



MINUTES

Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee

Friday March 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Held via Teleconference

Meeting Attendees:

Paul Buldo – Sentinel Butte MWC (Chair)
Mike Hagman – EKGSA Executive Director
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Aaron Bock – County of Tulare and County of Tulare - Landowner
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs
Michael Camarena – City of Lindsay
Dale West – Stone Corral ID
Craig Hornung – Wutchumna WC
Calvin Monreal – Lindmore ID
Cruz Romero – Lindmore ID
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Lead
Nick Keller – Consultant

Public participants:

- Stacie Ann Silva – NewCurrent
- Dyson Schneider – Limoneira
- Adriana Barba – Wonderful Orchards
- Johnny Gailey – Delta View
- Karen Yohannes – Stakeholder
- Andrew Hart – Stakeholder
- Greg Regier – Attorney

Members Absent:

EKGSA At Large (Vacant)

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Buldo called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions.
3. **Public Comment** – No public comments were received.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes February 5, 2021 Meeting – Committee Member Weddle made a motion to approve the Minutes and Committee Member West seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. **Committee Business**
 - a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date – Mike Hagman and Matt Klinchuch updated the TAC on Subbasin-level efforts since the previous meeting.
 - i. Management Team – There had not been a Subbasin Management Team meeting since the previous TAC. The next meeting is scheduled for April. Mr. Hagman



provided update that the three GSAs finalized the agreement with Montgomery & Associates for reviewing the model developed for the Subbasin. Hagman also updated the TAC on the various grant efforts underway. The RCIS grant is nearing completion, although concern remains related to exposure for farmers neighboring conservation properties for incidental take of species. For the Round 3 Planning Grant, reimbursement for the SkyTEM effort has now been received. Work was continuing related to the well videoing and metering pilot studies. Cruz Romero added that the two deep monitoring wells contracted with Arsenal should be underway soon following agreements with adjacent landowners on rig placement.

ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts

1. Subbasin Data Management System – There was no new updates related to the DMS. More input and discussion are anticipated following more review of the Subbasin model by Montgomery & Associates.
2. Annual Monitoring Report – Klinchuch provide a review of the draft report text, figures, and tables for the Water Year 2020. The Report is due April 1. The draft items will be provided to the TAC over the coming days to review and provide feedback ahead of finalizing for the submittal.

b. GSP Implementation Items

i. EKGSA Policy Framework Review – *Tabled until after Board Workshops (3/15 & 3/22)*

1. Policy Stating Overlying Right to Water and Legal Right to Regulate Overlying Supply (GW|01-2020)
2. Policy Directing that the EKGSA will Allocate GW Supply (GW|02-2020)
3. EKGSA Charges Policy (CHARGES|01-2020)
4. Method of Groundwater Allocation Policy
5. Monitoring Policy
6. Metering Policy

ii. LandIQ Results and Management Area Water Budget Updates – Reports through January 2021 are now available. Mr. Romero discussed the report at a high level. In January approximately 8,600 AF was consumed. Additionally, there was approximately 11,000 AF of precipitation measure across the area. Thus, demand was met with a combination of groundwater and precipitation. The measurement accuracy was down slightly, common for this time of year, as more cloud coverage impacts the satellite imagery. Summer months with less cloud cover have higher accuracies.

6. New/Other Business – There was no new or other business.

7. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting Date and Time: April 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.



8. Adjournment – Chair Buldo adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee