

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2018**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, June 18, 2018, at the Exeter Courthouse Art Gallery & Museum located at 125 S B St, Exeter, CA 93221.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4:01 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardi, Adriana Renteria, Dan Dreyer, Carlos Bravo (Left during agenda item 7), Soapy Mullholand (Entered during agenda item 3).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joe Russell, Alan Lombardi, Cruz Rivera, Graham Burt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; Craig Wallace, Director; Dave Roberts, 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: Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Renteria, Dreyer, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mullholand, Russell, Lombardi, Rivera, Burt

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the May 2018 Advisory Committee meeting was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Bravo, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Russell, Lombardi, Rivera, Burt

**5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors had not met since the last Advisory Committee meeting.

The Executive Director reported that the TAC heard a presentation from legal counsel on seepage losses, similar to the presentation given at the May 2018 Advisory Committee meeting. Legal counsel distributed a draft memo on seepage losses and requested input from committee members on potential implications of a seepage loss policy.

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

The Executive Director reported that the GSA had drilled a dry well for initial data collections purposes. The Executive Director reported that staff was disappointed by the calculated percolation rate.

Mr. Watkins asked whether the issue of “hard rock” wells had been discussed at any meetings. The Executive Director reported that the issue was raised by Alex Peltzer at the last TAC meeting and that it will come up at future meetings.

The Committee had an extended discussion regarding how the GSP would set “baselines” in particular for groundwater levels and groundwater quality.

**7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN:**

Trilby Barton gave a presentation on the GSA’s communication and engagement plan.

Ms. Barton presented survey results. In response to a question from Ms. Renteria, Ms. Barton described how current survey responses were received and how successful the website was in prompting responses.

Ms. Barton reported that the GSA is developing an information poster to increase local knowledge about SGMA.

Ms. Barton went over a draft presentation for a “Groundwater Public Workshop” meant to be given at future public workshops. Comments and questions were received from the Committee and the public.

Ms. Combs commented that the Nature Conservancy was developing reports regarding the interconnectedness of groundwater, surface water, and groundwater dependent ecosystems.

LSID General Manager, Craig Wallace, suggested that public presentation materials describe the connection between local groundwater use and CVP deliveries. Ms. Mullholand cautioned against adding that discussion to the public presentation.

*[Mr. Bravo exited the meeting at 5:28 pm]*

**8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:**

No action taken.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:35 by Mr. DeLeonardi, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Russell, Lombardi, Rivera, Burt, Bravo