



TEJON-CASTAC
WATER
DISTRICT



South of Kern River Executive Committee Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 08, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Information Posted:

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORT ITEMS
 - a. GSP Manager Report (*Muhar*)
 - i. Basin Coordination
 - ii. Outreach and Engagement
 - b. Technical Consultant Report (*EKI*)
 - i. Report on technical meetings with SWRCB staff on potential GSP revisions
 - ii. SGMA Monitoring Network performance and sustainable management criteria (SMC) compliance

- c. Finance Report (*Nicholas*)
- d. California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP) update (*Nicholas*)
- e. Management Area updates (*Muhar, Nicholas, Martin, Barraza*)

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consider potential recommendation to home boards regarding proposal to increase certain consultant budgets to cover additional level of effort to coordinate with SWRCB staff on development of GSP revisions

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Potential Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), (e)(1); 1 item).

11. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOUTH OF KERN RIVER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 10, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Director Yurosek called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., and determined a quorum was present with attendance by:

Executive Committee Directors

Derek Yurosek – Arvin-Edison Water Storage District (AEWSD; Arvin GSA) (present)
Mark Valpredo – Tejon-Castac Water District (TCWD; Tejon-Castac Water District GSA) (present)
Michael Blaine – Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWSD; Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa GSA) (present)
Rafael Gallardo – Arvin Community Services District (ACSD) (present)

District Staff

Jeevan Muhar – AEWSD (present)
Sheridan Nicholas – WRMWSD (present)
Angelica Martin – TCWD (remote)
Raul Barazza – ACWD (present)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Gallardo moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Director Blaine. The motion passed 4-0-0.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 10, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Director Gallardo moved to approve the March 13, 2025 SOKR Executive Committee meeting minutes. Director Blaine seconded. The motion passed 4-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORT ITEMS

GSP Manager Report

Basin Coordination

Mr. Muhar reported that the Basin continues to consult with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff following the Basin Probationary Hearing on February 20, 2025. The Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to meet with SWRCB staff on a bi-weekly basis to address their remaining concerns with the water quality and water levels

monitoring networks, including the Subbasin's efforts to identify data gaps and increase the coverage of the Representative Monitoring Networks. Additionally, the Kern Subbasin Annual Report has been submitted for Water Year 2024 and is available on the Subbasin website linked in the meeting packet.

Mr. Muhar also reported on ongoing Subbasin social media and stakeholder engagement efforts, including Subbasin-wide dissemination of information and translation and interpretation services, and successful pop-up events.

Technical Consultant Report

EKI reported on the ongoing coordination efforts between the Technical Working Group (TWG) and SWRCB staff related to potential, focused revisions to the 2024 Plan prior to the continued hearing date of September 17. The TWG conducted a thorough data gap evaluation of water quality and water level monitoring networks using a risk-based approach designed to protect all, including the most vulnerable, beneficial users within the Subbasin. No water level monitoring network data gaps were identified in the SOKR area. Two water quality monitoring network data gaps were identified in Arvin GSA. The data gap results are being reviewed by SWRCB staff, with their feedback due April 9.

Ongoing coordination with SWRCB staff and the Subbasin GSAs continues to prioritize water quality. EKI reported on substantial improvements to the water quality Undesirable Results definition and focused revision on the MT Exceedance Action Plan for water quality, groundwater levels, and land subsidence. SWRCB staff have not recommended any changes to the actual land subsidence Sustainable Management Criteria.

Lastly, EKI reported on the SGMA Monitoring Network performance and SMC compliance. There were no MT exceedances in the SOKR area based on March groundwater levels.

Finance Report

Mr. Nicholas reported on finances to date. The Financial Report included GSP development efforts, technical consultant fees, and legal expenses. All costs are shared equally between SOKR entities with the exception of legal expenses, which were split differently according to needs pertaining to the White Lands (Non-Districted Lands). No action was needed on SOKR finances.

California Aqueduct Subsidence Program (CASP) update

The Subbasin and each of the GSAs along the Aqueduct received an email from CASP staff and are currently developing a response.

Management Area Updates

Mr. Muhar did not have Arvin GSA-specific updates to report.

Mr. Nicholas did not have WRM GSA-specific updates to report.

Ms. Martin did not have TCWD GSA-specific updates to report.

ACTION ITEMS

The Directors considered the following action items:

- a. Consider ratification of GSA home board approvals to fund the Rincon task order related to Plan Manager / Point of Contact.
- b. Consider endorsement and recommendation for GSA home board approval to fund a contract for Subbasin water quality strategic support.
- c. Consider endorsement and recommendation for GSA home board approval related to the cost share for the Subbasin-wide translation and interpretation services.

Director Valpredo motioned to endorse and recommend action items (a), (b), and (c). Director Gallardo seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received to report.

CLOSED SESSION

Potential Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), (e)(1); 1 item).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

There was nothing to report out of the closed session.

The next SOKR Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025 at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Yurosek adjourned the SOKR Executive Committee meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Mark Valpredo, South of Kern River
Executive Committee Secretary