Manager, Peter Rietkerk; SSJID Engineering Department Manager, Forrest Killingsworth; City of Ripon Administrator, Kevin Werner; Special GSA Counsel, Valerie Kincaid; SSJID General Counsel, Mia Brown; and SSJID Clerk of the Board, Betty Garcia.

**Public Comment** – None

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Item # - Consider approval of the meeting Minutes of August 7, 2017**

Mr. Zuber stated that he made corrections to the minutes and gave them to the Clerk of the Board, Betty Garcia. A motion was made by Member Kuil and seconded by Member Zuber to approve the minutes and with Mr. Zuber's corrections. The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

**AYES:** ALCANTOR HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ZUBER  
**NOES:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

**Item #2 – Consider approval of Resolution #2018-01-B approving 2018 Budget and Cost Allocation for the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

Mr. Peter Rietkerk, SSJID General Manager, indicated that staff is seeking review and approval from the SSJGSA Governing Board on the proposed Calendar Year 2018 budget and cost allocation. The recommended budget for 2018 expenditures and revenues for SSJGSA activities is based on a review of the proposed SSJID budget for SGMA related activities in 2018, as well as a projection of consulting and legal activities necessary to support proposed SSJGSA activities. These activities include reorganization of the SSJGSA to a joint-powers authority (JPA), and

review and oversight of the development of a basin-wide groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGA), of which SSJGSA is a member.

The proposed operating expenses total \$223,264 and are listed below:

Surface Water Consultant	\$65,000
Groundwater Consultant	\$65,000
Legal Services	\$24,000
Share in Cost of ESJGA GSP Development	\$11,664
Administrative Services (provided by SSJID)	\$57,000

The proposed cost allocation is as follows:

SSJID	85%	\$189,774
City of Escalon	5%	\$ 11,163
City of Ripon	10%	\$ 22,326

The cost allocation is based on a proportional share of total groundwater consumption among the three SSJGSA member agencies. According to data collected in 2017, SSJID, and the Cities of Ripon and Escalon represent approximately 87%, 10%, and 3% of the total SSJGSA-area annual groundwater use, respectively. Staff understand there are shared concerns from the member agencies regarding potentially ever-increasing future expenditures to obtain compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The total cost to meet SGMA compliance for the SSJGSA member agencies is presently unknown, largely because it is a new regulatory program. Expenditures will likely be influenced by a number of variables including but not limited to:

- How the SSJGSA participates to develop a GSP
- Whether grant funding is made available for GSP development
- Future SGMA requirements for ongoing data collection and state reporting

Staff has and will continue to maintain fiscal vigilance in developing budget recommendations for the SSJGSA Governing Board. This includes vetting and consideration of legal and technical assistance necessary to guide the Governing Board and the member agencies toward compliance with the SGMA regulations.

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGA) is in the midst of developing a groundwater model that will ultimately serve as the technical basis for the development of the basin-wide Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The ESJGA submitted a grant application to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in hopes of obtaining a \$1.5 Million grant. The ESJGA estimates each member GSA will be obligated to pay approximately \$11,664 to develop the GSP over the next two years. The ESJGA's estimate includes a commitment from San Joaquin County to allocate \$450,000 of "Zone 2" funding toward this effort. Ms. Valerie Kincaid said that DWR believes that there is enough funding for applications, but unsure if DWR will provide 100% funding. Mr. Rietkerk stated SSJID is looking at hiring a Water Resources Manager to help with SGMA requirements, and those costs have not yet been included in the proposed budget. Member

Kamper said that currently the SSJID Board is OK with paying the proposed percentages but this item would have to be revisited at a later date. Member Zuber said the City of Ripon agrees that SSJID has more expertise and does not want to ride on the backs of any member. He said that Ripon will pay its fair share in order to comply with government requirements. Ms. Kincaid stated that Turlock Irrigation District plans to pay \$600,000 to hire a groundwater consultant and some areas are paying much more for GSP development than the ESJGA.

A motion was made by Member Zuber and seconded by Member Alcantor to adopt Resolution #2018-01-B approving the 2018 Budget and Cost Allocation for the SSJGSA.

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
RESOLUTION 2018-01-B  
RESOLUTION APPROVING 2018 BUDGET AND COST ALLOCATION FOR THE  
SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA) was formed in 2017 through Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Escalon, City of Ripon, and South San Joaquin Irrigation District for the express purpose of meeting the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

**WHEREAS**, the SSJGSA is exclusively recognized by Department of Water Resources as the groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) authorized by SGMA for sustainable groundwater management within its member service areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Section 4.0 of the MOA, the Governing Board of the SSJGSA is required to unanimously approve a budget mutually developed by the member agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the SSJGSA technical advisory committee participated in the development and review of the 2018 operating budget and concurs with the proposed budget expenditures for the 2018 Calendar Year (2018); and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board has reviewed the proposed 2018 budget and cost allocation for operation of the SSJGSA, and believes it sufficient to support activities necessary to promote compliance with SGMA for the benefit of the local GSA and its member agencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. The South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency adoption of this Resolution.**
- 2. The South San Joaquin Irrigation Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby approves the 2018 Calendar Year Budget for the SSJGSA.**

**3. The South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency further approves the 2018 Cost Allocation as proposed, with the understanding that the cost allocation shall be revisited on an annual basis concurrent with the budget process.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency on January 24, 2018, by the following roll call vote:**

AYES:	ALCANTOR HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ZUBER
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

**Item #3 – Consider approval of Resolution #2018-02-B approving the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Cost Allocation Proposal dated November 8, 2017**

Mr. Rietkerk noted that this Resolution is a formality stating that the SSJGSA has reviewed the cost allocation proposal by the Authority and considered it in its budget and financial planning. The Resolution, once approved and signed, will be forwarded to the ESJGA. A motion was made by Member Kamper and seconded by Member Zuber to approve the Resolution listed below:

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
RESOLUTION 2018-02-B  
RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING A COST ALLOCATION  
PROPOSAL BY THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY FOR  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA) was formed in 2017 through Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Escalon, City of Ripon, and South San Joaquin Irrigation District for the express purpose of meeting the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

**WHEREAS**, the SSJGSA is exclusively recognized by Department of Water Resources as the groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) authorized by SGMA for sustainable groundwater management within its member service areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the SSJGSA is also a member of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (Authority), a groundwater sustainability agency formed under a joint-powers agreement among its member GSAs within the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin for the limited purpose of developing one groundwater sustainability plan within the Subbasin; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 11, 2017, the Authority approved the preparation and submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for funding to assist in the development and submittal of a basin-wide groundwater sustainability plan (GSP); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2017, the Authority proposed a budget and local cost share allocation of expenditures to its member GSAs, inclusive of the potential grant funding award, in the amount of \$11,664 per member GSA in total, to be expended over a two-year period; and

**WHEARAS**, the Authority is seeking concurrence and acceptance of the proposed cost allocation from its member agencies to provide assurance to DWR, as the grant administrator of the proposed grant funding, that local cost share requirements are secured; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the SSJGSA has reviewed the cost allocation proposal by the Authority and considered it in its budget and financial planning for SSJID.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**1. The South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency adoption of this Resolution.**

**2. The South San Joaquin Irrigation Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby concurs and authorizes expenditures to support the proposed cost share of \$11,664 per Authority member as proposed by the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority for full development and submittal of a groundwater sustainability plan within the basin.**

**3. The South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency further finds that should the underlying budget for the proposed cost-share allocation change, that the approval of the local cost share is voided, and subsequent allocation proposals for GSP development by the Authority be brought to the SSJGSA Governing Board for further consideration.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency on January 24, 2018, by the following roll call vote:**

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>ALCANTOR HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ZUBER</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**Item #4 – Consider action to calendar the next Governing Board meeting**

A motion was made by Member Zuber and seconded by Member Kuil to schedule the next meeting of the SSJGSA for Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the SSJID Boardroom. The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>ALCANTOR HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ZUBER</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**Item #5 – Communication**

Mr. Rietkerk announced there have been staffing changes at the District. He introduced Mr. Forrest Killingsworth, new Engineering Department Manager. He said that he and Forrest will be sharing the SGMA duties. He also introduced Mia S. Brown, new General Counsel.

Mr. Rietkerk said that staff has items to follow up on:

- a) Staff and Consultant updates
  - o Finalize the SSJGSA Bylaws
  - o Final City and District review of Bylaws
  - o JPA updates - will include an information discussion with new leadership at the City of Manteca. The City may want to reconsider joining the SSJGSA
  
- b) Valerie Kincaid reported the Department of Water Resources funding was supposed to be out late last year (2017) but now DWR is saying it could be early Spring (2018) before the funding is released. She said most groups are hiring GSP Consultants.

**Item #6 - Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Member Zuber and seconded by Member Kamper to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. The motion passed 5 to 0 by the following vote:

AYES:	ALCANTOR HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ZUBER
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

**ATTEST:**

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**Betty L. Garcia, Clerk of the Board**