

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON MAY 21, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, May 21, 2018, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:08 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mullholand (Left during Agenda Item 7), Alan Lombardi, Joe Russell, Cruz Rivera (Left during Agenda Item 6), Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardi (Entered during Agenda Item 5)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adriana Renteria, Dan Dreyer, Graham Burt, Carlos Bravo

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Rivera, Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Renteria, DeLeonardi, Dreyer, Burt, Bravo

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Ms. Yohannes asked to correct 5A, a reference to her comment: Replacing “natural waterways” from “small watershed baseflow.”

Chairman Ferrara: Correction to indicate that he was in attendance to chair meeting.

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the April 2018 Advisory Committee meeting, with the above corrections, was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Russell, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Rivera, Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Renteria, DeLeonardi, Dreyer, Burt, Bravo

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported that the GSA had captured all data available from 2015 to the present. The GSA is also developing data, through interpolation and extrapolation, from multiple sources.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors had not met since the previous committee meeting.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

The Executive Director reported that a recommendation would be provided to the Management Team to eliminate the Sub-Basin TAC as a standing committee.

Ms. Yohannes requested to add a reference to the DWR SGMA portal to the GSA decision chart/flowchart.

Legal counsel Ravi Patel gave a presentation on rules that apply to seepage losses/return flows. The committee posed questions and provided comment.

[Mr. Rivera exited the meeting]

7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN:

Trilby Barton of Provost & Pritchard gave an update on the GSA's communication and engagement plan.

Ms. Barton reported that the GSA is asking Districts to send surveys along with invoices. Ms. Barton and the Executive Director plan to continue to reach out to DACs to improve DAC response rates. The Executive Director expressed a need to work with DAC representatives to get more outreach from DAC communities.

[Ms. Mullholand exited the meeting]

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

The Executive Director reported that the next meeting would be held at the Exeter Museum.

Ms. Yohannes requested that the GSA give a token of appreciation to the Lindsay Wellness Center for their hospitality.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Lacking a quorum, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.