

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 25, 2021

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:05 p.m. with a quorum.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Milanesio, Micari (remote), Watson (remote), Ferrara (remote), Buldo (remote), Peltzer (remote), George, Hornung.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Flores.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; John Komar, Special Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Peltzer, George, Hornung.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Flores.

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

- 4. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the October 26, 2020 Regular Board meeting and the December 1, 2020 Special Board meeting was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Peltzer, George, Hornung.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Flores.

5. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Financial Reports: Executive Director reviewed the unaudited 4th Quarter 2020 financial reports provided by the Senior Analyst.
- b. Payments: Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the financial reports and the payments, a motion to accept the unaudited FY2020 4th Quarter financial statements and ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director George, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Peltzer, George, Hornung.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Flores.

- c. Update on Proposition 68 – WCB Grant (RCIS): Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. Reports and invoices have all been submitted and WCB has reimbursed the EKGSA for 2 quarters (April 2020 – September 2020). RCIS Steering Committee meetings and several planning meetings have been held.
- d. Update on Proposition 68 – Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director provided an update on the administration and projects. Quarterly reports for the grant have been submitted on time. The \$180,000 reimbursement for SkyTem has not been received, but all documents have been reviewed and signed.
- e. Technical Advisory Chair – Discussion on Board considering a Chair for the TAC.

6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Advisory Committee Efforts: Director Ferrara and Hagman reported on the most recent AC meeting and the need for the Committee to have more direction from the Board on the “cultural issues” entwined in accomplishing sustainability. Hagman suggested the Board consider a study session. After discussion, the Board determined to have study sessions and a motion was made by Director George, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Peltzer, George, Hornung.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Flores.

- b. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Hagman/Klinchuch reported on the most recent TAC meeting.
- c. Subbasin Efforts: No meetings since the last Board meeting.
- d. GSP Implementation: Hagman, Romero and Klinchuch provided an update on Implementation.
- e. Consider Adoption of two policies:
 - 1. **GW 2020-01**
 - 2. **GW 2020-02**

There was considerable discussion on these two policies. Several recommendations were to be reviewed by Counsel and taken to the upcoming study sessions. Board will then meet to consider adoption of the policies.

- 7. **CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at 4:25 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 4:52. There was no reportable action.

- 8. **CALENDAR YEAR 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Motion to adopt the meeting schedule for calendar year 2021 was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Peltzer, George, Hornung.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Flores.

- 9. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on April 26, 2021. However, the Board asked Hagman to set up a study session in March.

- 10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Peltzer, George, Hornung.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Flores.

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

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA