

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 15, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, June 15, 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, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi (arrived 4:25) and Blanca Escobedo. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

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

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** After a quorum signed onto the meeting, Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

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

4. **MINUTES:** After a quorum signed onto the meeting, Motion to approve and ratify minutes May 18, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – The Executive Director reported on EKGSA TAC efforts.

b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that has not been a Board meeting since the last AC meeting.

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

- a. Prop 68 – RCIS (update) – Hagman that ICF will be helping to write the RCIS and that the steering committee was in place. Others asked for more agriculture representation on the committee. Hagman noted that he would reach out to a landowner in the pump only area.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning Grant (update) – Hagman noted that the grant is signed and that the Kaweah Subbasin managers will be getting together to hire or coordination the three activities submitted in the grant.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team - The Executive Director noted there was nothing new to report. Except to note that this meeting is likely to occur in July.
- d. Other Sub-Basin Activity – No report

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN EFFORTS:

- a. Stake Holder Annual Summary letter – Hagman shared the final and noted that these are being prepared to be mailed and should be out by the end of June.
- b. Policy Matrix –
 - Groundwater Allocation: The committee worked on the policy with help from Joe Hughes (Legal Counsel). A robust discussion was had around equity, self-help, historical use, and more.
 - Groundwater Pumping Quantification: Hagman briefly introduced the draft policy, but no time was available at this meeting to work on it.
 - Meter Policy: Hagman briefly introduced the draft policy, but no time was available at this meeting to work on it.
- c. Outreach Efforts: A brief report was provided by Trilby Barton updating on future public meetings to be had.
- d. Timeline and Next Steps – 1. Provide Policy Matrix with sub-categories 2. Straw proposal policies 3. On next AC agenda, specific policies being worked on will be noted.

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS: None provided

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Combs, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.