

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 17, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a special meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:11 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Adriana Renteria, Carlos Bravo, Graham Burt, Matthew Watkins, Joe Russell, Alan Lombardi, Dan Dreyer, Cruz Rivera (entered during Agenda item 5.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carole Combs, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis (present by phone, non-voting).

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Ferrara, Chair; Michael Hagman, Executive Director (Attended by phone); Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

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

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis, Rivera

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to table consideration of approval of the minutes from the December committee meeting was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Russell, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis, Rivera

5. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION:

Trilby Barton of Provost & Pritchard presented the draft East Kaweah GSA Communications and Engagement Plan. Comments were received from the committee and the public.

The committee requested that the plan remain a “living” document subject to appropriate changes that may arise as GSP development progresses.

Mr. Rivera joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Motion to accept the draft communication and engagement plan, and to recommend that the EKGSA Board adopt the draft communication and engagement plans as a living document was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Ms. Renteria, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Dreyer, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis

6. LEGAL BRIEF GROUNDWATER RIGHTS

Legal Counsel provided a report on the nature of groundwater rights in California and how such rights may impact the adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Comments were taken from the committee and from the public.

7. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rivera seconded by Mr. Burt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Dreyer, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA