



NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, January 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
Exeter Museum (upstairs)
125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221

AGENDA

1. Roll Call by Secretary
2. Approve the Agenda
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
5. Minutes: The Board will review and consider adopting the minutes provided by the Secretary from the December 1, 2023, Special Board meeting.
6. Administration
 - a. **Payments:** Consider Ratifying Payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA (Hagman/Bennett)
 - b. **Financial Reports:** Consider accepting the Quarterly Reports (Hagman)
 - c. **California Water Blue Print - consider financial participation in Blue Print Education**
 - d. **Grant Updates:** RCIS Planning, Implementation Grants (2), MLRP (Hagman/Hunter)
 - e. **2021 Unpaid Assessments** – consider action to lien property or apply to taxes (Hagman)
 - f. **Flying Dragon Property Acceptance** – Legal Counsel to provide
7. **Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation:**
 - a. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Status/Update (GSP Team)
 - b. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Report and Recommendations of GSP Effort (Intera/Hagman)
 - c. **Subbasin Report:** Annual Report, DMS, Modeling, Water Marketing (Peltzer, Hornung, Hagman)
8. **Closed Session**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION: [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)] - Number of Potential Cases: Two

CONFERENCE WITH LEAD NEGOTIATOR Michael Hagman – APN: 052-040-007 easement, right of way or purchase of property. [Government Code Section 54957.6]
9. **Schedule Next meeting** – Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 22, 2024
10. **Adjournment**

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 1, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Friday, December 1, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:03p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Milanesio, S., seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Joseph Gallegos provided a presentation and his business card for his company that provides a method to reduce water use in irrigating tree crops.
- Supervisor Micari noted that the natural channels still can be cleaned but must go back to the permit process. However, the Governor assured everyone that this will be expedited.
- Gene Kilgore (Water Manager) recommending the use of COVID and 2023 Flooding in presentation of our updated efforts on the GSP.

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the October 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Hearing: Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget:** Executive Director provided the recently amended Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget and reviewed the

budget with the board. There was no public comment and after some brief discussion, a motion to adopt the proposed FY 2024 annual budget was made by Director George, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

- b. **2024 Meeting Schedule:** Executive Director directed the board to the 2024 EKGSA Regular Meeting Schedule that was provided in the packet and a motion was made to accept the meeting schedule as presented by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

- c. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director provided updates on the RCIS and the MLRP grants. Some updates were also provided by Mark Larsen of GKGSA on the MLRP. The Program Manager gave updates on the Implementation grants and Mr. Kilgore gave an update on Yokohl Creek portion of the 2022 Implementation Grant.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera presented a review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program.
- b. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera provided updates on the GSP rewrite efforts.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Executive Director gave a quick report on the subbasin activities.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 4:13 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 4:31 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is January 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

East Kaweah GSA

Check Register

For the Period From Oct 24, 2023 to Jan 22, 2024

Filter Criteria includes: Report order is by Date.

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
1614	11/3/23	Provost & Pritchard, Inc.	26,416.03
1615	11/3/23	Ryan and Debbie Hundsdorfer	117.18
1616	11/3/23	INTERA, Inc.	89,227.27
1617	11/3/23	Land IQ	7,431.22
1618	11/3/23	Lindmore Irrigation District	308.70
1619	11/3/23	Professional Print & Mail, Inc.	2,259.41
1620	11/20/23	Provost & Pritchard, Inc.	348.53
1620V	12/21/23	Provost & Pritchard, Inc. Not re-issued	-348.53
1621	11/20/23	Evelyn Barnett (TR)	410.00
1622	11/20/23	Bechara Construction Corp	40.00
1623	11/20/23	Edward Brower (CO TR)	138,685.00
1623V	12/19/23	Edward Brower (CO TR) Re-Issued CK# 1649	-138,685.00
1624	11/20/23	Julian and/or Bertha Carranza	885.00
1625	11/20/23	Rex V. Faubel	5,265.00
1625V	12/11/23	Rex V. Faubel Not re-issued	-5,265.00
1626	11/20/23	Greater Kaweah Groundwater	2,138.70
1627	11/20/23	Barton Hill and/or Nancy Napier	935.00
1628	11/20/23	Clarence Hill	252,470.00
1628V	12/1/23	Clarence Hill Re-Issued CK# 1638	-252,470.00
1629	11/20/23	INTERA, Inc.	73,937.50
1630	11/20/23	Klein, DeNatale, Goldner	6,187.50
1631	11/20/23	Lindmore Irrigation District	132,250.00
1632	11/20/23	Jill Ann Maurer (TR)	3,075.00
1633	11/20/23	George A. Mollis	250.00
1634	11/20/23	Royal Farms, Inc.	18,985.00
1635	11/20/23	Randy Lawrence Bueno	3,195.00
1636	11/20/23	Sally Servin (TR)	1,520.00
1637	11/20/23	Wileman Bros & Elliot, Inc.	200.00

I, David Roberts (Chair) being appointed by the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA), have reviewed the payments annotated on this register and by a vote of the Board, do agree that such payments are for claims against the EKGSA for services or products provided to meet the needs of the EKGSA

Signed _____

Dated: January 22, 2024

I, Craig Homung (Vice-Chair) being appointed by the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA), have reviewed the payments annotated on this register and by a vote of the Board, do agree that such payments are for claims against the EKGSA for services or products provided to meet the needs of the EKGSA

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Dated: January 22, 2024

East Kaweah GSA Check Register

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Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
1638	12/1/23	Clarence Hill	252,470.00
1639	12/7/23	Provost & Pritchard, Inc.	24,085.81
1640	12/7/23	Exeter Courthouse Art Gallery & Museum	300.00
1641	12/7/23	Land IQ	7,431.22
1642	12/7/23	UNITED TRACKING SYSTEMS	41,400.00
1643	12/12/23	Chicago Title	25,000.00
1644	12/12/23	Cuttone & Mastro	450.00
1645	12/12/23	Klein, DeNatale, Goldner	2,662.50
1646	1/3/24	INTERA, Inc.	32,699.83
1647	1/3/24	Klein, DeNatale, Goldner	1,875.00
1648	1/3/24	Land IQ	7,431.22
1649	1/3/24	Lyles Diversified	138,685.00
1650	1/3/24	Ken Mancebo	645.68
1651	1/3/24	UNITED TRACKING SYSTEMS	32,766.67
1652	1/12/24	Provost & Pritchard, Inc.	8,528.13
Total			946,199.57

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Dated: January 22, 2024

East Kaweah GSA

MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kathryn Bennett
DATE: November 2, 2023
SUBJECT: Affidavit of Reconciliation

I inspected and reconciled the cash accounts of the East Kaweah GSA. The East Kaweah GSA maintains one cash account. For the month of **October 2023**, the district had the following accounts open and with balances:

Working Accounts –

General Checking (Bank of the Sierra)

During my reconciliation, I have found the following:

Working Accounts –

- No Variances.

After my reconciliation and inspection of the books, it is my opinion that the cash registers reflect the cash activity of the East Kaweah GSA. The East Kaweah GSA staff allowed me full access to the cash registers and ledgers of the Agency. The actual reconciling documents are stored in the Agency vault and can be viewed or copied upon request.



Kathryn Bennett

East Kaweah GSA

MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kathryn Bennett
DATE: December 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Affidavit of Reconciliation

I inspected and reconciled the cash accounts of the East Kaweah GSA. The East Kaweah GSA maintains one cash account. For the month of **November 2023**, the district had the following accounts open and with balances:

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Kathryn Bennett

East Kaweah GSA

MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kathryn Bennett
DATE: January 3, 2024
SUBJECT: Affidavit of Reconciliation

I inspected and reconciled the cash accounts of the East Kaweah GSA. The East Kaweah GSA maintains one cash account. For the month of **December 2023**, the district had the following accounts open and with balances:

Working Accounts –

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After my reconciliation and inspection of the books, it is my opinion that the cash registers reflect the cash activity of the East Kaweah GSA. The East Kaweah GSA staff allowed me full access to the cash registers and ledgers of the Agency. The actual reconciling documents are stored in the Agency vault and can be viewed or copied upon request.



Kathryn Bennett

**East Kaweah GSA
Income Statement
Compared with Budget
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2023**

	October - December Actual	Year to Date Actual	Approved Budget	Year to Date % Variance
Revenues				
Call for Funds - Governance	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 284,000.00	\$ 348,080.00	82%
Call for Funds - Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Call for Funds-Implementation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Penalties on Delinquent Accts	0.00	1,373.51	0.00	0%
Assessment Revenues	(2,804.03)	982,331.22	999,753.00	98%
Assesmenmt Penalty Revenue	(3,281.34)	(3,318.37)	0.00	0%
GW Pumping Fees	(3,330,175.00)	1,273,100.00	0.00	0%
GW.T1.Penalty	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
GW.T2.Penalty	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
GW.Overdraft.Fine	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	0%
Mitigation Supply	13,838.50	13,838.50	0.00	0%
Interest Revenue	205.81	554.82	0.00	0%
Other Misc Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Reimbursement Other Govt's	0.00	116,414.73	0.00	0%
Grant: Plan Grant (P68)	0.00	858.44	0.00	0%
Grant: WCB-RCIS	0.00	44,669.62	25,000.00	179%
Total Revenues	(3,251,216.06)	2,713,822.47	2,372,833.00	114%

Expenses

GOVERNANCE & ADMIN

Admin Staff Exp	34,736.75	138,947.00	175,000.00	79%
Copying	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Postage	2,568.11	19,804.24	20,000.00	99%
Bank Fees	15.00	15.00	0.00	0%
Audit	450.00	9,900.00	9,500.00	104%
Legal Postings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Meeting Expense	300.00	1,900.00	12,500.00	15%
Liability Ins	0.00	9,218.00	8,260.00	112%

LEGAL

General Counsel	13,290.00	34,938.50	52,500.00	67%
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ENGINEERING

General Engineering Expense	1,756.50	20,411.80	6,000.00	340%
Prop 218 - FY2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%

FEES - OTHER GOVT'S

SWRCB Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
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IMPLEMENTATION STAFF

Agreement Services	97,513.25	390,053.00	354,000.00	110%
Policy Development	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0%
Basin Setting Coordination	0.00	6,210.51	200,000.00	3%

IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING

Demand Metering	22,293.66	127,414.64	98,500.00	129%
Water Quality Monitoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Subsidence Monitoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Reporting	0.00	74,622.10	25,000.00	298%

**East Kaweah GSA
Income Statement
Compared with Budget
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2023**

	October - December Actual	Year to Date Actual	Approved Budget	Year to Date % Variance
Other Implementation	2,571.50	5,159.00	2,500.00	206%
Contract Engineering Spprt	80,740.25	220,254.38	60,000.00	367%
Customer Data System	76,261.66	114,633.88	150,000.00	76%
Customer Data System-Basin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Mon. Syst and Projects	0.00	0.00	280,000.00	0%
GROUNDWATER PLAN				
Consultant GW Plan	286,262.71	591,311.31	0.00	0%
Basin Setting Consulting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Grant: WCB-RCIS	0.00	44,403.75	25,000.00	178%
Plan Update Collection	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0%
Well Mitigation Program	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0%
Total Expenses	618,759.39	1,809,197.11	1,573,760.00	115%
Net Income	(\$ 3,869,975.45)	\$ 904,625.36	\$ 799,073.00	113%

**East Kaweah GSA
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Sierra Checking - 0301241619	\$	1,794,954.50
Assessments Due		461,671.81
Water Fees Receivables		803,249.92
Assessments Delinquent		51,262.88
		51,262.88

Total Current Assets **3,111,139.11**

Property and Equipment

Property/Land/Easments		25,000.00
		25,000.00

Total Property and Equipment **25,000.00**

Total Assets **\$ 3,136,139.11**

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	215,200.31
Unearned Revenues		1,010,292.34
		1,010,292.34

Total Current Liabilities **1,225,492.65**

Long-Term Liabilities

FY2020 Member Loan		854,960.00
		854,960.00

Total Long-Term Liabilities **854,960.00**

Total Liabilities **2,080,452.65**

Capital

FB Assigned to Governance		(63,454.45)
FB-Assigned to Implementation		214,515.55
Net Income Governance		48,865.46
Net Income Implementation		855,759.90
		855,759.90

Total Capital **1,055,686.46**

Total Liabilities & Capital **\$ 3,136,139.11**

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITY

Annual Recurring Implementation Expenses

Executive/Admin Agreement	\$ 354,000	\$ 390,053
Annual Report	25,000	74,622
Basin Setting Coordination	200,000	6,211
Demand Metering	98,500	127,415
Contract Engineering Support	60,000	220,254
Plan Policy Development	20,000	-
Customer Data System/Outreach	150,000	114,634
Miscellaneous (Customer Data System)	2,500	5,159
Total GSA Annual Recurring Cost	\$ 910,000	\$ 938,348

One Time Implementation Expenses

Proposition 218	\$ -	\$ -
Grant - Planning Work Prop 68	-	-
Grant - WCB-RCIS	25,000	44,404
Monitoring System Projects/Assets	280,000	-
GSP Rewrite	-	-
Well Mitigation	25,000	-
Total GSA Plan Implementation Cost	330,000	44,404

Plan Update Collection	50,000	-
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Total Implementation Costs	\$ 1,290,000	\$ 982,751
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REVENUE

Assessment - Land Owners	\$ 986,752	\$ 969,330
Assessment - City of Lindsay	13,001	13,001
Interest Revenue - Assessment	-	555
Assessment Penalty	-	(1,945)
Ground Water Pumping Fees	-	1,273,100
Mitigation Supply	-	13,839
Fines	1,000,000	-
Grant - Planning Work (P68)	-	858
Grant - RCIS (WCB P68)	25,000	44,670
Other - Govt's (Subbasin Report)	-	116,415
Total Revenue	\$ 2,024,753	\$ 2,429,822

Implementation Fund - Net Gain/(Loss)	734,753	1,447,071
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Total GSA	\$ 799,073	\$ 904,625
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