

**MINUTES FOR THE JULY 22, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SSJGSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA) met in special session at the City of Ripon Council Chambers, 259 N. Wilma Road, Ripon, CA at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Holmes called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. Upon roll-call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: ALCANTOR de GRAAF HOLMES WESTSTEYN
ABSENT: KAMPER

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

INTRODUCTION

Chairman Holmes welcomed all for attending the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) outreach event.

Chairman Holmes held a moment of silence for recently passed South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) Board Director Ralph Roos and expressed heartfelt sentiment on his distinguished character and contributions to the SSJID Board of Directors.

Director de Graaf, SSJGSA Board Director, introduced himself and thanked all attendees for participating in-person and via Zoom. He also expressed thanks to SSJID and the City of Escalon for their partnership on the SSJGSA.

ACTION CALENDAR

Item #1 – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Panel Discussion

Mr. Brandon Nakagawa, SSJID Water Resources Coordinator, welcomed all and gave the required safety announcement. He explained that the program format will consist of a Question & Answer (Q&A) session with the invited panel guests. Mr. Nakagawa further explained that water transfer issues cannot be addressed as the special board meeting was convened to focus on SGMA-related issues.

The SGMA event panel guests introduced themselves, which included Ms. Tiffany Holmes, Senior Appraiser at Edward Lien & Toso, Inc.; Mr. Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager at Oakdale Irrigation District; Mr. Bob Holmes, Board President and Director of Division #1 at SSJID; and Mr. Matt Zidar, Water Resources Manager at San Joaquin County Public Works. Mr. Nakagawa also acknowledged attendees Mr. Dan Wright, Councilmember at City of Stockton; Mr. Chuck Winn, Vice-Chair and Supervisor on the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors; Mr. Leo Zuber, Councilmember at City of Ripon; Mr. Kevin Werner, City Administrator at City of Escalon; and Ms. Tammy Alcantor, SSJGSA Board Director.

Mr. Zidar gave a presentation on the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA) which provided detailed SGMA-related topics including SGMA requirements; the ESJGWA; historical overdrafts; Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) tasks; Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) implementation; the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Response Plan of the GSPs; and challenges facing the ESJGWA.

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The Q&A session addressed recharge solutions and challenges; SGMA-related land values; Disadvantaged Communities (DACs); DWR's determinations of the GSPs; and the SSJGSA's SGMA projects.

Supervisor Chuck Winn thanked the panel, and commended the sixteen (16) GSA member agencies on the ESJGWA on their efforts in developing and finalizing the GSP.

Closing remarks were made by Chairman Holmes, Director de Graaf, Mr. Zidar, Mr. Thorburn, Ms. Holmes, and Mr. Nakagawa. Chairman Holmes thanked Mr. Nakagawa on his coordination of the outreach event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Danielle Barney, Clerk of the Board