

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 16, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:13 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Adriana Renteria, Carlos Bravo, Matthew Watkins, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardi, Dan Dreyer. Soapy Mullholand entered the meeting during Agenda item 3.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Lombardi; Graham Burt; Joe Russell; Cruz Rivera

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; Tim Gobler, Director; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lombardi, Burt, Russell, Rivera, Mullholand

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karen Yohannes requested that the committee consider a possible letter regarding CV Salts to represent local growers’ interests. Ms. Yohannes reported that draft letters had been developed for this purpose.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the March 2018 Advisory Committee meetings was made by Mr. DeLeonardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Dreyer,
Mullholand

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lombardi, Burt, Russell, Rivera

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported that data is beginning to flow in with regularity. The GSA is waiting for some further data and will eventually have to do some interpolation.

The TAC discussed SkyTem next steps.

Mr. Gobler reported that the TAC touched on water accounting issues.

Ms. Yohannes asked whether, in considering water accounting issues, the TAC had considered seepage from small watershed baseflow. The Executive Director reported that such “natural seepage” was one of the categories of water accounting. The Committee generally discussed technical, political, and legal challenges in water accounting.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors would be considering issues raised by the TAC at the next Board Meeting.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

a. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team

The Executive Director reported that the Management Team had not met since the previous committee meeting.

b. Kaweah Sub-Basin Technical Advisory Committee

The Executive Director gave an update on SkyTem. MidKaweah has come up with a proposal that meets the funding goals set by the EKGSA board, based on flight line miles. EKGSA will probably pay about 33%-40% of the total cost.

The Executive Director reported that efforts were being made to coordinate information distribution, so that interested parties would not receive multiple, identical notices, from the various GSAs.

7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN, UPDATES AND AMENDMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Trilby Barton of Provost & Pritchard gave an update on the GSA's communication and engagement plan.

8. GROUNDWATER RIGHTS, QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

The Executive Director opened the discussion to any legal questions of the committee.

Mr. Watkins asked about the outlook for sales of groundwater right.

Mr. Ferrara asked a question regarding the rules for pumping and transferring water out of a subbasin.

Ms. Renteria asked a question regarding allocations of groundwater to urban and municipal entities.

Ms. Yohannes asked a question regarding legal issues related to private recharge facilities.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

The Executive Director reported that the committee meetings would move to the Exeter Museum in June.

Ms. Mullholand will be preparing a presentation on the Riverlands trust for a future meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. DeLeonardis seconded by Mr. Watkins and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Dreyer, Mullholand

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lombardi, Burt, Russell, Rivera

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.