

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 25, 2021

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Milanesio, Micari, Watson (remote), Ferrara, Buldo, Ramirez, Burkett, Peltzer, George, Hornung, Caudillo (remote).

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

2. **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON FINDINGS NEEDED TO UTILIZE ALTERNATIVE TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY:** A motion to approve the continued state of emergency and have Board attendance in person was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Ramirez, Burkett, Peltzer, George, Hornung, Caudillo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Ramirez, Burkett, Peltzer, George, Hornung, Caudillo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the August 19, 2021, Special Board Meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milaneseo, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Ramirez, Burkett, Peltzer, George, Hornung, Caudillo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. FY2022 Annual Budget: Executive Director reviewed the draft FY2022 Annual Budget and reviewed the analysis of reserves for Governance, Plan and Implementation and projected loss for Governance activities in FY2021. A motion to set a hearing date on December 10th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. to consider adoption of the budget for FY2022 was made by Director George, seconded by Director Micari, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Milaneseo, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Ramirez, Burkett, Peltzer, George, Hornung, Caudillo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- b. Shared Resources Agreement: Director George provided a report to the Board noting that both EKGSA and Lindmore ID were very satisfied with the shared services. Executive Director reviewed the Addendum to Agreement for Management and Administrative Services. This addendum was developed jointly by each agencies legal counsel. Hagman noted that the Addendum was allowed by the original agreement if only the contract period or rates of payment were changing. This is the case on this addendum, the rate of compensation is proposed to increase \$10,000 each of the next to contract periods for 2022 & 2023. A motion to continue the Shared Resources Agreement and approve the Addendum was made by Director George, seconded by Director Watson, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Milaneseo, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Ramirez, Burkett, Peltzer, George, Hornung, Caudillo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- c. Financial Reports: Senior Analyst provided and reviewed the unaudited 3rd Quarter 2021 financial reports. After discussion which included holding off on developing a loan agreement to offset the projected loss of Governance activities, a motion to accept the unaudited FY 2021 3rd Quarter financial statements was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried on the follow vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Ramirez, Burkett, Peltzer, George, Hornung, Caudillo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- d. Payments: Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Ramirez, Burkett, Peltzer, George, Hornung, Caudillo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- e. Proposition 68 – WCB Grant (RCIS): Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. The RCIS was submitted for the completeness review and received confirmation that it is technically complete. All reports and request for reimbursement are in. All activities are on timeline.

- f. Proposition 68 – Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director provided an update on the administration and projects. All reports and requests for reimbursement are in to date and for quarter ending September 30th, the invoice and report are underway to be submitted prior to November 30, 2021.

- g. Proposition 68 – Update on Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant is awarded to the Mid Kaweah GSA and focuses on DAC benefits and reviewed the two projects that we had that qualified – Lewis Creek Re-charge and the Mariposa Basin connection to Lindmore ID.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Advisory Committee Efforts: Director Ferrara reported on the most recent AC meetings in August and September were mostly informational and there was discussion regarding allocation methods and other methods of managing groundwater demand.

- b. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Klinchuch and Hagman reported on the most recent TAC meetings since the last Board meeting. Klinchuch noted the TAC has been looking at LandIQ results, grant work and the allocation work assigned by the Board.
- c. Subbasin Efforts: Hagman and Klinchuch provided an update on subbasin activities.
- d. GSP Implementation: Hagman and Klinchuch provided an update on Implementation.
- e. Update of Board of Directors Direction to Staff/Technical Advisory Committee:
 - 1. Allocation Methodology: Staff provided analysis developed by Provost and Pritchard in coordination with the TAC and the Executive Director identifying the remaining sustainable storage in the EKGSA. Also presented, was at the TAC recommendation of allocation of this remaining supply. The analysis of remaining groundwater and the allocation recommendation were requested by the Board. The TAC made recommendations for allocation of groundwater and associated policies on durability and transferability of the groundwater allocation

After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion to approve the following policy matrix was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Burkett, and carried by the following vote:

Type	Durability				Transferability		
	Allowed	Duration in Years	Leave Behind	AMT	Transfer	Regulated by MA	Max Cap by MA Con
Native (Assessed Acreage)	Y	5	N	0.85	Y	N	Y
Plan Overdraft (Irrigated Acreage)	Y	5	N	0.30	Y	Y	Y
Transitional/Temporary (Irrigated Acreage)	Y	5	N	0.50	Y	Y	Y

AYES: Milanasio, Micari, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Ramirez, Burkett, Peltzer, Hornung, Caudillo.

NOES: George

ABSTAIN: Ramirez

ABSENT: None

8. CLOSED SESSION: Board went into closed session at 5:18 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:48 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on January 24, 2022 however the Board approved a Hearing date on

December 10th at 3:00 p.m. under item #7.a. After the meeting, the Chairman of the Board changed the meeting to December 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA