

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON July 26, 2021

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:05 p.m. with a quorum.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Watson.

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. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Executive Director informed the Board that Legal Counsel requested the Closed Session agenda item be moved up to be next. Motion to approve the agenda with the change that Closed Session be #3 on the agenda was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson.

3. **CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at 3:10 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 3:51p.m. There was no reportable action.

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

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the April 26, 2021, Regular Board Meeting was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson.

6. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Shared Resources Agreement: Executive Director noted the current Agreement is ends after December 31, 2021 and asked the Board for direction whether to get the Ad Hoc Committee together again or approve an extension. Director George requested that the Ad Hoc Committee meet. Chair Milanesio appointed Directors George, Burkett, and Buldo for the Ad Hoc Committee representing EKGSA.
- b. Financial Reports: The Senior analyst reviewed the unaudited 2nd Quarter 2021 financial reports she provided and answered questions from the Board.
- c. Payments: Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director George, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson.

- d. Proposition 68 – WCB Grant (RCIS): Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort and the public meeting about the Kaweah Groundwater Subbasin RCIS was on the 21st. Director Roberts commented unfavorably regarding establishing a space for the environmental groups in the Kaweah Subbasin. Hagman noted that the RCIS is not a regulatory document and can not guide land use in the Kaweah Subbasin. Director Roberts simply noted that it is a start.
- e. Proposition 68 – Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director provided an update on the administration and projects. All reports and requests for reimbursement are in. Actions for the Well Videoing have been delayed until wells are not used. This is likely to occur in earnest after November of this year.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Advisory Committee Report: Director Ferrara reviewed that the AC is discussing methods of allocation and groundwater policies.
- b. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Director Buldo reported the TAC is doing a lot of work and having a lot of discussion as they try to complete the tasks assigned by the Board. Waiting on legal direction and information from P&P to facilitate completion of tasks.

- c. Subbasin Efforts: Executive Director noted the next meeting is coming up.
- d. GSP Implementation: Executive Director reviewed the spreadsheet of 12 months of Land IQ data compiled by the Staff Engineer. The spreadsheet is an ET versus surface supply tool that still needs cleaning up.
- e. Update to Board of Directors Direction regarding Staff/Technical Advisory Committee efforts to develop groundwater control methodologies: Hagman reported that the Technical Advisory Committee work is moving forward and is focused on allocating water and giving the allocation an ownership of supply to bank, trade, sell, lose, etc. Hagman reported that the Advisory Committee wanted a copy of a non-allocation method that controls overdraft with dollars assigned to extractions (Fee Model). They wanted it to be part of their broader document that looks at methods reviewed by the Advisory Committee.

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on October 25, 2021. Special meeting of the Board of Directors was established for August 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA