

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2021

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Milanesio, George, Hornung, Burkett, Ferrara, Roberts, Peltzer, Caudillo (remote), Buldo (arrived at the venue at 3:15 PM).

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Micari, Watson

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; John Komar, Special Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; 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 Hornung, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

3. **AYES:** Milanesio, George, Hornung, Burkett, Ferrara, Roberts, Peltzer, Caudillo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Micari, Watson, Buldo

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairman Milanesio asked for public comment and some questions were asked as to format of this meeting. Chairman noted that would be explained after the administrative items were finished.

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary for the January 25, 2021 Regular Board meeting with modifications, and February 19, 2021 Special Board meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Burkett, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, George, Hornung, Burkett, Ferrara, Roberts, Peltzer, Caudillo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Micari, Watson, Buldo.

6. **STUDY SESSION:** Chairman Milanesio explained that today’s meeting would focus on the Executive Director’s presentation and developing direction to staff for more information. Chairman Milanesio noted that public input into today’s meeting would be allowed at the end of the meeting. Chairman Milanesio directed Executive Director Hagman to begin his presentation. Hagman reviewed the Power Point presentation as a background for developing “solutions, policies and processes” for the EKGSA. At approximately 5:00 the Board took questions from the public. Hagman noted that comments in the “Zoom Chat Room” would be provided to the Board at the next study session. No actions were taken at the meeting. Staff was directed to provide substantial material or working tools for the Board at the next Board meeting.
7. **CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at 5:26 p.m. and came out of closed session at 5:31 p.m. and Chairman Milanesio announced that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** After some discussion, the board determined there would need to be an additional Board meeting. A motion was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director George, to establish another meeting for March 29, 2021 and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, George, Hornung, Burkett, Ferrara, Roberts, Peltzer, Caudillo, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Micari, Watson

The meeting was then adjourned by Chairman Milanesio at 5:32 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA