

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 22, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:08 p.m.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Board and public performed the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karen Yohannes provided public comment regarding the agency’s potential groundwater accounting policy, in particular with regards categorization of accounting for seepage losses from conveyance and use of appropriated water.

John Yohannes provided public comment regarding analysis of the effect of local dams on the local groundwater supply.

- 5. MINUTES:**

Director George requested a revision to acknowledge his attendance at the meeting.

Director Rivera requested a revision to his identification in the minutes.

Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Executive Director was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

6. ADMINISTRATION:

A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Executive Director presented the Agency's financial statements and fund status.

Motion to accept financial documents, as presented by the Executive Director, and to wait for the Agency's December meeting to approve all payments was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

B. EKGSA POLICY INDEX AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND DIRECTION:

The Executive Director presented the EKGSA Policy Index and recommended a process to bring policies to the Board of Directors.

Motion to give direction to the Executive Director to develop and present policies for the GSP, as described in his presentation, was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Cruz, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORS:

A. COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS:

- Advisory Committee: The Executive Director and Director Ferrara gave a report on the activities of the Advisory Committee. Director Ferrara reported that the Advisory Committee discussed the water accounting framework.
- Technical Advisory Committee: The Executive Director gave a report on the activities of the Technical Advisory Committee. The Executive Director reported on data development and status.
- Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team: The Executive Director gave a report. The Executive Director reported that the management team is considering dividing the basin into ten different “hydrogeologic zones,” which may be managed to different, appropriate measurable objectives. Data collection and strategic planning, however, is ongoing.

B. GSP DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING TIMELINE:

The Executive Director provided the Board with a report on the GSP development. The staff report includes a general description of plan development.

C. SUB-BASIN SETTING DEVELOPMENT:

The Executive Director provided an update subbasin setting. The Executive Director asked the Board to keep several key terms in mind and to be familiar with them in future discussions regarding subbasin setting.

D. WATER ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK:

The Executive Director and legal counsel provided a presentation regarding a proposed water accounting framework.

Director Ferrara suggested that the issues presented be considered by the TAC and brought back to the Board for further discussion. Motion as to the same was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Watson and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milaneseo, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

E. EKGSA COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN EFFORT:

Trilby Barton provided an update on C&E Plan efforts.

8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

No closed session. No action taken.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Ms. Yohannes made a request for the Board to consider appointing alternates for several Board positions, as provided by the GSA's JPA Agreement.

No action taken.

10. NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director requested a special meeting on December 3, 2018 at 3 pm. Motion as to the same was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Rivera and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. p