



MINUTES

Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee

Friday May 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Held via Teleconference

Meeting Attendees:

Mike Hagman – EKGSA Executive Director
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs
Dale West – Stone Corral ID
Craig Hornung – Wutchumna WC
Calvin Monreal – Lindmore ID
Cruz Romero – Lindmore ID
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Lead

Public participants:

- Stacie Ann Silva – NewCurrent
- Joe Ferrara – Board Member
- Mayor Ramona Caudillo – Board Member
- Johnny Gailey – Delta View
- Michele Staples - Attorney
- John Gaugel –Wonderful
- John and Karen Yohannes – Stakeholders
- Richael Young
- Matt Watkins – Advisory Committee
- Blanca Escobedo – Advisory Committee
- Alan Becker – Stakeholder
- Andrew Hart – Stakeholder

Members Absent:

City of Lindsay
County of Tulare
County of Tulare - Landowner
EKGSA At Large (Vacant)
Sentinel Butte MWC

1. **Call to Order** – Vice Chair Klinchuch called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions.
3. **Public Comment** — One public comment was received.
 - a. Karen Yohannes provided written comments on several GSP items. A specific request not on the Agenda is to add a New Projects and Actions be added to the Agenda.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes April 2, 2021 Meeting – Committee Member West made a motion to approve the Minutes and Committee Member Weddle 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 – The Management Team met on April 21. There were two main items from this meeting that were shared with the TAC. One is that the GSAs are looking to more aggressively address groundwater pumping and overdraft given the dry conditions, this will likely expedite groundwater allocation discussions with a goal to have more clarity by the next water Year (October 2021). Second, the entire Kaweah Subbasin may be moving towards LandIQ. Greater and Mid-Kaweah GSAs are evaluating this option more closely.
 - ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts – Technical items discussed were the following:
 1. Subbasin Data Management System – There were no updates to provide the TAC.
 2. Annual Monitoring – The Annual Monitoring Report was submitted the beginning of April. Since submittal of the Report, there has been some dialogue with DWR related to Monitoring Network well data, some wells did not have data (various reasons), however assurance was provided that the issues were correctable and should not be on-going issues with these Monitoring Network Wells.
 3. There were several Grant activities to provide update on:
 - a. Prop. 68 Planning Grant – The SkyTEM effort, including reimbursement from DWR, has been completed. Now the focus turns to the metering evaluating with Fresno State and Well Videoing for construction information.
 - b. RCIS Grant is still moving forward although concerns still remain related to the State’s control and ability to act outside the steering committee.
 - c. Prop. 68 Implementation Grant – The Kaweah Subbasin was successful on receiving implementation funding. The East Kaweah has two projects in this funding source (Lewis Creek Recharge and City of Lindsay Recharge Basin). The Subbasin will be working through the contracting Grant Agreement with DWR over the next couple months.
- b. GSP Implementation Items
 - i. EKGSA Policy Framework Review – Hagman lead discussion related to a variety of upcoming policies and steps to be taken in the coming months.
 1. Policy Stating Overlying Right to Water and Legal Right to Regulate Overlying Supply (GW|01-2020) – *This policy is mostly developed and likely to head back to the Board at the next meeting.*
 2. Policy Directing that the EKGSA will Allocate GW Supply (GW|02-2020) – *This policy is mostly developed and likely to head back to the Board at the next meeting.*
 3. EKGSA Charges Policy (CHARGES|01-2020) – *There was not much specifically discussed related to this policy. However, it is anticipated to be tied to an Allocation fee structure.*



4. Method of Groundwater Allocation Policy – *Much of the discussion was related to a potential groundwater allocation policy as the Board has tasked the TAC with items that will support the Board’s discussion and decision-making. The current direction appears towards an Allocation of Native Supply. The TAC and Public discussed options related to the amount to allocate, acreage receiving the allocation, and basis for potential transitional pumping quantity and timeline.*
5. Monitoring Policy – *No discussion on this policy item.*
6. Metering Policy – *No discussion on this policy item.*

- ii. LandIQ Results and Management Area Water Budget Updates – Reports through March 2021 are now available. Mr. Romero discussed the report at a high level. In March approximately 16,700 AF was consumed. Additionally, there was precipitation in the month that resulted in approximately 8,700 AF of precipitation measure across the area. Thus, demand was met with a combination of groundwater, surface water, and precipitation.

6. New/Other Business – No new or other business was discussed.

7. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting Date and Time: June 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Potential for in-person meeting for Committee Members is to be evaluated.

8. Adjournment – Vice Chair Klinchuch adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee