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An Alliance of Water Districts, Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, and Stockton East Water District, located over the critically overdrafted Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

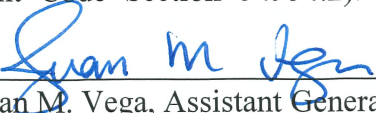
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Water Alliance will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at Stockton East Water District, 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, California

MEETING OF THE EASTERN WATER ALLIANCE

A) Call to Order	Page No.
B) Roll Call	
C) Public Comment	
D) Presentation and Action items:	
1. Approval of Minutes	01
a. Minutes 03/07/24	
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2. Consider Adopting New Conflict of Interest Code	07
3. Consider Adopting DREAM Pilot Project Results	
E) Unfinished Business	
1. DREAM Project Press Release Update	
F) New Business	
1. Discussion Regarding Large-Scale Project	
G) Agenda Planning for Next Meeting	
H) Adjournment	

Certification of Posting

I hereby certify that on August 30, 2024 I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda in the outside display case at the District Office, 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, California, said time being at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Water Alliance (Government Code Section 54954.2). Executed at Stockton, California on August 30, 2024.



Juan M. Vega, Assistant General Manager
Stockton East Water District

Assistance for the Disabled: If you are disabled in any way and need accommodation to participate in the meeting, please call Bianca Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant (209) 948-0333 for assistance so the necessary arrangements can be made.

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Thursday, March 7, 2024 Minutes

MEETING OF THE EASTERN WATER ALLIANCE

- A) Call to Order: Director McGurk called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
- B) Roll Call: A quorum of the Eastern Water Alliance Board members were present (Chairman McGurk, and Directors Roberts, Simpson, and Colombini). Also present were SEWD's Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Ram, Administrative Assistant Wood and NSJWCD General Manager Steve Schwabauer. Directors Sanguinetti and Thompson were absent.
- C) Public Comment: None
- D) Presentation and Action items:
1. Board Organization
 - a. Election of Officers
Director McGurk stated he has no opposition in remaining on the committee as the chairman.

A motion was moved by Director Colombini and seconded by Director Simpson to approve Thomas McGurk as Chairman of the Board for the Eastern Water Alliance. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Committee Assignments
The Eastern Water Alliance (EWA) Committee reviewed the committee member's roster. Director Colombini clarified the committee members consist of David Simpson, Jason Colombini, Grant Thompson, Reid Roberts, Paul Sanguinetti and alternate Andrew Watkins.

A motion was moved by Director Colombini and seconded by Director Simpson to approve the Eastern Water Alliance Committee Assignments, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
 2. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Minutes 11/22/23
A motion was moved by Director Simpson and seconded by Director Colombini to approve the November 22, 2023 minutes, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Request for DREAM Project Groundwater Extraction Extension to April 2024 Memo:
Mr. Schwabauer reported the DREAM Project groundwater extraction is permitted from October 1st to March 31st. In collaboration with NSJWCD, EBMUD initiated extraction on January 10th, 2024 and planned to continuously extract approximately 296 acre-feet of groundwater (half of the 592 acre-feet banked in Fall 2023) through the end of March 2024. The extraction period was initiated in combination with San Joaquin County who is responsible for groundwater monitoring to identify whether significant impacts to groundwater levels would result from the DREAM Project. However, unanticipated mechanical and control system failures on Extraction Well K-13 resulted in ongoing starts and stops every few days from the initiation of extraction on January 10th, 2024 through February 5th, 2024. Therefore, an extension to April 30th was requested to allow extraction of the entire 296 acre-feet of banked groundwater to observe whether impacts to groundwater exist with extraction of the full banked volume for a longer duration. The irrigation season is expected to start later therefore the extension would not interfere with that timeline.

Director Simpson reported the DREAM Monitoring committee reviewed the data presented by EBMUD at the February 28th committee meeting. The consensus of the committee is there have been no negative impacts on groundwater levels from the DREAM extraction therefore the monitoring committee recommended the EWA move forward with the extension. EBMUD Associate Engineer Stella Tan stated they are not anticipating any other extension requests.

- a. Resolution 24-01 – A Resolution of The Board of Directors of the Eastern Water Alliance To Recommend the Board of Supervisors Amend Resolution R-17-35 To Extend The Term Of The Extraction Timeline For The Groundwater Banking Demonstration Project (DREAM) Agreement To April 30, 2024

A motion was moved by Director Simpson and seconded by Director Roberts to approve Resolution 24-01, A Resolution of The Board of Directors of the Eastern Water Alliance To Recommend the Board of Supervisors Amend Resolution R-17-35 To Extend The Term Of The Extraction Timeline For The Groundwater Banking Demonstration Project (DREAM) Agreement To April 30, 2024, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

E) Unfinished Business: None

F) New Business: None

G) Agenda Planning for Next Meeting: None

H) Adjournment: Chairman McGurk adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan M. Vega
Secretary

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Thursday, June 6, 2024 Minutes

MEETING OF THE EASTERN WATER ALLIANCE

- A) Call to Order: Director Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- B) Roll Call: A full quorum was not present to proceed with the Eastern Water Alliance Board meeting.
- C) Public Comment: None
- D) Presentation and Action items:
1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Minutes 03/07/24
No action was taken.
- E) Meeting of The Dream Monitoring Committee
1. Call to Order: The DREAM Monitoring Committee was called to order at 2:02 p.m., by Director Simpson.
 2. Roll Call: Representatives of the DREAM Monitoring Committee in attendance were North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) Director Simpson, County Public Works Director Fritz Buchman, Stockton East Water District (SEWD) Manager Hopkins and San Joaquin County Environmental Health Steven Shih. Attending virtually was NSJWCD Manager Steve Schwabauer, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Associate Civil Engineer Grace Su, EBMUD Associate Engineer Stella Tan, San Joaquin County Environmental Health Steven Shih and Landowner Denise Warmerdam. Also present was SEWD Administrative Assistant Rodriguez
 3. Public Comment: Denise Warmerdam had asked in the previous meeting to be informed when the extension to the Board of Supervisors was sent. However, she did not receive the notification. Mr. Buchman apologized and confirmed the extension was sent to the Board of Supervisors.
 4. Demonstration Recharge Extraction and Aquifer Management (DREAM)
 - a. DREAM Pilot Project Extraction Update
EBMUD Associate Engineer Stella Tan provided an update on the DREAM Pilot Project Extraction. Ms. Tan reported NSJWCD uses EBMUD Mokelumne River water to irrigate crops instead of pumping groundwater. Ms. Tan reported half of the banked

groundwater is credited to NSJWCD and the other half to EBMUD who can request it be returned. EBMUD released 658 AF between August – October 2023, of that 296 AF is banked groundwater and 296 AF is in-lieu recharge. In collaboration with NSJWCD, EBMUD initiated extraction on January 10th, 2024 and planned to continuously extract approximately 296 acre feet of groundwater (half of the 592-acre feet banked in Fall 2023) through the end of March 2024. Ms. Tan reported the extraction summary from January 10, 2024 to April 30, 2024 75% of groundwater was extracted and 25% was the remaining banked groundwater. Casey Kipf with Condor Earth reported four monitoring wells MW-4D, MW-8D, 03N07E21L003 and 03N07E33G002 are fitted with pressure transducers to provide depth measurements and download data remotely. Condor Earth was able to use Beer Creek Winery monitoring wells for their discharge permit which are the D designated wells. If three of four DREAM monitoring wells reach the minimum threshold, extractions will be reduced or stopped while data is evaluated by the Monitoring Committee. Automated alert notifications are set up for wells when the groundwater levels reach 75% of the minimum and maximum thresholds. Mr. Kipf reported on the MW-4D Hydrograph from Beer Creek Winery in which no observed negative impacts on the groundwater levels, levels increased since extraction started on January 10th and levels currently 15 feet above minimum threshold. The monitoring well 4D initial reading was -45.78 feet msl and the DREAM Minimum threshold is -55.93 feet msl. Mr. Kipf also reported on the 03N07E21L003 hydrograph with limited interpretation of data trends with levels measured since January 10th have been 15 feet above the measurable objective, manual water level measurements are less reliable due to access issues and L003 may be pumped for agricultural purposes. After the extraction is complete, the committee should meet to discuss the pilot results. To date, there have been no negative impacts on groundwater levels from the DREAM extraction

Steven Shih from County Environmental Health inquired if there is any data on water qualities. Su Grace replied for the existing Ag well EBMUD has taken plenty of water quality even before placing the groundwater into the system.

