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Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m. or soon there after
Place: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL – Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for April 14, 2026.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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None

REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. Stakeholder Advisory Committee update – Garrett Gilcrease, Chairperson
B. Update on interactions with the State Water Board Staff – Amer Hussain, Engineer
C. Overview of the Prop 218 process – Becca Quist, Provost & Pritchard
D. Study Session - Draft Budget discussion to begin the Prop 218 process – Amer Hussain, Engineer

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- ♦ Board Correspondence
- ♦ Correspondence and Information on Future Agenda Items

CLOSED SESSION

- ♦ None

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

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Deanna Jackson, Executive Director with Tri-County Water Authority stated that she was here to speak on the comments made by Director Verboon at the State Water meeting last week. She stated she provided a letter regarding her concerns to General Manager Chuck Kinney who will provide to all Board Members if he has not already. Ms. Jackson stated they are Kings County neighbors and feels that we need to work together and support one another regarding the efforts and issues related to local water issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting for March 24, 2026.**

PUBLIC: None

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RV, RT, KR, RR - Aye)

CONSENT CALENDAR

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♦ **None**

REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. Stakeholder Advisory Committee update – Chip Mello, Advisory Committee Member, stated he is grateful to all the committee members for their dedication and commitment towards the issues and all have the same goal. Garrett Gilcrease, Chairperson, stated that he travelled to Sacramento last week to the State Water meeting and provided comments on our local issues and stated the outcome was generally positive. He and Supervisor Verboon spoke on their issues and concerns to the state.**

- B. Consider the first amendment to Agreement No. 24-01 with Geosyntec to provide additional outreach services – Chuck Kinney, General Manager**

PUBLIC: None

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RT, RV, KR, RR - Aye)

- C. Update on GSA related activities – Amer Hussain, Engineer**

PUBLIC: Julie Martella stated the watermark mailers related to Amer's update were mailed out Friday afternoon, April 10, 2026, and landowners should receive them later this week.

David Stanfield had questions regarding meters. Amer provided the information

ACTION: UPDATE ONLY. NO ACTION TAKEN.

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None

- ◆ Board Correspondence: **General Manager Chuck Kinney stated yesterday the GSA received two letters of correction from Tri-County Water Authority addressed to Mid-Kings GSA and the State Water Resources Control Board that will be made part of the record.**
- ◆ Correspondence and Information on Future Agenda Items: **General Manager Chuck Kinney stated for the May 12, 2026, meeting an item will be presented regarding the draft budget and plan concerning water quality.**

CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **None**

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Date: May 12, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Kinney, General Manager

Subject: Study Session – Draft Budget discussion to begin the Prop 218 process

Background

The Mid-Kings River GSA has been working diligently with stakeholders and your Board to revise its policies and plans to provide for a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) which can remove the GSA from the probationary status, which the State Water Resources Control Board currently has placed us under and results in the sustainable management of groundwater within the GSA. In order for the Mid-Kings River GSA's GSP to function, finances are needed for the operation of the Mid-Kings River GSA which will result in the need to establish fees which are able to cover all of the expenses of the GSA. At your meeting on March 24, 2026, your Board authorized the hiring of Provost & Pritchard for outreach and election services pertaining to the establishment of fee's in accordance with Prop 218. One of the beginning steps in establishing fees is to first establish a budget. At the March 23, 2026 MKR Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting a draft budget was presented and discussed which resulted in the Stakeholders providing feedback and revisions to said draft budget which was voted on and approved to recommend that the draft revised budget be presented to the MKR GSA Board for review. Following this study session, staff will take any comments and feedback which is provided and incorporate it into the draft budget which will then be provided to Provost & Pritchard as a starting basis to begin establishing an Engineers Report which is mandatory for the Prop 218 process. It should be noted that the draft budget which is presented as part of the Study Session will likely be modified when the professional engineer reviews and analyzes the components which are necessary when preparing the Engineer's Report.

Request

The General Manager requests the Board of Directors receive the presentation and provide comments and feedback on the draft budget.

