

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JULY 19, 2021**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021, via video/phone conference and in person. Public via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:08 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo. (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Luis Sanchez-Balle

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Hornung; Director Crosson; Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Luis Sanchez-Balle

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes June 21, 2021, Advisory Committee meeting with the change to note on the minutes that the meeting was in-person for Committee members & staff, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Luis Sanchez-Balle

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported on the last TAC meeting. The TAC has been progressing on the development of an allocation methodology. Staff and consultants were asked to identify how much water is available in the EKGSA within the operational pool of this portion of the basin. It appears this information will be helpful in determining what supplemental supply is available to allocate.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted there is nothing to report as there has not been a board meeting since the last AC meeting.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman presented a status update of the grant and that the State has provided comments back on the RCIS that was submitted. Also noted was that the RCIS public meeting is on July 21, 2021 at the Tulare International Ag Center.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (video of wells; meter analysis). Reimbursement continues to be slow but SkyTem has been reimbursed and now waiting for other submitted reimbursement.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – No report – has not met since January but nothing to review.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Land IQ Report and David’s Engineering Report, YTD information: Reviewed Land IQ data on sheet that Romero provided for ET values & surface deliveries.
- b. Methods of Allocation – Review and discussion on DRAFT tiered pricing method.
- c. Outreach Efforts: -
 - i. Develop Outreach approach to describe annual report for stakeholder consumption. Trilby reported she is reviewing the draft Annual Report for mailing to stakeholders. Members of the committee and Director Hornung offered suggestions to assist in making the report more useful in identifying the overdraft condition and to engage the consumer to reduce groundwater use.

- 8. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, August 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. In person meeting for committee members and staff only. All others on Zoom.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA