

Eastern Water Alliance (EWA)

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

Monday, July 9, 2018 Minutes

1. Call to Order: Director McGurk called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call: A quorum of Board members were present (McGurk, Sanguinetti, Thompson, Flinn, Simpson). Also present were SEWD's General Manager Moody, SEWD's District Engineer Lee, SEWD's Administrative Services Manager Carido, SEWD's Administrative Clerk Curtis and Russell Frink.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Minutes of September 11, 2017: A motion was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Flinn to approve the September 11, 2017 minutes, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Demonstration Recharge Extraction and Aquifer Management (DREAM) Project: Russell Frink, Spaletta Law PC gave a brief introduction on the background of the DREAM project and conditions of the Export Permit. EBMUD will take 1,000 AF of Water from Camanche and release it down the Mokelumne River. NSJWCD will pick it up at a pump station and will convey it through their south system to farmers. Farmers will use the water for irrigation in lieu of pumping groundwater. Once the recharge is complete, in a subsequent winter season when groundwater levels are higher, half of what is recharged will be pumped back out through an existing groundwater well.

Mr. Frink reported the Export Permit for the DREAM Project has conditions. One of which is the NSJWCD must establish a Monitoring Committee to monitor the Basin. The Eastern Water Alliance (EWA) needs to appoint a representative and alternate as they are the permittee for the Project.

General Manager Moody inquired if the representative and alternate can be delegated by the EWA or if they must be Directors of the EWA. Mr. Frink replied they can be delegated.

Mr. Frink reported the duty of the Monitoring Committee is to review, at least annually, and upon receipt of a complaint regarding operation of the Project, relevant facts and information and if necessary to recommend to the Board of Supervisors whether or not the Project is operating within the terms and conditions of the permit issued for the Project.

General Manager Moody recommended nominating representatives from either SEWD or CSJWCD, as NSJWCD has been delegated as the District who controls the operations for this Project.

Director McGurk inquired on the timing of the Monitoring Committee. Mr. Frink reported the Committee needs to be formed before the export takes place. The export of groundwater is not expected until January 2020, however, there is a desire to have a Committee formed and educated regarding the Project and existing groundwater conditions in advance.

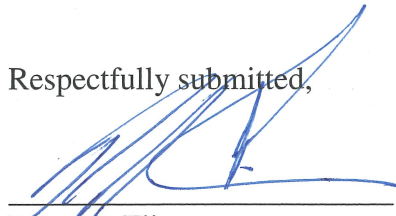
Director Thompson inquired if the water is metered in and out. Director Simpson replied yes, the water is metered at the existing well and metered at the pumping plant 50-feet from the well.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if we know how EBMUD will pump out their water. If the groundwater is pumped quickly, an effect on the groundwater will be seen; if it is taken at a slower rate, you will see less of an effect. General Manager Moody replied these are the type of things the Monitoring Committee will monitor.

A motion was moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Sanguinetti to appoint SEWD's District Engineer Lee as the Eastern Water Alliance's representative on the Monitoring Committee and SEWD's General Manager Moody as the alternate. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Director Reports: None
7. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting: None
8. Adjournment: Director McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Director Flinn
Secretary