

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 17, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a special meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:11 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Adriana Renteria, Carlos Bravo, Graham Burt, Matthew Watkins, Joe Russell, Alan Lombardi, Dan Dreyer, Cruz Rivera (entered during Agenda item 5.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carole Combs, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis (present by phone, non-voting).

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Ferrara, Chair; Michael Hagman, Executive Director (Attended by phone); Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis, Rivera

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

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to table consideration of approval of the minutes from the December committee meeting was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Russell, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis, Rivera

5. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION:

Trilby Barton of Provost & Pritchard presented the draft East Kaweah GSA Communications and Engagement Plan. Comments were received from the committee and the public.

The committee requested that the plan remain a “living” document subject to appropriate changes that may arise as GSP development progresses.

Mr. Rivera joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Motion to accept the draft communication and engagement plan, and to recommend that the EKGSA Board adopt the draft communication and engagement plans as a living document was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Ms. Renteria, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Dreyer, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis

6. LEGAL BRIEF GROUNDWATER RIGHTS

Legal Counsel provided a report on the nature of groundwater rights in California and how such rights may impact the adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Comments were taken from the committee and from the public.

7. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rivera seconded by Mr. Burt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Dreyer, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:06 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Adriana Renteria, Carlos Bravo, Graham Burt, Matthew Watkins, Joe Russell, Alan Lombardi, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardi, Soapy Mullholand (entered during Agenda Item 6)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Dreyer, Cruz Rivera

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director (Chaired the meeting in the absence of Director Ferrara); Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Combs, DeLeonardis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Dreyer, Rivera, Mullholand

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

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the December 2017 and January 2018 Advisory Committee meetings was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Combs, DeLeonardis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Dreyer, Rivera, Mullholand

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported that a meeting of the technical committee had not been held since the last advisory committee meeting because of scheduling conflicts.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Director reported that there had been no activity by the Board of Directors since the January meeting, but that a special meeting of the Board of Directors was being considered.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

The Executive Director reported that a proposal was made to the subbasin management team for SkyTEM, a geophysical survey company, to perform an aerial survey of the subbasin. Funding from the state may be available to reduce the direct cost to the GSA.

Members advised that the GSA should have a thorough understanding of the likelihood of state funding before committing EKGSA funds, and should know to what extent the acquired data could or would be useful for the GSA's purposes.

The Executive Director also reported that the three subbasin GSAs have had initial discussions regarding the allocation of basin sustainable yield.

7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN, UPDATES AND AMENDMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Trilby Barton of Provost & Pritchard presented a draft stakeholder survey, draft informational flyer, and two memos regarding comments received from the Board of Directors and Self-Help Center regarding the EKGSA's Communications and Engagement Plan.

During discussion of this item, the Committee also had discussions about the impact and technical requirements of SGMA. The Executive Director and Legal Counsel responded to questions from the Committee.

A. STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

Committee members suggested considering the following changes:

- Question 8: Revise to ask whether stakeholder uses irrigation water for frost protection, in part to avoid citrus farmers feeling singled out;

- Question 1: Spell out “SGMA”;
- Question 5: Allow more space for stakeholders who may have more than one well; ask for further information on date/circumstances on dry wells;
- Question 6: Consider that satisfaction with adequacy of water supply changes year-to-year, and may have a different meaning for agricultural and domestic users.

The Committee discussed, in general, concerns that stakeholders may have with privacy. The Committee discussed adding notes to the survey indicating that the survey was voluntary, may be subject to a Public Records Act Request, and alternative means for stakeholders to identify their interest in SGMA.

B. FACT SHEET

The Committee discussed several potential suggested changes to language, and how changes would be received by the local community, including:

- Emphasizing EKGSA’s contact information and meeting times/places;
- Supplying common water savings tips for domestic users;
- Revising text to clarify that certain concerns of the impact of SGMA affect all water users, not just “rural communities/DACs”;
- Emphasizing the need for further imported water to support local agriculture and communities.

C. COMMENTS PROVIDED

Comments previously provided by Self-Help Enterprises and the Board of Directors were summarized by Ms. Barton.

A representative from Self-Help Enterprises provided further clarification of comments provided. In particular, the relationship between rural communities, County of Tulare, and organizations like Self-Help Enterprises in seeking funding and support for infrastructure projects was clarified.

8. GROUNDWATER RIGHTS, QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

This item was tabled for consideration at a future meeting.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

No report, no action taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Watkins seconded by Mr. Russell and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Burt, Watkins, Russell, Lombardi, Combs, Mulholland,
DeLeonardis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Dreyer, Rivera

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON March 19, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for the regular meeting on March 19, 2018, 4:00 PM at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Was called to order at 4:03 PM by Joe Ferrara.

- 1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** A quorum was established, and public attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Ferrara, Adriana Renteria, Carlos Bravo, Matthew Watkins, Joe Russell, Alan Lombardi, Dan Dreyer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carole Combs, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis

OTHERS PRESENT: Trilby Barton (P&P), Matt Klinchuch (P&P), Trent Sherman (DWR), and various members of the public. Michael Hagman was present by phone for agenda items 1-6.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Russell, Bravo, Watkins, Dreyer, Rivera, Lombardi

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland, DeLeonardis, Burt

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Renteria, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Watkins, Dreyer, Russell, Lombardi, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Combs, Mulholland, Rivera, DeLeonardis, Burt

- 5. EKGSA Activity Report: Michael Hagman**

a. Technical Committee

The Executive Director reported the EKGSA TAC work continues in collecting and developing pertinent water budget data to help the GSA consultants understand the demand conditions of the basin. Most of this data is coming from member agencies who

are federal water contractors. Me. Hagman explained that 38% of the GSA is white space which has a limited amount of data. Well logs from this area will be used to assist the consultants with mathematical extrapolation between known data points of the member agencies, Kaweah Delta WCD on the south, and Kings River sub-basin on the north. Preliminary discussion was had concerning this water accounting including “natural supply”, and other variables that will need to be considered.

The EKGSA TAC will provide a recommendation to the Board to participate in Sky-TEM study to understand the supply side of water and hydrogeology of the sub-basin down to as much as 2,000 feet below the surface. This information will be compared and correlated with existing well log. This effort will provide a second level of understanding the sub-basin cross section. It will likely not be available in a substantially useful form for the first version of the sub-basin and corresponding GSP’s. However, this information will be available for the five-year update of the GSP. Substantial funding for this effort will be paid for by DWR and Stanford, with shared cost for the sub-basin of about \$180,000.

EKGSA TAC had a very preliminary discussion about questions and goals to be considered in developing a market-based system. A list of questions and considerations were distributed. Potential projects/programs/actions to better manage wet year supplies, were discussed to avoid undesirable results.

b. Board of Directors will have a Special Meeting March 26th to discuss above items as well as other administrative items.

Vito DeLeonardis arrived during item 5&6 discussion.

6. Kaweah Sub-Basin Activity Report: Michael Hagman

a. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team and Sub-Basin TAC

The Executive Director reported on the Kaweah Sub-basin Management Team and TAC activity. The Sky-TEM proposal was discussed and agreed upon to take to each GSA for consideration to participate in the study to help understand our hydrogeology, as another tool with an expanded area and view of the underground.

GEI is working on the Basin Setting and Hydro Conceptual Model for the sub-basin. GEI has requested to add David’s Engineering ET Expansion and Update Study to their (GEI) scope of work to better understand the ag demand side of water using satellite imagery and ground tools to develop an understanding of the demand on a sub-basin wide level. additional scope of work is to be taken to the GSA’s to accept as a usable tool for understanding/estimating demand. Cost is approximately 40,000 for the sub-basin, to expand study to include areas not within the KDWCD WRI and provide data for sub-basin or GSA level as an alternative to metering every well.

Mr. Dreyer asked if ET takes into account individual crop coefficients for citrus as it can have a significant impact if using old numbers. Mr. Lombardi asked why safe yield couldn’t be determined by taking the annual inflow from the River over the whole sub basin area. Much discussion ensued that we aren’t ready to determine how allocations will be set. To fix our position on a sub-basin wide number and not have relevant science to determine accessibility is premature. After substantial discussion about groundwater rights and the allocation of water, Mr. Hagman explained that the Board wants to make a science based determination and that at the current position, with the lack of substantial data, the Board is unwilling to formulate a public policy position.

