



MINUTES

Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, November 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Held at the Exeter Museum & via teleconference

Committee Members:

Michael Hagman – EKGSA Executive Director
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Lead
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Neyba Amezcua – City of Lindsay
Dale West – Stone Corral ID
Calvin Monreal – Lindmore ID
Craig Hornung – Wutchumna WC
Paul Buldo – Sentinel Butte MWC (Chair)
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs

EKGSA Staff/Consultants:

Cruz Romero – EKGSA Staff
Nick Keller - Consultant

Public Participants:

Johnny Gailey – Delta View
Luis Sanchez – Advisory Committee
Stacie Ann Silva – NewCurrent
Susan Simon – Tulare County Resource Management Agency
Michele Staples – Attorney
Andrew Hart - Stakeholder
Luis Sanchez – Advisory Committee
John Gaugel - Wonderful
Joe Ferrara – Board Member
Marlene Ferreira – Livingston Dairy
Janessa Iden – Vanguard Ag
Rex Faubel - Stakeholder

Members Absent:

Aaron Bock – County of Tulare, County of Tulare - Landowner

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Buldo called the meeting to order at 10:13 A.M.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief introductions.
3. **Public Comment** – No public comment was given.



4. Committee Administration

- a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes October 18, 2021 Meeting – Committee member Hornung made a motion to approve the October 18th minutes, committee member Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

5. Committee Business

- a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date
 - i. Management Team – Mr. Hagman reported on the GSA’s efforts to ideas on allocation limitations. He also reported on a challenge at the Greater Kaweah GSA which could lead to an emergency order. Hagman reported that the RCIS and implementation grants are moving forward as planned. The RCIS grant review was approved and is now in a public review process. There are some challenges concerning the well video project from Fresno State and we are anticipating a final report to be submitted soon.
 - ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts
 1. Modeling and Water Accounting Framework – Mr. Klinchuch reported on next steps regarding the management and accounting through the model from Montgomery & Associates. There have been conversations with ILRP on reporting being done by landowners. This is an ongoing conversation. Data collection from the GSA’s/Districts for the annual report are due in April. Fall groundwater contours would need to be developed prior to this date. Mr. Klinchuch has received many of the readings, but work needs to be done to compile the data.
- b. GSP Implementation Items
 - i. Call for Proposed Projects and Management Actions – Mr. Klinchuch reported on a possible grant opportunity regarding SGMA funding of \$7.6 M for planning and implementation which is currently in a December draft. The subsequent awarding contract would be in the April/May timeframe. The draft is eligible for funding for recharge related to the GSP. The grant would be basin wide which would include the three Kaweah GSA’s. A four-page summary of the document can be shared, the entire document is approximately 40 pages.
 - ii. Water Allocation Assignment from Board of Directors – The Board has expressed their interest in studying the water within the basin for the time of October 1st, 2015, going forward. This study would determine the foreign/appropriated supply and would include a result in the native assignment of water. The board asks that money is collected on allocations. The following options were discussed by the board. Option 1: All water more than native is penalized. The maximum allowable penalty by the state is \$500/AF. Option 2: Penalize water more than allocation. This option would need to consider a fee study to quantify the penalties. Mr. Hagman recommended



option 1 to the Board of Directors. The Committee determined that this assignment needed more direction from the Board of Directors.

- iii. Discuss Future Water Year “Groundwater in Storage” Accounting – This item will be discussed later.
- iv. LandIQ Results and Management Area Water Budget Updates – Craig Wallace gave the update regarding the LandIQ results. The Eta for the month of September was approximately 23,177 AF. This was an average of 2.6 in of Eta. The GSA received about 84 AF of precipitation. An R^2 of 0.9 and RMSA (IN) of 0.4 was observed.

6. **New/Other Business** – No new/other business was reported.

7. **Announcements**

- a. Next Meeting Date and Time: January 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

8. **Adjournment** – Chair Buldo adjourned the meeting at 12:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cruz Romero, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee