

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
REGULAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 16, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for their regular meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023.

**OPEN Meeting:** Quorum convened at 4:04 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Gregory Liebau, Allan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Tien Tran (4:32 pm), Jasmine Rivera  
(Quorum = 5 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Matthew Watkins

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Kathy Bennett, Chris Hunter, Kaitlyn Palys and various members of the public.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Hagman conducted roll call and made introductions.
2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** The Staff and Committee had no changes or additions to the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Lombardi and seconded by Mulholland.

**AYES:** Graham Burt, DeeDee Gruber, Gregory Liebau, Allan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Jasmine Rivera

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Vito DeLeonardis, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for September 18, 2023, was made by Lombardi and seconded by Burt.

**AYES:** Graham Burt, DeeDee Gruber, Gregory Liebau, Allan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Jasmine Rivera

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Vito DeLeonardis, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT**

- a. Technical Advisory Committee – Hagman reported that the TAC met October 13<sup>th</sup> and discussed the Land IQ unusual ET values for olives this past year. It was determined the ET values were too high and the TAC is recommending decreasing the ET values for all

olives by 33%. Other topics to be discussed during closed session at the upcoming EKGSA Board meeting.

- b. Board of Directors – Hagman informed the committee on what the board has been accomplishing since the last meeting. The Draft FY 2024 budget was reviewed at the September meeting and will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting. The budget hearing for the Proposed FY24 budget is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT**

- a. Grant Updates – Hunter provided status updates on the grants.
- b. Subbasin Efforts – Kait Palys reported on the errors and changes that have been recommended on the modeling.

## **7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

- a. GSP determination
  - i. Deficiencies – Kait Palys walked the committee through the coordinated efforts on the GSP for subsidence and water level SMC. She identified that for the Water Level issues, the Technical team has developed an well risk and impact assessment based on multiples of level reductions. This developed a cost for impacted wells and assists in identifying “acceptable” levels for mitigation. Typically driven by the cost of the mitigation of a or some dry wells at levels in the basin. All three GSAs are going to use this tool.
  - ii. Mitigation – Palys reviewed the mitigation program updates with implementation at the beginning of 2024.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is November 20, 2023, at 4:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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**Michael D. Hagman**  
**Secretary, East Kaweah GSA**