Mr. Hagman stated preliminary discussions of a sub-basin water accounting framework and the hydrologic baseline period was discussed with the consideration of existing data gaps and additional time with longer period occurred at the sub-basin meetings.

Mr. Lombardi again asked that we consider setting allocations based on a straight per acre amount throughout entire basin. Substantial discussion ensued. Mr. Hagman explained that the allocation decision will need science and we do not have the necessary science. Once we have the science, the allocation policy will be developed by the sub-basin coordination effort. This policy therefore is not GSA specific and we will need 100% buy in from the other GSA's in the sub-basin. They will need to agree on an allocation process that will occur based on our best understanding of the geohydrology of the sub-basin, our best understanding of legal precedent surrounding water rights and socio-political considerations.

Karen Yohannes commented the need to consider white areas that will be impacted the most economically due to the high level of pumping and the importance of projects to minimize this impact.

Mr. Russell stated he wanted a plan in place before the studies to know what we are going to get asking why should I be able to pump more water next to a river than others away from it? Much discussion with the goal of a measured approach ending.

Matt Klinchuch gave a high-level presentation of HCM and DWR BMP.

Ms. Renteria asked how ET would be used for small communities. Hagman explained that demand in communities will likely not use ET per se. Typically, domestic demand is calculated by estimated use. Places like City of Lindsay know their demand because they treat their water, or it is all metered. Places like Plainview, Tonyville, Tooleville and other smaller communities will be assigned a demand based on typical human consumption, at least to start. We will refine that as we go along in the process.

Additional questions and discussion about natural basin supply, small watershed baseflows of groundwater from higher elevations and allocations occurred.

Alan Lombardi and Mr. Hagman left meeting after discussion.

7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN: TRILBY BARTON (P&P)

a. Amendment Considerations and C&E Plan Update Process

Trilby Barton gave a quick review of the changes to the C&E Plan the committee discussed last month. Mr. Ferrara noted the C&E Plan is a living document and suggested the Board of Directors find a way to make provisions without holding up the progress of outreach and suggested a sub-committee of the Board to serve in this capacity. A motion was made by Mr. Watkins to accept the revisions and amendments to provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors to accept the revisions and amendments in the C&E Plan, seconded by Mr. Rivera and carried the following vote:

AYES:	Dreyer, Renteria, Rivera, Bravo, Watkins, Russell, DeLeonardis
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Combs, Mulholland, Lombardi, Burt

b. Fact sheet Final Review/Discussion

Ms. Renteria suggested to simplify and remove duplication by removing the second box and was concerned about the water users wording. Consensus from the Committee was to remove the second box and reword to Top Issues Concerning Groundwater.

c. What's Next- Fact Sheet and Stakeholder Survey Distribution

Ms. Barton announced the Stakeholder Survey is now live on ekgsa.org website. Some distribution ideas mentioned were mail, contacting community organizations, public agencies, asking for help with distribution to members, Self Help door to door outreach and school districts. Spanish translation of the documents will also be done.

8. GROUNDWATER RIGHTS, QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION: RAVI PATEL (COUNSEL)

This item was tabled in the absence of Mr. Patel.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Renteria asked about future meeting locations. Karen Yohannes updated the Committee on two considerations Woodlake Veterans Memorial Building and the Exeter Courthouse Museum.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 PM.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 16, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:13 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Adriana Renteria, Carlos Bravo, Matthew Watkins, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardi, Dan Dreyer. Soapy Mullholand entered the meeting during Agenda item 3.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Lombardi; Graham Burt; Joe Russell; Cruz Rivera

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; Tim Gobler, Director; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Dreyer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lombardi, Burt, Russell, Rivera, Mullholand

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karen Yohannes requested that the committee consider a possible letter regarding CV Salts to represent local growers’ interests. Ms. Yohannes reported that draft letters had been developed for this purpose.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the March 2018 Advisory Committee meetings was made by Mr. DeLeonardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Dreyer,
Mullholand

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lombardi, Burt, Russell, Rivera

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported that data is beginning to flow in with regularity. The GSA is waiting for some further data and will eventually have to do some interpolation.

The TAC discussed SkyTem next steps.

Mr. Gobler reported that the TAC touched on water accounting issues.

Ms. Yohannes asked whether, in considering water accounting issues, the TAC had considered seepage from small watershed baseflow. The Executive Director reported that such “natural seepage” was one of the categories of water accounting. The Committee generally discussed technical, political, and legal challenges in water accounting.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors would be considering issues raised by the TAC at the next Board Meeting.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

a. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team

The Executive Director reported that the Management Team had not met since the previous committee meeting.

b. Kaweah Sub-Basin Technical Advisory Committee

The Executive Director gave an update on SkyTem. MidKaweah has come up with a proposal that meets the funding goals set by the EKGSA board, based on flight line miles. EKGSA will probably pay about 33%-40% of the total cost.

The Executive Director reported that efforts were being made to coordinate information distribution, so that interested parties would not receive multiple, identical notices, from the various GSAs.

7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN, UPDATES AND AMENDMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Trilby Barton of Provost & Pritchard gave an update on the GSA's communication and engagement plan.

8. GROUNDWATER RIGHTS, QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

The Executive Director opened the discussion to any legal questions of the committee.

Mr. Watkins asked about the outlook for sales of groundwater right.

Mr. Ferrara asked a question regarding the rules for pumping and transferring water out of a subbasin.

Ms. Renteria asked a question regarding allocations of groundwater to urban and municipal entities.

Ms. Yohannes asked a question regarding legal issues related to private recharge facilities.

9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

The Executive Director reported that the committee meetings would move to the Exeter Museum in June.

Ms. Mullholand will be preparing a presentation on the Riverlands trust for a future meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Dreyer, Mullholand

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lombardi, Burt, Russell, Rivera

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON MAY 21, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, May 21, 2018, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:08 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mullholand (Left during Agenda Item 7), Alan Lombardi, Joe Russell, Cruz Rivera (Left during Agenda Item 6), Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardi (Entered during Agenda Item 5)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adriana Renteria, Dan Dreyer, Graham Burt, Carlos Bravo

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Rivera, Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Renteria, DeLeonardi, Dreyer, Burt, Bravo

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Ms. Yohannes asked to correct 5A, a reference to her comment: Replacing “natural waterways” from “small watershed baseflow.”

Chairman Ferrara: Correction to indicate that he was in attendance to chair meeting.

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the April 2018 Advisory Committee meeting, with the above corrections, was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Russell, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Rivera, Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, June 18, 2018, at the Exeter Courthouse Art Gallery & Museum located at 125 S B St, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:01 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardi, Adriana Renteria, Dan Dreyer, Carlos Bravo (Left during agenda item 7), Soapy Mullholand (Entered during agenda item 3).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Russell, Alan Lombardi, Cruz Rivera, Graham Burt

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; Craig Wallace, Director; Dave Roberts, Director; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Renteria, Dreyer, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mullholand, Russell, Lombardi, Rivera, Burt

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the May 2018 Advisory Committee meeting was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Bravo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Renteria, Dreyer, Bravo,
Mullholand

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Russell, Lombardi, Rivera, Burt

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors had not met since the last Advisory Committee meeting.

The Executive Director reported that the TAC heard a presentation from legal counsel on seepage losses, similar to the presentation given at the May 2018 Advisory Committee meeting. Legal counsel distributed a draft memo on seepage losses and requested input from committee members on potential implications of a seepage loss policy.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

The Executive Director reported that the GSA had drilled a dry well for initial data collections purposes. The Executive Director reported that staff was disappointed by the calculated percolation rate.

Mr. Watkins asked whether the issue of “hard rock” wells had been discussed at any meetings. The Executive Director reported that the issue was raised by Alex Peltzer at the last TAC meeting and that it will come up at future meetings.

The Committee had an extended discussion regarding how the GSP would set “baselines” in particular for groundwater levels and groundwater quality.

7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN:

Trilby Barton gave a presentation on the GSA’s communication and engagement plan.

Ms. Barton presented survey results. In response to a question from Ms. Renteria, Ms. Barton described how current survey responses were received and how successful the website was in prompting responses.

Ms. Barton reported that the GSA is developing an information poster to increase local knowledge about SGMA.

Ms. Barton went over a draft presentation for a “Groundwater Public Workshop” meant to be given at future public workshops. Comments and questions were received from the Committee and the public.

Ms. Combs commented that the Nature Conservancy was developing reports regarding the interconnectedness of groundwater, surface water, and groundwater dependent ecosystems.

LSID General Manager, Craig Wallace, suggested that public presentation materials describe the connection between local groundwater use and CVP deliveries. Ms. Mullholand cautioned against adding that discussion to the public presentation.

[Mr. Bravo exited the meeting at 5:28 pm]

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

No action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:35 by Mr. DeLeonardi, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Renteria, Dreyer, Mullholand

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Russell, Lombardi, Rivera, Burt, Bravo

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON AUGUST 20, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, August 20, 2018, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:16 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardi, Adriana Renteria, Dan Dreyer, Carlos Bravo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Soapy Mullholand, Joe Russell, Cruz Rivera, Carole Combs, Graham Burt

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; various members of the public. Katie Panek attended the meeting at the request and in the place of Ms. Mullholand.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Lombardi, DeLeonardi, Renteria, Dreyer, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mullholand, Russell, Rivera, Combs, Burt

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Yohannes provided public comment. She asked the Committee to make a request to the Board of Directors that the Committee be asked to give input/advice on seepage allocation.

4. MINUTES:

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the June 18, 2018 Advisory Committee meeting was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Lombardi, DeLeonardi, Renteria, Dreyer, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mullholand, Russell, Rivera, Combs, Burt

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported that the TAC is investigating a request to create a policy regarding hard rock wells. The Executive Director stated that the GSA has decided to ask the requester to take the issue up with the state. The Executive Director also reported on the GSA's own groundwater data development.

Mr. Klinchuch provided a presentation regarding the GSA's data development. Mr. Klinchuch cautioned that all numbers presented were in preliminary, draft form.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Director reported regarding the recent Board of Directors meetings.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

The Executive Director provided a report.

7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN:

Trilby Barton provided a report regarding the GSA's communication and engagement plan.

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing for consideration, no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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

AYES: Watkins, Lombardi, DeLeonardi, Renteria, Dreyer, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mullholand, Russell, Rivera, Combs, Burt

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018, at the Exeter Courthouse Museum, located at 125 South B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:07 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carole Combs (left during Agenda item 7), Adriana Renteria, Dan Dreyer, Carlos Bravo.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Soapy Mullholand, Joe Russell, Cruz Rivera, Vito DeLeonardi, Graham Burt

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Ms. Renteria, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Lombardi, Combs, Renteria, Dreyer, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mullholand, Russell, Rivera, DeLeonardi, Burt

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Renteria invited everyone to events on October 10 regarding groundwater planning and October 12 regarding a half-day workshop covering SGMA and specifically undesirable results.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the August 20, 2018 Advisory Committee meeting, with the above corrections, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Lombardi, Combs, Renteria, Dreyer, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mullholand, Russell, Rivera, DeLeonardi, Burt

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported that the Board and Technical Committee has requested that staff begin considering the policies that will be need to be created for the GSA. Staff have begun to develop a list of policies that will be needed.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Considered with item 5A.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

a. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team - The Executive Director reported that the GSA should begin receiving initial data responses soon. More information will be available at the Management Team meeting on the 19th.

7. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN:

Trilby Barton presented some further responses to the GSA's surveys. Ms. Barton reported that top concerns have related to over regulation and water availability.

The Executive Director led a discussion regarding policy development and presented various samples of data and how the GSA could go about developing undesirable result policies.

The Executive Director asked for any suggestions regarding policies that the GSA should consider. Ms. Combs suggested a policy regarding ecosystem sustainability. Mr. Lombardi asked the Board to consider equal distribution of the native yield. Ms. Renteria suggested considering policies for safe drinking water access, respecting historic use of municipalities, and regulation of water transfers. Mr. Watkins suggested considering length of allocation, "transitional pumping" and "carry-over losses."

