

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 23, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:07 p.m.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Loeffler, Milanasio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Burkett

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Loeffler, Milanasio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

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

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

- 5. MINUTES:**

Mr. Gobler noted that he was present at the meeting.

Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary, with a change to note Mr. Gobler's presence from the April 23, 2018 Regular Board meeting was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara,
Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

6. ADMINISTRATION:

A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Executive Director presented the Agency's financial statements and fund status.

Motion to ratify payments made to pay the bills, as presented by the Executive Director, was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara,
Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

Motion to accept the financial statements as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Rivera, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara,
Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

B. DISCUSSION ON LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CV-SALTS EFFORT

The Executive Director gave a brief presentation on a potential letter regarding CV-Salts efforts. The Executive Director reported that he had received several concerns from Board Members and choose not to present this item for action by the Board.

C. **MOU FOR SUB-BASIN COORDINATION PROPOSED MODIFICATION (SUB-BASIN PARTNERS WILL CONSIDER REMOVING THE SUB-BASIN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FROM THE MOU**

The Executive Director reported that the proposed MOU was inadvertently not included in the packet. The item will be considered at the next Board Meeting.

D. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

The Executive Director had no administrative actions to report.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORS:

A. **COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS:**

▪ **Advisory Committee**

The Executive Director gave a report on the activities of the Advisory Committee. Director Ferrara reported that the Advisory Committee had discussed the seepage loss issue, and the GSA's communication plan prepared by Provost & Pritchard. The Executive Director had also reported to the Advisory Committee on the elimination of the sub-basin TAC as a standing committee.

▪ **Technical Advisory Committee**

Director Gobler gave a report on TAC activities. The TAC discussed the seepage issue with legal counsel. The TAC has also discussed the creation of a schedule for GSP development.

▪ **Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team**

The Executive Director gave a report. Meetings have been less frequent in recent months.

The Executive Director reported that sub-basin setting efforts will likely cost about \$800,000, which is about \$100,000 more than originally budgeted.

Motion to give authority to the Executive Director to continue allocating resources for sub-basin setting efforts, by allocating resources to cover EKGSA's share of the increased cost of the sub-basin setting efforts, in addition to amounts already budgeted, was made by Director Rivera, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

B. GSA DATA COLLECTION:

Executive Director and Provost & Pritchard provided the Board with a report on data collection and study efforts.

Director Crocker asked for an update on schedule and progress. The Executive Director reported that GSP development is on track for public review next summer.

C. EKGSA COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN EFFORT:

Trilby Barton of P&P provided a report on C&E Plan efforts. The GSA will host multiple public workshops in August. Ms. Barton gave the Board a summary of a presentation that would be presented at public outreach meetings.

D. SUB-BASIN SETTING DEVELOPMENT:

Executive Director provided a presentation regarding initial sub-basin inflow draft numbers. The Executive Director provided an overview of questions that remain open, including scrutinizing the total in-flow number, and how to determine what portions of that in-flow are from what sources.

8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Director Milanesio referenced the item listed on the Agenda for Closed Session and advised the Board and public that these items would be discussed under Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 4:49 PM

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—POTENTIAL LITIGATION:

Potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9: One (1) Case.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

No items for consideration. No action taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camrena, Peltzer, Gobler,
Crossen, Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.