



**East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Advisory Committee**

Minutes for the First Scheduled Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Carlos Bravo, Graham Burt, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardis, Kristin Dobbin, Dan Dreyer, Joe Ferrara, Allan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Cruz Rivera, Darice Vieira, Matthew Watkins

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present:

Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Grant Miskin, Technology; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Karen Yohannes, Mike Camarena, Lindsay; David Roberts, Tim Gobler, Tricia Blattler, Eric Bream, Paul Hendrix, Mid Kaweah GSA

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Advisory Committee duly met for the first scheduled meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chairman Joe Ferrara called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Roll call was conducted, visitors introduced themselves and a quorum was confirmed.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Allan Lombardi and seconded by Graham Burt to accept the Agenda for May 15, 2017 meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote:

<u>AYES:</u>	Bravo, Burt, Combs, DeLeonardis, Dobbin, Dreyer, Ferrara, Lombardi, Mulholland, Rivera, Vieira, Watkins
<u>NOES:</u>	None
<u>ABSENT:</u>	None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Training of SGMA and Role in Advisory Committee:**

- a. Michael Hagman welcomed and thanked the Committee for their commitment and discussed the purpose role of the Standing Advisory Committee. A binder of resources was given to each member, including the SGMA document.



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A description of the EKGSA boundary, timeline of the formation process and pertinent deadlines of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) was presented.

- b. Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel, provided Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Training along with a governance primer.

- 5. **Committee Interests and Inventory:** Each Committee Member shared about their backgrounds, interests and concerns, and what they see themselves contributing to the Committee.

- 6. **Formation of By-Laws for Approval by the Board of Directors:** Postponed with draft By-Laws to be emailed to each member for review for agenda item next meeting.

- 7. **Consider nominating Advisory Committee member to the County of Tulare to fill the “White Area” Director:** Cruz Rivera expressed interest for the nomination and Michael Hagman suggested a period of 14 days to allow for other members of the Committee to express interest.

- 8. **Other Miscellaneous:** Michael Hagman began a discussion of the Committee’s meeting location and date. It was agreed upon for the meetings to remain at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

- 9. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Dreyer, seconded by Vito DeLeonardis and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Bravo, Burt, Combs, DeLeonardis, Dobbin, Dreyer, Lombardi, Mulholland, Rivera, Vieira, Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA



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**East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Advisory Committee**

Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Allan Lombardi, Carlos Bravo, Cruz Rivera, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardis, Dan Dreyer, Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt-(arrived 4:20p.m.)

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Joe Ferrara-excused, Darice Vieira-excused, Kristin Dobbin-excused

Others Present:

Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Grant Miskin, Technology, Karen Yohannes, Joan Fischer, Don Wright, Tricia Blatler, and various members of the public.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Michael Hagman called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. as Chairman of the Committee, Joe Ferrara, was absent. Roll call was conducted, visitors introduced themselves and a quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda for the June 19, 2017 meeting was made by Cruz Rivera and seconded by Carlos Bravo. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Rivera, Bravo, Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis, Lombardi, Dreyer, Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ferrara, Vieira, Dobbin, Burt

3. Public Comment: This item was postponed.

4. Welcome and Introductions: Previously done at convening of meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes:



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Motion to approve the minutes provided by the Secretary from the May 15, 2017 Regular Committee meeting was made by Allan Lombardi, seconded by Matthew Watkins, and carried the following vote:

AYES: Lombardi, Watkins, Rivera, Bravo, Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis, Combs, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ferrara, Vieira, Dobbin, Burt

Graham Burt arrived at 4:20 p.m.

6. Nomination of Advisory Committee Member for the County Board of Directors Seat:

Michael Hagman gave an update on the Advisory Committee's nominee of Cruz Rivera for the appointed Tulare County Board of Directors seat. He reported that he submitted Cruz Rivera's name to the County. The County said there will be an application and selection process that takes about a month. Hagman noted he would get the application to Mr. Rivera as soon as he gets it.

7. Formation of By-Laws:

Draft By-Laws were read aloud and discussed in their entirety. Changes were made upon discussion of each article and section. It was agreed by consensus to continue to review the draft By-Laws. It was requested and agreed for the new draft By-Laws be emailed to each AC member.

8. Common Values Inventory:

Michael Hagman announced the GSA formation process for East Kaweah GSA has been submitted with no overlap. He discussed the Kaweah Basin Coordination Agreement and the process of communication, coordination and responsibilities shared between the Management Team, Technical Committees, and Ground Water Sustainability Agencies ("GSA's") in the collaborative effort needed to move forward with SGMA planning. A brief description of the Prop. 1 Grant Funding process was given. An explanation of the Advisory Committee's role to assist the local GSA Board in the consideration of beneficial users was shared. It was made clear the Committee would receive the needed support information. Hagman discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act using the Frequently Asked Questions section of the "2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: A Handbook to Understanding and Implementing the Law" (Water Education Foundation, 2015). A questionnaire was given out with the request that AC members come prepared to discuss at the next meeting. A reference to the Pajaro Valley case



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study was mentioned as a good example and encouraged the Committee to read “Collaboration for Success” (Dobbin, et al, 2015).

9. Communication and Engagement Plan Discussion: Postponed.

10. Other Miscellaneous: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Advisory Committee**

Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Monday, July 17, 2017

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 17, 2017, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Carlos Bravo, Cruz Rivera, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardis, Dan Dreyer, Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Joe Ferrara

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Darice Vieira, Kristin Dobbin, Allan Lombardi

Others Present:

Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Grant Miskin, Technology, Don Wright, Paul Hendrix, Tim Gobler, Blake Mauritsen, Karen Yohannes, and various members of the public.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairman of the Committee, Joe Ferrara, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Roll call was conducted, visitors introduced themselves and a quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda for the July 17, 2017 meeting was made by Dan Dreyer and seconded by Matthew Watkins. The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Rivera, Bravo, Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis, Dreyer, Watkins, Burt,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lombardi, Vieira, Dobbin, Mulholland

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes provided by the Secretary from the June 19, 2017 Regular Committee meeting was made by Carlos Bravo, seconded by Vito DeLeonardis, and carried the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Rivera, Bravo, Combs, DeLeonardis, Burt, Combs, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lombardi, Vieira, Dobbin, Mulholland

5. Nomination of Advisory Committee Member for the County Board of Directors Seat:

Michael Hagman gave an update on the Advisory Committee's nominee of Cruz Rivera for the appointed Tulare County Board of Directors seat. He reported that he has submitted Cruz Rivera to the County, with their application and selection process underway. He stated Tulare County will also appoint an alternate to said seat.

(Soapy Mulholland arrived at 4:15 pm)

6. Formation of By-Laws:

Draft By-Laws were posted by Hagman with and an invitation for comments and or changes. The ability to amend the By-Laws after the Board approves them was discussed. Michael Hagman stated they were a living document and amendable. Carlos Bravo motioned to approve the By-Laws as submitted requesting Michael Hagman to make the recommendation for the Board of Directors to accept the By-Laws as provided. Seconded by Carole Combs, and carried the following vote:

AYES: Bravo, Rivera, Combs, Dreyer, Watkins, Burt, Mulholland, DeLeonardis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lombardi, Vieira, Dobbin

7. Common Values Inventory:

Michael Hagman introduced the questionnaire distributed last month and stated its intended use as a tool that will help move the Committee forward with substantive discussion, common values, and diverse perspectives. There was substantial discussion from the Committee as well as comments from others in attendance. The following is the summation of the AC culture developed from the discussion:

Culture:

- Mitigation as a solution
- Maintain lifestyle, culture and economy
- Accomplish SGMA in our GSA and sub-basin
- Teach the value of water

- All beneficial uses of water are equal
- Clear in our objectives and concerns
- Committee Members will cultivate an environment of openness and courtesy
- Committee members are to be patient and not assume we have to be politically correct, that means some tough question could occur that may seem offensive, but the intent is openness and solving problems
- Committee members will be prepared to learn about the technical issues and will invest personal time to that end
- Committee will provide input as to outreach to other potential stakeholders

(Graham Burt left at 5:10 pm.)

8. Communication and Engagement Plan Discussion:

Michael Hagman presented the Sub-Basin's current work on a letter of intent to allow Mid Kaweah GSA to apply for a jointly shared Proposition 1 grant participation from each of the GSA's in an equal basis. The first half of the grant would be toward the shared Kaweah Sub-Basin effort and the remaining half be divided to each of the three Agencies to aid in the developmental costs of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans. Mid Kaweah GSA is willing to apply for the grant in collaboration with GEI if the Board of Directors all approve.

9. Other Miscellaneous:

Chairman Joe Ferrara asked for any additions to the next agenda. There were questions about the Technological Advisory Committee which were answered by Michael Hagman. There was concern over the alternate room accommodation which was addressed and remedied for the following meeting. Next meeting set for August 21, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Riviera, seconded by DeLeonardis and passed unanimously.


Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 21, 2017

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a ~~special~~ meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:03 p.m.

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carole Combs, Graham Burt, Dan Dreyer, Carlos Bravo, Alan Lombardi, Matthew Watkins (entered the meeting during Agenda item 5), Vito DeLeonardis (entered the meeting during Agenda item 7), Cruz Rivera (entered the meeting during Agenda item 8).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Soapy Mulholland

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel.

- APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Combs, Burt, Dreyer, Bravo, Lombardi

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mulholland, Watkins, DeLeonardis, Rivera

- PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

- MINUTES:** The minutes from the previous committee meeting were not available for review.

Motion to table consideration of approval of the minutes from the July committee meeting was made by Mr. Bravo, seconded by Mr. Burt, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Combs, Burt, Dreyer, Bravo, Lombardi

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mulholland, Watkins, DeLeonardis, Rivera

5. UPDATE OF NOMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE COUNTY TO FILL THEIR “WHITE AREA” DIRECTOR:

The Executive Director provided an update on the process to nominate a member of the Advisory Committee to fill the white area director seat. Karen Johannes is working with Supervisor Crocker to finalize the process. Other than the Committee’s nominee, there do not appear to be any other potential nominees.

The Chair announced two resignations from the Committee, Darice Viera and Kristin Dobbin. The Executive Director introduced Andrea Renteria, who has been proposed by the Community Water Center to fill the seat vacated by Ms. Dobbin. The Executive Director also announced that the Committee is still looking for a new member to fill the Domestic Well User seat.

6. BY-LAWS-RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors of the EKGSA approved the By-Laws for the Advisory Committee with no changes.

7. COMMON VALUES INVENTORY/QUESTIONNAIRE:

The Executive Director made a presentation of a draft version of the Common Values Inventory and Questionnaire, and received comments from the committee.

8. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

a. Board of Directors

The Executive Director reported that the EKGSA Board, at its last meeting, handled mostly administrative matters and approved the payment of outstanding bills.

b. Coordination Agreement and Kaweah Sub-Basin Business

The Executive Director reported that a coordination agreement between the GSAs and the Kaweah Sub-Basin was currently under review by legal counsel and would be considered at a meeting of management representatives from each of the GSAs at a meeting currently scheduled for August 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., but subject to change.

c. Technical Advisory Committee

The Executive Director reported that the Kaweah GSAs have given approval to seek grant applications for GSP funding. In response to questions from members, the Executive Director gave a rough estimate of amounts that EKGSA may have to match for such grants.

The Committee discussed current methods for sharing GSA costs and how costs will eventually be passed down to landowners.

The Executive Director reported on a potential statewide proposition to further fund GSP development.

The Committee discussed, generally, methods for allocating sustainable yield in the Basin and which methods would yield the best results for EKGSA.

9. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION:

The Executive Director requested input regarding methods for outreach and reported that a more thorough outreach plan will be developed with input from engineering and legal consultants.

10. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: Don Wright asked whether an RFP for outreach will eventually be developed by the GSA. The Executive Director responded that the EKGSA could not be certain yet whether an RFP would be necessary. The Executive Director emphasized that the EKGSA does not yet have an estimate of sustainable yield of the Basin, but encouraged all stakeholders to get involved before a GSP is developed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. DeLeonardis seconded by Mr. Watkins and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Combs, Rivera, Burt, Dreyer, Watkins, DeLeonardis, Bravo, Lombardi

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mulholland

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.



Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a ~~special~~ meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:01 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carole Combs, Graham Burt, Dan Dreyer, Carlos Bravo, Alan Lombardi, Matthew Watkins; Vito DeLonarids (entered the meeting during agenda item 6); Cruz Rivera (entered the meeting during agenda item 6); Soapy Mullholland (entered the meeting during agenda item 8).

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Ferrara, Chair; Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Adriana Renteria; Joe Russell; Don Wright; Karen Yohannes

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Combs, Burt, Dreyer, Bravo, Alan, Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The chair welcomed Joe Russell, a prospective member of the committee, referred by Member Graham Burt.

4. **MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes from the July committee meeting was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Combs, Burt, Dreyer, Bravo, Alan, Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion to approve minutes from the August committee meeting was made by Mr. Watkins seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Combs, Burt, Dreyer, Bravo, Alan, Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. UPDATE ON NOMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE COUNTY TO FILL THEIR "WHITE AREA" DIRECTOR:

The Executive Director provided an update on the process to nominate a member of the Advisory Committee to fill the white area director seat.

The Executive Director indicated that the County has not provided a response yet, but that staff has communicated the GSA's desire to advance the appointment as soon as possible.

6. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

a. Board of Directors

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors has not met since the last committee meeting.

b. Coordination Agreement and Kaweah Sub-Basin Business

The Executive Director reported on the coordination efforts between the sub-basin GSA.

c. Technical Committee

The Executive Director reported on the activities of the Technical Committee, and that a hydrogeologist would be hired following the award of Prop. 1 funds.

7. SGMA: OPEN QUESTION AND ANSWER DISCUSSION:

The Executive Director initiated a discussion about SGMA generally. The Executive Director presented on the general challenges of SGMA and ensuring fairness for all communities and interest holders. The Executive Director requested input from members on how to best ensure fairness.

The Committee had a general discussion regarding relative irrigated land and water use between the various GSAs and between agricultural and urban land.

Mr. Dreyer raised the issue of measuring the success of outreach events and suggested that outreach events must be designed with success management criteria in mind.

Ms. Renteria suggested that the Committee review the DWR SGMA Stakeholder Communication and Engagement guide. The GSA should address water quality issues along with development and movement of water.

Ms. Mullholland suggested that all outreach efforts be specifically tailored to the audience. The GSA should consider whether and to what extent new acreage and acreage outside the GSA and Bulletin 118 boundaries will impact the GSA and/or be subject to SGMA. Ms. Mullholland reiterated a general need to clarify what areas are within or outside of the GSA's boundaries.

Mr. Lombardi and Ms. Yohannes discussed the impact that irrigation and pumping on lands not subject to SGMA regulation may impact the GSA, and water budgets in particular.

Mr. Wright suggested considering direct mail efforts.

Ms. Yohannes asked the committee to consider using entrance/exit surveys to allow members of the public to express concern/ideas. Discussion of public concerns should be ongoing, and not be limited to any particular public meeting.

Mr. Burt expressed that some communities are already conserving water to the maximum possible extent, will be hard pressed to further reduce their water use, and may lack tools to help be part of the solution. Actions by the GSA should be tailored with these facts in mind. In particular, some communities are dealing with significant nitrate levels, impeding their ability to make a living.

Mr. Cruz discussed the need to give the community a discrete, specific allocation, even if such allocation was just an estimate, to make the challenges of SGMA real in the community's minds.

The Chair offered that data collection for the GSA to determine a water budget was in its early stages.

The Executive Director offered to verify whether certain irrigated lands were within the GSA.

Legal Counsel offered to distribute a link to DWR's online GSA maps, to facilitate determination of whether certain lands were covered by the GSA.

8. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION:

The Committee discussed the potential to hire a formal facilitator to help outreach efforts.

Ms. Combs endorsed the potential to hire a facilitator and suggested a potential candidate. Mr. Dryer emphasized the need to select a proper facilitator for each audience, and suggested that the committee consider best practices to evaluate the effectiveness of outreach.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. DeLoenarids seconded by Mr. Watkins and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Combs, Rivera, Burt, Mulholland, Dreyer, Watkins, DeLeonardis, Bravo, Lombardi

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 16, 2017

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a ~~special~~ meeting on Monday, October 16, 2017, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:09 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carole Combs, Soapy Mulholland, Carlos Bravo, Alan Lombardi, Matthew Watkins, Dan Dreyer (entered the meeting during agenda item 3).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLonardis, Cruz Rivera

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineering; Adriana Renteria, prospective member; Cliff Loeffler, GSA member; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Combs, Mulholland, Bravo, Lombardi, Watkins.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Dreyer

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Renteria provided public comment regarding the Community Water Center’s application for “Category 1” grant funding, and notified the committee that the Community Water Center would seek a letter of support from the GSA Board. Ms. Renteria also invited community members and members of the public to an event hosted by the “Union of Concerned Scientists” and the Community Water Center titled “Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning” to be held on October 26, 2017.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes from the September advisory committee meeting was made by Mrs. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Combs, Mulholland, Bravo, Lombardi, Watkins, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. UPDATE ON NOMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE COUNTY TO FILL THEIR “WHITE AREA” DIRECTOR:

The Executive Director provided an update on the process to nominate a member of the Advisory Committee to fill the white area director seat. The County did not appoint AC member Rivera as recommended by the EKGSA Board, instead they appointed a local farmer. However, the EKGSA Board will consider the appointment of Mr. Rivera to fill the vacant At Large director seat.

6. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

a. Board of Directors

Item 6a and 6b were combined for discussion without objection.

The Executive Director provided an update on the preparation of a Prop 1 grant for the subbasin GSAs.

The Executive Director reported on the structure of Management and Technical committees being utilized to coordinate activities between the basin GSAs.

b. Kaweah Sub-Basin Activity

Item 6a and 6b were combined for discussion without objection.

c. Technical Committee

The Executive Director reported that the Technical Committee did not meet.

7. SGMA TRAINING:

Mr. Klinchuch provided a report on SGMA and the GSA’s role in creating a plan compliant with SGMA.

Comment was taken from members of the Committee and members of the public.

The Committee had an extended discussion about the future of surface water supplies to the basin, and impact of such supplies on the operations of the GSA.

8. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION:

Trilby Barton from Provost & Pritchard gave a presentation regarding public participation and engagement.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

The Chair and Executive Director discussed topics that may be covered in future meetings, including public engagement.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Dreyer seconded by Mr. Lombardi and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Combs, Mulholland, Bravo, Lombardi, Watkins, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Advisory Committee duly met for the regular meeting on Monday, November 20, 2017, 4:00 PM at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Was Called to order at 4:12 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Ferrara, Adriana Renteria, Cruz Rivera, Graham Burt, Joe Russell, Soapy Mulholland, Carlos Bravo, Alan Lombardi, Matthew Watkins, Dan Dreyer (entered the meeting during agenda item 3).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vito DeLonardis, Carole Combs

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director, Trilby Barton (P&P), various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Rivera, Burt, Russell, Mulholland, Bravo, Lombardi, Watkins.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Dreyer, Combs, DeLonardis

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

4. **MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the modified draft minutes from the October 16, 2017 Advisory Committee meeting was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Rivera, Burt, Russell, Mulholland, Bravo, Lombardi, Watkins, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, DeLonardis

5. WELCOME NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED MEMBERS:

The Executive Director reported that at the October 23, 2017 EKGSA Board meeting the Board approved the nominations of Adriana Renteria and Joe Russell to the Advisory Committee. Their appointment was effective immediately following the vote of the Board.

6. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

a. Board of Directors

The Executive Director reported that the Board had approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the other two GSA's in the sub-basin to use GEI to submit a grant proposal. He noted that the Board also approved an agreement with Lindmore ID for continued Executive and Administrative management for the next two years.

b. Kaweah Sub-Basin Activity

The Executive Director reported that the Prop 1 grant was submitted on time by GEI. This required substantial review by himself and the engineer. The grant submittal included a proposal to fund all the sub-basin work with the and about \$325k for the EKGSA plan work.

c. Technical Committee

The Executive Director reported on the last TAC meeting.

7. BUILDING EXERCISE (“TRY THESE SHOES ON FOR SIZE”):

Executive Director lead the committee in an exercise to understand perspectives and how each person on the committee is a stakeholder representative.

8. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION:

Trilby Barton from Provost & Pritchard presented a refined presentation and goals on developing the communication and engagement plan.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Lombardi asked the committee to ask the Board to request a legal brief regarding legal rights to an equal quantity of water in the sub-basin regardless of where the property is located hydrologically in the sub-basin. Mr. Hagman stated it was a good question and that he would request that of Counsel and have it for the January Advisory Meeting as well as take it to the Board of Directors at the Regular Board meeting in January.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lombardi seconded by Mr. Watkins and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Rivera, Burt, Russell, Mulholland, Bravo, Lombardi, Watkins,
Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 18, 2017

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for the regular meeting on December 18, 2017, 10:00 AM at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Was called to order at 10:10 AM by Joe Ferrara.

- 1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** All Committee Members present introduced themselves as well as public attendees.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Ferrara, Adriana Renteria, Cruz Rivera, Carlos Bravo, Graham Burt, Matthew Watkins, Joe Russell, Alan Lombardi, Dan Dreyer, Vito DeLeonardis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carole Combs, Soapy Mulholland.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director, Grant Miskin, Trilby Barton (P&P), Matt Klinchuch (P&P), and various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Rivera, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Rivera, Burt, Russell, DeLeonardis, Watkins, Bravo, Lombardi, Dreyer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Lombardi submitted a spelling correction for the word “sub-bit” to “submit”, found in item 6, second line. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Rivera, Bravo, Watkins, Dreyer, Lombardi, Burt, Russell, DeLeonardis.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland

5. BUILDING EXERCISE (“TRY THESE SHOES ON FOR SIZE”):

Executive Director lead the committee in an exercise to understand perspectives and how each person on the committee is a stakeholder representative. Challenges and concerns were discussed from diverse perspectives.

6. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

a. Board of Directors

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors approved Plan and Governance budgets, as well as the contract with Lindmore ID and EKGSA for providing Executive/Administrative services. The Board took no action with the legal brief request.

b. Kaweah Sub-Basin Activity

The Executive Director reported the Prop 1 grant has been submitted by GEI and included a proposal for the funding for all the sub-basin work and approximately \$320K range for the EKGSA plan work.

c. Technical Advisory Committee

The Executive Director reported the Technical Advisory Committee did not meet.

d. Legal Brief

The Executive Director announced a legal briefing will be provided next month for both Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors about groundwater rights. Legal Counsel Ravi Patel and Joe Hughes will be providing the brief.

7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION:

Trilby Barton, (P&P), facilitated a discussion for input on the East Kaweah GSA Communication and Engagement Plan. Trilby reported to the committee members that she will include the input given and return for their review of the Plan at the next meeting in January.

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

There was a question from the committee as to where surface water for the GSA comes from. The Executive Director gave a brief description of the CVP project and other surface supplies. It was noted that they are integral in maintaining groundwater. The general message was that decreases in surface water in the past couple years resulted in increased overdraft and that more place to put wet year water are important. The success of SGMA will correlate heavily with the success of surface water recharge or storage.

The Executive Director discussed the next meeting falling on a National holiday. Mr. Rivera motioned to have the meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 4:00 PM, seconded by Mr. Burt, and carried the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Rivera, Bravo, Watkins, Dreyer, Lombardi, Burt, Russell, DeLeonardis.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.



Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA