

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON May 17, 2021**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:05 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis (arrived and approximately 4:30 PM), Blanca Escobedo, Jeff Powers, Graham Burt and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 7 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Caudillo, Director Micari, Director Crosson, Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; 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. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Blanca Escobedo, Jeff Powers, Graham Burt and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis

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

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

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Blanca Escobedo, Jeff Powers, Graham Burt and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported

b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted there is nothing to report as there has not been a board meeting since the last AC meeting.

6. **KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman presented a status update of the grant. Specifically noted that there most chapters are complete and that the RCIS will be having a public meeting late June or July
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (video of wells; meter analysis)
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – No report

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Land IQ Report and David’s Engineering Report, YTD information: Klinchuch noted the annual report was submitted.
- b. Policy Matrix – No report or action on this item.
- c. Methods of Allocation – The AC continued their discussion on the methods of allocation and the work they have done to date. Recommendation was given that member provide feedback on the work done so far.
- d. Outreach Efforts: -
 - i. Develop Outreach approach – Committee deferred this agenda item to the June 21st AC meeting.

8. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, June 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. In person meeting for committee members and staff only. All others on Zoom.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m. (Lombardi/ DeLeonardis)

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA