

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:06 p.m.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Roberts, Peltzer, Ferrara, Milanesio, George, Watson, Gobler, Buldo.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Burkett, Rivera, Crocker.

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Board and public performed the pledge of allegiance to the American flag

3. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** The Executive Director asked that the closed session and GSP items on the agenda be addressed immediately following approval of the minutes. Motion to approve the agenda with those changes was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Roberts, Peltzer, Ferrara, Milanesio, George, Watson, Gobler, Buldo.  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Burkett, Rivera, Crocker.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karen Yohannes commented expressing her disappointment that the County white area representative on the Board was not present.

5. **MINUTES:**

Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes of the July 29, 2019 Board meeting as provided by the Secretary was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Roberts, Peltzer, Ferrara, Milanesio, George, Watson, Gobler, Buldo.  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Burkett, Rivera, Crocker.

6. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

The Executive Director referenced the item listed on the Agenda for Closed Session and advised the Board and public that these items would be discussed under Closed Session. Chairman Milanesio adjourned the meeting to closed session at 3:10 PM.

### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2): One Case.

Closed Session concluded at 3:43 PM. Following the closed session, Hughes reported that there was no reportable action taken in the Closed Session.

Director Crocker arrived at this point in the meeting.

#### **7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS:**

- a. Notice to Set a Hearing Date and of the Intent to Adopt a Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Motion to set December 16, 2019 at 3:00 PM as the date and time for the hearing on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan was made by Director George, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Roberts, Peltzer, Ferrara, Milanesio, George, Watson, Gobler, Buldo, Crocker.
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Burkett, Rivera.

Matt Klinchuch provided an overview of the draft GSP and its elements that will be released on September 17 as well as the manner in which the document was developed.

Motion to release the draft GSP and give notice of the intent to adopt a GSP was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Gobler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Roberts, Peltzer, Ferrara, Milanesio, George, Watson, Gobler, Buldo, Crocker.
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Burkett, Rivera.

Chair Milanesio left at this point in the meeting and passed the gavel to Vice Chair Ferrara.

#### **8. ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Funding EKGSA efforts: The Executive Director reported to the Board that a letter will be sent to the GSA's member agencies seeking funding of about \$2.5 million as a five-year loan at 3.5% for 2020 activities. The loan would be paid back from a landowner assessment following compliance with Proposition 218.

Motion to proceed with the loan process was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Roberts, Peltzer, Ferrara, George, Watson, Gobler, Buldo, Crocker.  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Burkett, Rivera, Milanesio.

- b. Fiscal Year 2018 Audited Financial Statements – Dennis Hilton made a presentation regarding the audited financial statements.

Motion to accept the audited financial statements with a correction on page 5 was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Roberts, Peltzer, Ferrara, George, Watson, Gobler, Buldo, Crocker.  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Burkett, Rivera, Milanesio.

- c. Board to Consider Setting a Budget Hearing Date for October 28, 2019:

Motion to approve a budget hearing date of October 28, 2019 was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Roberts, Peltzer, Ferrara, George, Watson, Gobler, Buldo, Crocker.  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Burkett, Rivera, Milanesio.

**9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next board meeting will be held on October 28, 2019.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Gobler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Roberts, Peltzer, Ferrara, George, Watson, Gobler, Buldo, Crocker.  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Burkett, Rivera, Milanesio.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.