

POLICY ISSUES –

GSA AND GSP – Manager Geivet summarized the events leading to the current situation. The process began with SMGA legislation, which permitted the establishment of the ETGSA. ETGSA operated for five years before the State Water Board placed it on probation and imposed requirements for groundwater wells monitoring and a per-acre fee to SID, resulting in the formation of its own GSA and GSP.

GOALS AND PRIORITIES – To have a GSA with a GSP that would show that the GSA is sustainable and should not be on probation, which would eliminate any well reporting and fees. The GSA will send a letter to the State Water Board requesting an exemption by September 1, 2025.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Manager Geivet outlined the goal of recommending a Rules and Regulations to the GSA Board before the September 1 deadline for the State Water Board. Version one is a restrictive Groundwater Allocation model ensuring immediate sustainability, while version two, the ET model, accounts for precipitation and native yield. Both require recharge basins during wet years and include annual pumping caps. The group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each approach and agreed that there should be a third version that addresses both ET and well monitoring.

M/S/U, Mike George, David Evans - to accept the Rules and Regulations version 2, ET model, with the addition that growers could opt out of ET and elect to use the well monitoring model method.

AYE: M. George, D. Evans, M. Orandi, J. Whelan, L. Kisling, J. Jongsma, & N. Gatti
NAY: None
ABSENT: Parker Rous

OTHER BUSINESS - None

NEXT MEETING DATE –

The next Stakeholder Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 9:00 AM. The regular meeting dates will be held on the third Wednesday of each month starting on October 15, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kisling adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Diane M. Ennis, Secretary

