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Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday January 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
Held via Teleconference

Meeting Attendees:

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

Public participants:

- Stacie Ann – NewCurrent
- Joe Ferrara – EKGSA Board Member
- Susan Simon – Tulare County
- Don Wright – Water Wrights
- Geoff Vanden Heuvel – Milk Producer's
- Andrew Hart – Stakeholder
- John Gaugel - Stakeholder
- Mike George – EKGSA Board Member
- Justine Massey – Community Water Center
- Karen Yohannes – Stakeholder

Members Absent:

EKGSA At Large (Vacant)

1. **Call to Order** – Vice Chair Klinchuch called the meeting to order at approximately 8:10 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions.
3. **Public Comment** – No public comments for given related to items not on the Agenda.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes December 4, 2020 Meeting – Committee Member Bock made a motion to approve the Minutes with the referenced edit to participant representation. 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 – Mr. Hagman reported that there had not been a Management Team meeting since the last TAC and that the meeting scheduled for January 20th is being cancelled. Mr. Hagman reported that two quarterly reports with reimbursement for the Round 3 Planning Grant have been submitted and worked through with DWR. His hope is that reimbursement will be received in the next 90 days. Lastly, Mr. Hagman provided an update on the RCIS effort. There are still concerns to be worked through with CDFW concern land ownership.
 - ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts – The TAC received an update that most of the Subbasin effort since the previous meeting has been focused on development and submittal of a grant application for implementation funding. Mr. Klinchuch shared that the projects to be moved forward out of the East Kaweah GSP are the Lewis Creek Recharge and City of Lindsay Basin. While there was original intent to include the Shallow Wells and Drinking Water Protection Program, these are not being included for this round. Cruz Romero provided up on the monitoring well drilling and that two new deep wells with Arsenal Well Drilling should be starting soon.
- b. GSP Implementation Items**
- i. EKGSA Policy Framework Review
 1. Policy Stating Overlying Right to Water and Legal Right to Regulate Overlying Supply (GW|01-2020) – The TAC quickly reviewed this policy; it was largely unchanged from the last meeting. This policy is intended to be taken to the Board later in January. A request was made to have a write-up and discussion on the edits not to be incorporated.
 2. Policy Directing that the EKGSA will Allocate GW Supply (GW|02-2020) – The TAC quickly reviewed this policy. No edits were made and is intended to go to the Board later in January.
 3. EKGSA Charges Policy (CHARGES|01-2020) – Mr. Hagman led a discussion on the general intent and needs for this policy. The discussion intent for charges is to start developing funds to cover the Projects and Management Actions to reach sustainability by 2040. The estimated costs laid out of the proposed activities in Section 5 of the GSP is going to be leaned upon to develop the basis for charges. Ensuing discussion followed related to which entity was responsible for these activities, whether it is the EKGSA taking charge or agencies in the established Management Areas. Another concern with this structure is that the fee structure isn't tied to a sustainable yield or reduction in pumping over time. The discussion was on how to remedy a disconnect between the charges structure and an allocation. Mr. Hagman then shared some draft tools to be used to track and better understand water availability and charges for projects.

The following Agenda items were not discussed due to time constraints

4. Method of Groundwater Allocation Policy
5. Monitoring Policy
6. Metering Policy



- ii. LandIQ Results and Management Area Water Budget Updates – The reports through November are now available. Mr. Hagman discussed the report at a high level. In November approximately 8,120 AF was used. This value includes both surface and groundwater meeting crop demand. In addition, there was some precipitation in the month of November for the first time since May. Cumulative for May through November is approximately 192,420 AF of water use. Hagman reported that Staff was working on gathering surface water supplies delivered during this period in order to work to a new groundwater use from the LandIQ numbers.

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

7. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting Date and Time: February 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment – Vice Chair Klinchuch adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee