

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 28, 2019

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:10 p.m.

1. DIRECTORS PRESENT: Milanesio, Buldo, Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, Weddle, Gobler.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: George, Crocker, Peltzer, Rivera, Burkett.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; and various members of the public.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, Weddle, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Peltzer, Rivera, Burkett.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Board and public performed the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

5. MINUTES:

Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, Weddle, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Peltzer, Rivera, Burkett.

6. ADMINISTRATION:

a. Amended Conflict of Interest Code – Discussion and Appropriate Action to Adopt:

Board reviewed and discussed potential updates to the Conflict of Interest Code.

Motion to authorize adoption of the revised Conflict of Interest Code was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Weddle, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, Weddle, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Peltzer, Rivera, Burkett.

b. Financial Administration:

Accounts Payable: The Executive Director provided a listing of the Agency's Accounts Payable and backup documentation and requested ratification of the payments made to meet the obligations of the Authority.

Motion to authorize ratification of the payments made as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, Weddle, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Peltzer, Rivera, Burkett.

Affidavit of Reconciliation: Motion to accept the Affidavit of Reconciliation as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Weddle, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, Weddle, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Peltzer, Rivera, Burkett.

Presentation of Unaudited Financial Statement: Executive Director presented an unaudited financial statement.

Motion to adopt the unaudited financial statement as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Gobler, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, Weddle, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Peltzer, Rivera, Burkett.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS:

a. Committee/Team Reports:

- Advisory Committee: The Executive Director gave a report on the activities of the Advisory Committee. Director Ferrara reported that the Advisory Committee did not meet in December, but did meet on January 21, 2019.
- Technical Advisory Committee: Director Gobler gave a report on TAC activities.
- Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team: The Executive Director gave a report on their January 16, 2019 meeting.
- The Executive Director reported on substantial cost overruns that have been experienced with respect to some Consultants efforts.

b. Sub-Basin Setting Development:

Executive Director provided the Board with an update on consultant's efforts and agreements and presented a draft subbasin water budget.

c. Consider a Method of Process for Getting a Sub-Basin or Basin Study for SGMA's Impact to the Economy. Executive Director advised that retention of an economist by the subbasin (and not just the EKGSA) should be considered and that he would proceed in that direction.

d. GSP Development Status & Timeline:

Executive Director provided the Board with a report on the GSP development. There was discussion and a request from the Board that Legal Counsel make a presentation to the Board at the next meeting addressing the concepts of prescription, self-help, and subordination.

e. EKGSA Communications and Engagement Plan Effort:

Trilby Barton provided the Board with an update on C&E Plan efforts.

8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Executive Director referenced the item listed on the Agenda for Closed Session and advised the Board and public that these items would be discussed under Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 4:55 PM

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—POTENTIAL LITIGATION:

Potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9 (d) (2): One Case.

Following the closed session, Legal Counsel reported that no reportable action was taken in the Closed Session.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Gobler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanasio, Buldo, Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, Weddle, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Peltzer, Rivera, Burkett.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.