

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 3, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:06 p.m.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts (entered during Agenda Item 5)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Milanesio (LID), Crocker (County), Rivera (Adv. Committee)

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera, Roberts

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

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.

- 5. MINUTES:**

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

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

6. ADMINISTRATION:

a. Consider Ratification of The Payments for FY2018-Quarter 3

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 Gobler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

b. Executive Director's Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget:

Executive Director presented a proposed FY 2019 Budget.

Motion to adopt the proposed 2019 Budget as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

c. Call for Funds:

Motion to establish a 2019 Governance Call for Funds in the total amount of \$222,000, to be split equally among the seven member agencies, to be paid quarterly, as presented by the Executive Director, was made by Director George, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS:

a. COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS:

- Advisory Committee: Director Ferrara gave a report on the activities of the Advisory Committee. Specifically, he noted that the Advisory Committee discussed recent community outreach meetings. The Committee also discussed the schedule for the GSP and data collection.
- Technical Advisory Committee: Director Gobler gave a report on TAC activities. The Committee discussed the Water Accounting Framework and various consulting work.
- Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team: The Executive Director gave a report. The management team had not met.

b. GSP Development including Timeline:

Executive Director provided the Board with a report on the GSP development.

c. Sub-Basin Setting Development:

Executive Director provided the Board with an update on consultant's efforts and agreements. The Executive Director gave a presentation regarding accounting for water that flows in from the mountains.

d. Water Accounting Framework:

Karen Yohannes provided public comment regarding accounting for salvaged water as a result of the dam and requested that the GSA continue to take on legal and policy challenges of assigning rights to return flow.

The Executive Director presented draft answers to several FAQs.

The Board discussed potentially developing an economic study of SGMA impacts on the local economy. The Executive Director will place the item on the agenda for a future meeting.

e. EKGSA Communications and Engagement Plan Effort:

Trilby Barton provided an update on the Agency's community outreach.

8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

No closed session held.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

10. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CALENDAR YEAR 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:

Motion to adopt a schedule for future meetings as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Gobler, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Roberts seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Weddle, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.