

**Linden County Water District
Public Hearing and
Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2025**

PUBLIC HEARING

Directors Present: President Lawrence Knapp, Director Myron Blanton, Director Elaine Reed and Director Douglas E. Smith

Board Secretary Barbara Kascht and General Manager John Villierme, were also in attendance

Directors Absent: Vice President Steven M. Lagorio

Agenda Items:

Public Hearing: To receive public comments regarding the Linden County Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency's proposed adoption of the 2024 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Amendment and First Periodic Evaluation for the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin.

Introduction. President Lawrence Knapp opened the Public Hearing and stated there was no public.

Presentation of 2024 GSP Amendment and First Periodic Evaluation Documents. The 2024 GSP Amendment with Appendices and First Periodic Evaluation were available for viewing. Director Doug Smith gave a brief synopsis and, along with Director Myron Blanton, provided additional insight into the items being considered. General Manager John Villierme added that District Legal Counsel Dean Ruiz is also a member of the attorney group that reviews all aspects on behalf of the ESJGWA and LCWDGSA.

Public Comment. A document was received via e-mail on January 14, 2025 from the Environmental Law Foundation (ELF), representing the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) and providing comments on their behalf, opposing the approval of the 2024 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Amendment.

Question and Answer Period. No questions were asked by the Board or public.

Close of Public Hearing. Doug Smith moved to close Public Hearing, seconded by Myron Blanton.
AYES: 4 **NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0 **ABSENT:** 1 Motion carried.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Directors Present: President Lawrence Knapp, Director Myron Blanton, Director Elaine Reed and Director Douglas E. Smith

Board Secretary Barbara Kascht and General Manager John Villierme, were also in attendance

Directors Absent: Vice President Steven M. Lagorio

Public Comment: None

Agenda Items:

1. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution 25-01 A Resolution of the Linden County Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Adopting the 2024 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Amendment.** Myron Blanton moved to adopt Resolution 25-01, seconded by Elaine Reed. **AYES:** 4 **NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0 **ABSENT:** 1 Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 25-02 A Resolution of the Linden County Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Approving Submittal of the First Periodic Evaluation for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.** Doug Smith moved to accept Resolution 25-02, seconded by Elaine Reed. **AYES:** 4 **NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0 **ABSENT:** 1 Motion carried.
- c. **District Succession Planning.** General Manager John Villierme stated that he would like to retire May 1, 2025 and continue as a consultant for six months to one year. Villierme would work a couple hours each week (more if needed) and be on-call. Joe Chaves is fully certified to run the District and Brayden Fredricksen is working to obtain his water and wastewater licenses. Board was in approval.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Front & Ione Street Water Main Replacement Project.** General Manager John Villierme reported they met with Campbell Construction regarding extras not included in the original bid. Dollar amounts are needed to compare with items that were not done. No further payments to be made until resolved.
- b. **Sustainable Groundwater Management.** No Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority meeting.
- c. **PFAS.** General Manager John Villierme advised PFAS sampling was done. Cost is \$525 per sample for three samples. Results have not been received.
- d. **Water Loss.** General Manager John Villierme reported the District has used a million gallons less in the last two months. Recent leaks, which have been repaired, could have been a contributing factor. Villierme will also have staff check the sewer main to see if flows have increased.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Myron Blanton moved to approve the consent calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes – December 21, 2024
- b. Warrant Listing
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Operations Reports
- e. Compliance Log
- f. Correspondence
- g. Water Usage Reports

seconded by Elaine Reed. **AYES**: 4 **NOES**: 0 **ABSTAIN**: 0 **ABSENT**: 1 Motion carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.