

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

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:03 p.m.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Watson, Ferrara, Weddle (Alternate for Peltzer), Milanesio, Burkett, Buldo, Roberts.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

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

Executive Director introduced Cruz Romero who was recently hired as a staff engineer for Lindmore Irrigation District who will be working on behalf of EKGSA.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Burkett, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

- 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 from the January 17, 2020 Board meeting with that revision was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

**6. ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Advisory Committee member removal and replacement:

Motion to (1) Release Carlos Bravo (Rural Community) and Joe Russell (Domestic Well User) as members of the Advisory Committee (2) appoint Blanca Escobedo (Rural Community), Jeff Powers (Environmental), and Soapy Mulholland (Domestic Well User) on the Advisory Committee was made by Director Weddle, seconded by Director Buldo. Following discussion, the motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

- b. Proposition 218 – Ballot counting:

Motion to engage MK Election Services, LLC, to provide ballot services for the Proposition 218 election was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

- c. Update: Proposition 68 – Planning Grant: Matt Klinchuh provided a report.  
d. Update: Proposition 68 – RCIS: Executive Director provided a report.

Following discussion, motion to adopt Resolution 2020-01 authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Roberts and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

- e. Update: Kaweah Subbasin Annual Report: Matt Klinchuch provided a report on the status of its preparation.
- f. Update: GSP Status: Executive Director provided a report. The GSP was timely submitted to the Department of Water Resources. The 75-day period for submitting comments to DWR regarding the GSP expires on May 4, 2020.

**7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on April 27, 2020. A special meeting was set for March 30, 2020.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Burkett, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.