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Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee

Friday February 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Held via Teleconference

Meeting Attendees:

Mike Hagman – EKGSA Executive Director
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs
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 Silva – NewCurrent
- Joe Ferrara – EKGSA Board Member
- Johnny Gailey – Delta View
- Eric Osterling – Greater Kaweah GSA
- Andrew Hart – Stakeholder
- John Gaugel – Stakeholder
- Michele Staples – Attorney
- Mike George – EKGSA Board Member

Members Absent:

County of Tulare
County of Tulare - Landowner
EKGSA At Large (Vacant)

1. **Call to Order** – Vice Chair Klinchuch called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions.
3. **Public Comment** – One comment was received.
 - a. Mike Hagman announced that the TAC needed to select a new Chair for the Committee. Following the January Board, the preference was to have a Board Member who is also on the TAC be the TAC Chair. Paul Buldo met that criteria and was willing to act as the Chair. Dale West made a motion to select Paul Buldo as chair and was seconded by Tom Weddle. The motion passed. Paul Buldo then chaired the meeting.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes January 7, 2021 Meeting – Committee Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Minutes and Committee Member Weddle 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 – There had not been a Subbasin Management Team meeting since the previous TAC. The January meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for April. Mr. Hagman then reported that Eric Osterling would assist in reporting on updates with movement related to Modeling Support and the DMS. Osterling reported that with the Subbasin looking to move on from the GSP Consultant team of GEI and GSI, the Subbasin was in need of additional support with respect to modeling capability. The three GSAs have spoken with Montgomery & Associates and received a task order for reviewing the model developed for the Subbasin. The GSAs are likely moving to approve two tasks with Montgomery & Associates that are focused on gaining a better understanding of the Kaweah Subbasin model and relaying that to the GSAs.
 - ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts
 1. Subbasin Data Management System – Osterling reported that GEI developed the DMS product right before GSP submittal and did not meet the expectations of the Subbasin. There have been additional task orders provided for improving the DMS, however the general intent of the Subbasin has been to move to another option. The GSAs have received presentations from other firms that can provide a subscription style service (monthly bill). Ultimately, the GSAs are looking to develop an RFP for vendors to submit. The plan is to have a Draft RFP in April for approval in May with the intent of obtaining a new DMS product by December. A demonstration of the DMS Montgomery & Associates developed for the Salinas Valley was also shared with the TAC.
 2. Annual Monitoring Report – Klinchuch provided a status update on the Annual Report development. Contouring and data analysis is underway. The goal is to have drafts out later in February for review and discussion at future TAC meetings in the Subbasin.
 3. Klinchuch also provided an update from a recent Point of Basin Contacts meeting with DWR held in late January. Items of note included that preliminary awards for the Prop 68 Grant are now scheduled to be announced in March, GSP Review for Central Valley GSPs are likely not to be released until late 2021, and there might be an alternative for the EKGSA to pursue related to the challenging east boundary against the GSA.
 4. Hagman shared a framework available in the Tule Subbasin for tracking water allocation and use for individual ownerships. His intent was to share a tool that has recently been developed for awareness.



b. GSP Implementation Items

i. EKGSA Policy Framework Review – These policies are going to remain on the TAC Agenda, however the discussion is to be paused until there is more direction from the EKGSA Board. The Board intends to have a dedicated workshop to develop policy direction and intent.

1. Policy Stating Overlying Right to Water and Legal Right to Regulate Overlying Supply (GW|01-2020) – *This policy is nearly complete and likely to be approved at the next Board Meeting.*
2. Policy Directing that the EKGSA will Allocate GW Supply (GW|02-2020) – *This policy is nearly complete and likely to be approved at the next Board Meeting.*
3. EKGSA Charges Policy (CHARGES|01-2020)
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 December approximately 4,400 AF was used. This value includes both surface and groundwater meeting crop demand. In addition, there was precipitation in the month of December that equated to approximately 6,650 AF. Cumulative for May through November is approximately 196,830 AF of water use. The accuracy is down a little from summer months due to more cloud cover. Hagman reminded the TAC that the May and June results may be overstated since not all field stations were in place. A question was raised regarding the timeline for breaking down the LandIQ analysis to the proposed management areas of the GSP. The intent is to wait for a full 12-month timeframe of data (May 2020 – April 2021) and then begin doing that evaluation.

6. New/Other Business – There was no new or other business.

7. Announcements

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

8. Adjournment – Chair Buldo adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee