

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4: 00 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Blanca Escobedo and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Trilby Barton and Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; various members of the public.

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

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes September 21, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Matt Klinchuch and Cruz Romero provided a report on the committee efforts.
- b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that the Board has not met since the last Advisory Committee meeting.
- c. Implementation Efforts – Cruz reported on the monitoring well network, the well videoing and the LandIQ report status.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman updated the AC on the status of the grant work. He shared that the first report was submitted on time. He noted that the State is accepting the Subbasin Management meeting presentations as sufficient for the public presentation deliverable in the grant. This means the State will provide the funds for this portion of the grant.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team –. Hagman reported on the most recent meeting.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Policy Matrix –

- GW 01-2020 - Overlying Right, Inflow and Right to Regulate.

After considerable discussion, a motion to approve sending the GW 01-2020 Policy to the Board of Directors' was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt

- GW 02-2020 Board will allocate -

After considerable discussion, a motion to approve sending the GW 02-2020 Policy to the Board of Directors' was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt

- Charges 01-2020 Charges by GSA – No action taken.
- MTR 01-2020 Metering Policy – No action taken.

b. Outreach Efforts: Hagman reported on outreach efforts

c. Timeline and Next Steps – November 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. (Lombardi/DeLeonardis)