

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 located at the Exeter Courthouse Museum, located at 125 South B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:05 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Carlos Bravo, Joe Russell, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardis (arrived after Item 4), Dan Dreyer, Graham Burt. ***QUORUM ESTABLISHED at 4:05***

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Cruz Rivera, Adriana Renteria, Soapy Mulholland.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

M/S (Dreyer/Russell) – *To approve the agenda as provided.* **PASSED** by unanimous vote of those present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

4. **MINUTES:**

M/S (Russell/Combs) – *To approve the minutes as provide for the January 21, 2019 Advisory Committee meeting.* **PASSED** by unanimous vote of those present.

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee - The Executive Director reported that the Technical Committee met and there were no policy actions Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team - The Executive Director noted there is a budget over-run that was discussed.
- b. Board of Directors – ED reported regarding the recent Board of Directors meeting.

6. **KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team - The Executive Director noted there is a budget over-run that was discussed.

- b. Other Sub-Basin Activity – The Executive Director reported that there was no activity.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN EFFORTS:

- a. GSP Development and Chapter Review – Chapter 1 good development 95% complete. Chapter 2 will be 95% complete in about three weeks. Outlines are complete on the other chapters (represents about 50% completion).
- b. Policy Development
 - i. Minimum Thresholds – ED Hagman provided straw proposal to use a 2040 “No Action” curve to determine minimum thresholds. Substantial concerns existed that such a line could be too drastic and therefore the minimum threshold will expose a host of negatives on the other undesirable results. Hagman explained that the slope of the line will consider the water period that will be close to typical modified to address future conditions including impacts of climate change. In addition, he noted that this is a straw proposal, it gives us a scientific approach to defining minimum thresholds and we can easily modify the minimum threshold. He asked that the AC consider a recommendation to him for a place to start developing minimum thresholds. The AC by consensus agreed that this is a place to start and took the following action: **M/S (Watkins/Combs)** – *Recommend methodology to develop initial GSP based on “No Action Alternative Hydrograph Slope”, caution that where interconnected surface ecosystems are not associated with pumping not be a undesirable measurement, and to coordinate this approach with the other GSAs in the Subbasin.* **PASSED** by a unanimous vote of those present.
 - ii. Measurable Objectives – ED Hagman provided a straw proposal that recommends the use of groundwater elevations as proxy for determination of undesirable results. Substantial concern existed around this method because it may not focus directly on water quality in particular. After substantial discussion, the following action was taken: **M/S (Watkins/Combs)** – *Recommend using groundwater elevations as a proxy for all undesirable results and to condition it against the notion of collection of data on a set of water quality measurement criteria.* **PASSED** by unanimous vote of those present
 - iii. Management Areas – ED Hagman presented a proposed boundary breaking the GSA up into four separate management zones. In Klinchuch’s interpretation, the fewer the better. After much discussion the AC asked for advice from the TAC on what they thought would be important to define a management area. Group was leaning toward two and maybe three. No other action taken.
 - iv. Sub-basin Coordination Agreement – ED Hagman noted that there is an index circulating amongst the GSA leads and legal folks on the issues to be coordinated. He noted he does not have this available for the AC at this time but will have it at the next AC meeting.

- c. Outreach Efforts – No Report
- d. Timeline and Next Steps – No Report

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing to consider and no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

M/S (Watkins/Burt) – To adjourn meeting. PASSED by unanimous vote by those present

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.