

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

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

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis (4:15), Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Blanca Escobedo and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Trilby Barton and 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 Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Burt, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Graham Burt, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Jeff Powers, Vito DeLeonardis and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes October 19, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Ms. Combs, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Graham Burt, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Jeff Powers, Vito DeLeonardis and Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – November meeting was cancelled

b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that the Board met on October 26<sup>th</sup> for the Land Assessment (Proposition 218) Hearing and ballot count, administrative business including review of the draft FY2021 Annual Budget and discussion on two draft groundwater policies.

c. Implementation Efforts – Cruz/Matt reported on water quality sampling.

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

a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported that the steering committee is working on developing the species list for the RCIS. Some challenges have occurred due to concerns about the State using the RCIS to harm farming.

b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman updated the AC on the grant work.

c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hagman 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. WIC Nitrate Drinking Water Pilot Testing – Luis Sanchez-Balle reviewed the summary report and staff was requested to send the link to the report to Interested Parties email list and the AC.

c. Outreach Efforts: Hagman reported on outreach efforts.

d. Timeline and Next Steps – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. The Advisory Committee cancelled the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and moved the January 18, 2021 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) meeting to January 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.