

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:08 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 7 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer

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

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

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes January 19, 2021 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported the TAC met on February 5th and focused on recent Grant application and round 2 of implementation efforts.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported that the Board met on January 25th and provided an overview of the meeting. There is discussion of having a Board study session. Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 26, 2021.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman presented a status update of the grant
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Klinchuch reported that the Kaweah Subbasin GSAs had submitted a grant to the Department of Water Resources (Prop 68 Grant). He noted that it was successfully submitted on January 8. We expect to know by mid-March if we will be awarded any grant money from this round.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Land IQ Report and David’s Engineering Report, YTD information: Klinchuch noted there was no update on Annual Report at this time and Romero provided YTD information from LandIQ.
- b. Policy Matrix – The Board has decided to tackle some priorities at this time. Further development on the policies will be put on hold till the Board directs the Committees on these activities.
- c. Methods of Allocation – Hagman reported that this issue will be the same at the Policy Matrix. The Board will give us direction after it meets next month. Several discussions ensued regarding water rights, allocations and methods. Chair Ferrara allowed members of the committee and public share their concerns. He noted they would be considered in future discussions after direction from the Board.
- d. Outreach Efforts:
 - i. Public Reporting and Future Forums – No activity

8. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, March 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. (Lombardi/Mulholland)

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA