

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 21, 2021**

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

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4:10 p.m.

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo, Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 5 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Powers, Graham Burt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Director Caudillo, Director Hornung, Director Crosson, Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the public.

- APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo, and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Jeff Powers, Graham Burt

- PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

- MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes May 17, 2021 Advisory Committee meeting with the change that Carole Combs was not absent, because Ms. Combs had resigned prior to the meeting and therefore her seat was considered vacant, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo, and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Jeff Powers, Graham Burt

**5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch and Hagman reported on the discussion at the last TAC meeting. Of particular note, the TAC continues to work on the “allocation” recommendation that the Board of Director’s assigned to them.
- 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 noting that the RCIS has scheduled a public meeting on July 21, 2021 at the Tulare International Ag Center.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (video of wells; meter analysis). Reimbursement has been slow.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – No report

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Land IQ Report and David’s Engineering Report, YTD information: Romero discussed Land IQ ET values and after June the data will have 12 months of dependable values.
- 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 there was considerable public input.
- d. Outreach Efforts: -
  - i. Develop Outreach approach – Trilby Barton

- 8. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, July 19, 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 5:53 p.m. (Lombardi/ Watkins)

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**Michael D. Hagman**  
**Secretary, East Kaweah GSA**