

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JULY 20, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4: 14 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

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

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes June 15, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – The Executive Director reported on EKGSA TAC helped to review the technical aspects of the draft Allocation Policy and offered several suggestions.

b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that there has been no Board meeting since the last AC meeting.

c. Implementation Efforts – The Executive Director reported that the Annual report had been mailed out. Cruz Romero has been working on the groundwater monitoring network. Particularly on the monitoring wells, LandIQ report, and plates for the subsidence monitoring network.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. Prop 68 – RCIS: Hagman updated the AC on the status of the grant work. He noted that the RCIS steering committee would be meeting shortly.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman updated the AC on the status of the grant work. He shared that the SkyTem effort needed a public presentation to be complete, that the well videoing will be moving forward with some help from Provost and Pritchard’s new videoing equipment, and that the basin managers are working with CSU Fresno on a metering program.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hagman noted that the Management Team met in the middle of June and primarily focused on the development of the Data Management System. He explained that the current product will not meet the desired needs and that the Management Team will be looking working with a third-party to develop a request for proposal package that will lay out our needs in a way that vendors/consultants could provide a proposal.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Stake Holder Annual Summary letter – Reported above under 5c
- b. Policy Matrix –
 - Groundwater Allocation: Extensive discussion took place. Chair Ferrara suggested a couple more meetings and more guidance from Counsel and the TAC. He also asked that members of the AC send comments to Hagman regarding the policy. Item was to be placed on the next agenda.
 - Groundwater Pumping Quantification: Hagman shared the draft policy. No discussion ensued.
 - Meter Policy: Hagman shared the draft policy. No discussion ensued.
- c. Outreach Efforts: A brief report was provided by Trilby Barton noting that future public meetings for the Prop 218 are scheduled for August 18, 19, & 20th. The meetings can be in person or by video conference
- d. Timeline and Next Steps – August 17th is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardis, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.