

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018, at the Exeter Courthouse Museum, located at 125 South B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:07 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carole Combs (left during Agenda item 7), Adriana Renteria, Dan Dreyer, Carlos Bravo.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Soapy Mullholand, Joe Russell, Cruz Rivera, Vito DeLeonardi, Graham Burt

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

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

AYES: Watkins, Lombardi, Combs, Renteria, Dreyer, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mullholand, Russell, Rivera, DeLeonardi, Burt

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Renteria invited everyone to events on October 10 regarding groundwater planning and October 12 regarding a half-day workshop covering SGMA and specifically undesirable results.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the August 20, 2018 Advisory Committee meeting, with the above corrections, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Lombardi, Combs, Renteria, Dreyer, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mullholand, Russell, Rivera, DeLeonardi, Burt

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported that the Board and Technical Committee has requested that staff begin considering the policies that will be need to be created for the GSA. Staff have begun to develop a list of policies that will be needed.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Considered with item 5A.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

a. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team - The Executive Director reported that the GSA should begin receiving initial data responses soon. More information will be available at the Management Team meeting on the 19th.

7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN:

Trilby Barton presented some further responses to the GSA's surveys. Ms. Barton reported that top concerns have related to over regulation and water availability.

The Executive Director led a discussion regarding policy development and presented various samples of data and how the GSA could go about developing undesirable result policies.

The Executive Director asked for any suggestions regarding policies that the GSA should consider. Ms. Combs suggested a policy regarding ecosystem sustainability. Mr. Lombardi asked the Board to consider equal distribution of the native yield. Ms. Renteria suggested considering policies for safe drinking water access, respecting historic use of municipalities, and regulation of water transfers. Mr. Watkins suggested considering length of allocation, "transitional pumping" and "carry-over losses."

Karen Yohannes asked the committee to consider rights of undeveloped land, "penalty vs reward" systems, and defining reasonable and beneficial use of water including consideration of crop use.

Ms. Renteria made the following suggestions:

- Having management areas for drinking water areas;
- Drought contingency plans;
- Recharge near drinking water communities;
- Pursuit of public funding;
- Data management and transparency policies.

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing to consider, no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA