

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON August 17, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

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

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mulholland (arrived 4:18), Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Blanca Escobedo and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Powers, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

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

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

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes July 20, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardis, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – The Executive Director reported on Land IQ, Subbasin issues, Allocation Policy, Matt supported the comments.

b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that the Board met in July and reaffirmed they wanted to proceed with the Proposition 218 election.

c. Implementation Efforts – The Executive Director reported. He explained that the monitoring well network should be up and running in about 2 months.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman updated the AC on the status of the grant work.
- 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. In September or October, EKGSA will provide a public meeting and present the outcome of the SkyTem project.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team –. Hagman reported that there have been no meetings since the last AC meeting. Therefore, no update.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Stake Holder Annual Summary letter was mailed out and we have received roughly 500 returned.
- b. Policy Matrix –
  - Groundwater Allocation: Extensive discussion took place. Mr. Ferrara suggested a few more meetings with alternates from the stakeholders, committee members, and staff.
  - Groundwater Pumping Quantification: Hagman shared a policy draft.
  - Meter Policy: Hagman shared the meter policy.
- c. Outreach Efforts: A brief report was provided by Trilby Barton noting that the public meetings for the Prop 218 are scheduled for August 18, 19, & 20th. The meetings can be in person or by video conference.
- d. Timeline and Next Steps – September 21st is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.