

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

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 28, 2019**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Monday, October 28, 2019, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:05 p.m.

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Tom Weddle, EKGSA Technical Advisory Committee member; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

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

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

- 5. MINUTES:**

Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the September 16, 2019 Special Board meeting was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

**6. ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Interagency Coordination Agreement – Board was given direction on developing a two-year agreement with Lindmore ID for Executive and Implementation Management (February 1, 2020- January 31, 2022).

Motion to refer the draft agreement to Legal Counsel for review was made by Director George, seconded by Director Watson. Following discussion, the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

- b. Financial Reports – Executive Director and Kathryn Bennett provided financial reports to the Board.

Motion to approve the financial reports as presented was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Crocker. Following discussion, the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

- c. Consider Ratification of the payments for FY 2019 – Quarter 2 and 3 Executive Director provided the Board with Accounts Payable listing and backup documentation and requested ratification of the payments made to meet the obligation of the Authority.

Motion to ratify the payments made for FY 2019 – Quarter 2 and 3 was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

- d. HEARING: Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget - A hearing was held to allow the public to address the Board on budget items and budget in total.

Motion to adopt the budget for FY 2020 was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

- e. Call for Funds: Board discussed and established the FY 2020 Governance Call for Funds in the sum of \$224,000.

Motion to adopt the budget for FY 2020 was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

- f. FY 2019 Audit Engagement Letter – Board discussed hiring Dennis L. Hylton to audit Fiscal Year 2019 activities.

Motion to approve the audit engagement letter from Dennis L. Hylton was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

- g. LandIQ – Executive Director presented and Board discussed the agreement to perform ET analysis. Motion to approve a three-year agreement with LandIQ as recommended by Executive Director was made by Director George, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

h. Resolution 2019-02 Authorizing Participation in a Prop 68 Grant for Sub-Basin Work.

Motion to approve the Resolution 2019-02 as presented to the Board was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

i. RCIS – Grantee and Proponent for Development of a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy Plan through the Prop 68 Grant process.

Motion to accept the role of Grantee and Proponent for Development of a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy Plan through the Prop 68 Grant process was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: Roberts, George

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS:**

No report.

**8. CLOSED SESSION:**

There was no Closed Session.

**9. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CALENDAR YEAR 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Motion to approve 2020 meeting calendar as presented by Executive Director was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

**10. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next board meeting will be a special meeting to be held on December 16, 2019. Next regular scheduled board meeting will be held on January 27, 2020.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Roberts, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Gobler, Burkett, Rivera.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.