

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JANUARY 19, 2021**

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

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4:06 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carole Combs, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 7 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dan Dreyer

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

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

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carole Combs, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dan Dreyer

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes November 16, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carole Combs, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dan Dreyer

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported the TAC met on January 7<sup>th</sup> and discussed the charges policy and the next steps. Romero reported that the TAC discussed Implementation.

- b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported that the Board met on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and adopted the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget and Resolution 2020-02 that approves the levying of the recommended 2020-2027 assessments. Next meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- c. Implementation Efforts – Romero discussed above under Technical Committee discussion.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported that EKGSA received grant payment from WCB for \$67,463 for quarter ending 9/30/2020 activity. He discussed some of the challenges that are facing this activity.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman updated the AC on the grant work.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Klinchuch reported on the activities of the Team.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Policy Matrix –
  - GW 01-2020 - Overlying Right, Inflow and Right to Regulate – no comments or changes
  - GW 02-2020 Board will allocate – no comments or changes
  - Charges 01-2020 Charges by GSA – After discussion, no action taken. Bring to next AC meeting.
  - MTR 01-2020 Metering Policy – After discussion, no action taken. Defer to TAC and bring to next AC meeting.
- b. Methods of Allocation – Limited discussion was had here. Board direction is needed.

c. Outreach Efforts:

- i. Public Reporting and Future Forums – No activity

- 8.** Timeline and Next Steps – February 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. The Advisory Committee moved the February 15, 2021 (Presidents' Day) meeting to February 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.