Fixed Costs		2026	2026 Per Acre	2027	2027 Per Acre	2028	2028 Per Acre	2029	2029 Per Acre	2030	2030 Per Acre
	KCWD/Hanford/KC Payback	\$100,000	\$1.14	\$200,000	\$2.28	\$200,000	\$2.28	\$200,000	\$2.28	\$200,000	\$2.28
Administration											
	Staff										
	Manager	\$300,000	\$3.42	\$306,000	\$3.49	\$312,120	\$3.56	\$318,362	\$3.63	\$324,730	\$3.70
	Staff	\$107,000	\$1.22	\$109,140	\$1.24	\$111,323	\$1.27	\$113,549	\$1.30	\$115,820	\$1.32
	Consultant Services										
	Legal	\$250,000	\$2.85	\$255,000	\$2.91	\$267,750	\$3.05	\$281,138	\$3.21	\$295,194	\$3.37
	Engineering	\$200,000	\$2.28	\$150,000	\$1.71	\$154,500	\$1.76	\$159,135	\$1.82	\$163,909	\$1.87
	inspection/staffing activities	\$100,000	\$1.14	\$103,000	\$1.17	\$106,090	\$1.21	\$109,273	\$1.25	\$112,551	\$1.28
	Vehicles	\$85,000	\$0.97	\$26,750	\$0.31	\$28,623	\$0.33	\$30,626	\$0.35	\$32,770	\$0.37
	Building and office materials	\$87,000	\$0.99	\$93,090	\$1.06	\$99,606	\$1.14	\$106,579	\$1.22	\$114,039	\$1.30
	Board and Commission meetings	\$5,000	\$0.06	\$5,350	\$0.06	\$5,725	\$0.07	\$6,125	\$0.07	\$6,554	\$0.07
	Travel and Events	\$8,000	\$0.09	\$8,560	\$0.10	\$9,159	\$0.10	\$9,800	\$0.11	\$10,486	\$0.12
Operations											
	GSP Revisions	\$175,000	\$2.00	\$150,000	\$1.71	\$150,000	\$1.71	\$175,000	\$2.00	\$125,000	\$1.43
	Annual Reports	\$30,000	\$0.34	\$32,400	\$0.37	\$34,992	\$0.40	\$37,791	\$0.43	\$40,815	\$0.47
	Monitoring	\$45,000	\$0.51	\$48,600	\$0.55	\$52,488	\$0.60	\$56,687	\$0.65	\$61,222	\$0.70
	Well Registration/monitoring software	\$42,000	\$0.48	\$43,260	\$0.49	\$44,558	\$0.51	\$45,895	\$0.52	\$47,271	\$0.54
	ET monitoring subscription	\$71,000	\$0.81	\$73,130	\$0.83	\$75,324	\$0.86	\$77,584	\$0.88	\$79,911	\$0.91
	Website maintenance	\$30,000	\$0.34	\$10,000	\$0.11	\$10,300	\$0.12	\$10,609	\$0.12	\$10,927	\$0.12
	Dry Well Mitigation (admin)	\$30,000	\$0.34	\$30,900	\$0.35	\$31,827	\$0.36	\$32,782	\$0.37	\$33,765	\$0.39
	Outreach	\$140,000	\$1.60	\$60,000	\$0.68	\$61,800	\$0.70	\$63,654	\$0.73	\$100,000	
	Monitoring Well program	\$300,000	\$3.42	\$350,000	\$3.99	\$300,000	\$3.42	\$200,000	\$2.28	\$200,000	\$2.28
	Online Portal	\$100,000	\$1.14								
	Fee Election	\$140,000	\$1.60								
	Reserves	\$56,000	\$0.64	\$56,000	\$0.64	\$56,000	\$0.64	\$56,000	\$0.64	\$56,000	\$0.64
Total Fixed Costs		\$2,401,000	\$27.39	\$2,111,180	\$24.08	\$2,112,184	\$24.09	\$2,090,589	\$23.85	\$2,130,965	\$24.31
Variable Costs											
Option A price per every AF		Acre/Foot available 2026		Acre/Foot available 2027		Acre/Foot available 2028		Acre/Foot available 2029		Acre/Foot available 2030	
		2026	125000	2027	190241.73	2028	184981.59	2029	179721.45	2030	175338
		2026 cost/AF		2027 cost/AF		2028 cost/AF		2029 cost/AF		2030 cost/AF	
Well Mitigation Pilot Program		\$200,000	\$2	\$160,000	\$1						
Dry Well Mitigation		\$500,000	\$4	\$2,000,000	\$11	\$2,000,000	\$11	\$800,000	\$4	\$200,000	\$1
Water Quality Mitigation		\$350,000	\$3	\$500,000	\$3	\$300,000	\$2	\$100,000	\$1	\$100,000	\$1
Subsidence Mitigation		\$750,000	\$6	\$1,000,000	\$5	\$1,000,000	\$5	\$1,000,000	\$6	\$1,000,000	\$6
Total Variable Costs		\$1,800,000	\$14	\$3,660,000	\$19	\$3,300,000	\$18	\$1,900,000	\$11	\$1,300,000	\$7