Director Simpson inquired what is considered a large project. Su Grace replied one of the key benchmark numbers EBMUD currently considers is the figure stated in the Protest Dismissal Agreement or it could be up to 8,000 acre feet of water in a wet year.

5. Other Business: None
6. Plan for Next Meeting: The next DREAM Monitoring Committee is tentatively scheduled for September 5, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Director Simpson suggested having the Eastern Water Alliance/DREAM Monitoring Committee Meeting in the morning.

7. Adjournment: Director Simpson adjourned the committee meeting at 2:38 p.m.

F) Consider Accepting DREAM Pilot Project Results
No action was taken.

G) Agenda Planning for Next Meeting: The next Eastern Water Alliance is tentatively scheduled for September 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

H) Adjournment: Director Simpson adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary

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2024 Multi-County Agency Biennial Notice

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Counties within Jurisdiction, or for Charter Schools, Counties in which the School is Chartered:
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**Including board and committee members*

Accurate disclosure is essential to monitor whether officials have conflicts of interest and to help ensure public trust in government. The biennial review examines current programs to ensure that the agency’s code includes disclosure by those agency officials who make or participate in making governmental decisions.

Please identify which statement accurately describes your agency’s status.

- This agency has reviewed its conflict of interest code. The current code designates all positions which make or participate in making governmental decisions. The designated positions are assigned accurate disclosure categories that relate to the job duties of the respective positions. The code incorporates FPPC regulation 18730 so that all relevant Government Code Sections are referenced.
- This agency has reviewed its conflict of interest code and has determined that an amendment is necessary. An amendment may include the following:
 - New positions which involve the making or participating in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material impact on a financial interest
 - Current designated positions need renaming or deletion
 - Statutorily required provisions of the code need to be addressed
 - Disclosure categories need revision

Verification (to be completed if no amendment is required)

This multi-county agency’s code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions. The disclosure assigned to those positions accurately requires that all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding designated positions are reported. The code includes all other provisions required by Government Code Section 87302.

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Signature of Chief Executive Officer

Date

All multi-county agencies must complete and return this notice, including those agencies whose codes are currently under review. Please return this notice no later than **October 1, 2024** to the FPPC at biennialnotice@fppc.ca.gov or 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, CA 95811.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE
EASTERN WATER ALLIANCE
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730) which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing it may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Exhibits designating officials and employees and establishing disclosure categories shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the Eastern Water Alliance.

Designated employees shall file their Statements of Economic Interests with the Eastern Water Alliance. The Eastern Water Alliance's records are maintained at the Stockton East Water District in Stockton, California.

EXHIBIT “A”
DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES AND POSITIONS

The following are not covered by the code because they must file under section 87200 and, therefore, are listed for informational purposes only:

- Directors and their alternates
- Treasurer

An individual holding one of the above listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance regarding his or her filing obligations if the individual believes that the position has been categorized incorrectly. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a positions is covered by section 87200.

The following positions entail the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on their financial interests.

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<u>Disclosure Categories</u>
Legal Advisor	1, 2, 3
Consultants	*

* Consultants shall be included in the list of designated employees and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code subject to the following limitations:

The Chairperson of the Alliance may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a “designated position,” is hired to perform a range of duties that are limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements described in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant’s duties, and based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Chairperson’s determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict of interest code.

EXHIBIT “B”
DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

1. All interests in real property located in whole or in part, within, or not more than two (2) miles outside, the jurisdiction.
2. All investments and business positions in business entities, and income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, from any source which is (1) a private water company; or (2) an entity or person engaged in farming, real estate development or an owner of real property.
3. All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, which provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment of the type utilized by the Alliance.