Karen Yohannes asked the committee to consider rights of undeveloped land, "penalty vs reward" systems, and defining reasonable and beneficial use of water including consideration of crop use.

Ms. Renteria made the following suggestions:

- Having management areas for drinking water areas;
- Drought contingency plans;
- Recharge near drinking water communities;
- Pursuit of public funding;
- Data management and transparency policies.

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing to consider, no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 15, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018, at the Exeter Courthouse Museum, located at 125 South B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:07 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mullholand, Alan Lombardi, Joe Russell, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardis, Dan Dreyer, Carlos Bravo; Adriana Renteria, Cruz Rivera (entered during Agenda Item 5.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Mullholand, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs, DeLeonardis,
Dreyer, Bravo, Renteria

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burt, Rivera

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Ms. Combs requested clarification regarding the adjournment of the meeting.

Mr. Lombardi requested a change to his comment in item 7 to state “to consider equal distribution of the native yield.”

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the September 17, 2018 Advisory Committee meeting, with the above corrections, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs, DeLeonardis, Dreyer, Bravo, Renteria

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burt, Rivera

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported that the Technical Committee met. Very preliminary water budgets have been broken out, based on a “footprint” basis that primarily takes into account where water is actually sinking into the ground.

The Executive Director asked the Committee to keep four terms in mind:

HCM, Hydrogeological Conceptual Model: A narrative description of the geology under the ground.

Water Budget: The accounting of inflows and outflows.

Minimum Thresholds: The data point that cannot be exceeded as a measurable objective.

Numerical Model: The working, living model of our system that can take account for how different actions could affect the entire subbasin.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors had not met since the last Committee meeting.

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

Addressed along with Agenda Item 5A.

7. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN EFFORTS:**

The Committee discussed recent outreach efforts. Trilby Barton of Provost and Pritchard provided a summary of recent public meetings.

Timeline:

The Executive Director reported that the GSA wants to have a draft GSP by June 2019. In July 2019, the draft will then go out to the public for comment.

The Chair and Executive Director requested input on the following topics:

The status of natural channel losses as native yield;

The status of losses of water that originates from a foreign supply;
The status of losses of water from conveyance of appropriated supply;
The status of “mountain course in-flow”;
The status of irrigation return flow;
The status of precipitation seepage;
The status of storm drain diversions;

- On this point, the Committee recommended a policy whereby the Cities would only be credited with the “excess” groundwater supply created by their efforts.

The status of “treated” water;

- On this point, the Committee asked that the issue be taken to the Board for further consideration. The AC reiterated that negotiations should maximize inflows allocable to all Basin users. Hagman noted this was also the conclusion at the TAC.

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Karen Yohannes requested that consideration of a “credit program” be added to the List of Potential EKGSA Policies. Ms. Yohannes also requested consideration of “on-farm recharge.”

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Watkins seconded by Mr. Renteria and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs, DeLeonardis, Dreyer,
Bravo, Renteria, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burt

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018, at the Exeter Courthouse Museum, located at 125 South B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:05 p.m.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mullholand, Alan Lombardi, Joe Russell, Cruz Rivera, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardi, Adriana Renteria, Dan Dreyer, Graham Burt, Carlos Bravo.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Joe Ferrara, Chair; various members of the public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Combs, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Rivera, Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs, Renteria, DeLeonardi, Dreyer, Burt, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

- 4. MINUTES:**

Motion to approve and ratify minutes from the October 15, 2018 Advisory Committee meeting, with the above corrections, was made by Ms. Combs, seconded by Ms. Renteria, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Rivera, Watkins, Mullholand, Lombardi, Russell, Combs, Renteria, DeLeonardi, Dreyer, Burt, Bravo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

A. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported that the Technical Committee met.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Director reported regarding the recent Board of Directors meeting.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team - The Executive Director provided a report.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN EFFORTS:

- a. Water Accounting Framework: The Executive Director presented maps of EKGSA and a Preliminary Water Budget showing overdraft over time.
- b. Policy Development – No report.
- c. Outreach Efforts – The Committee discussed recent outreach efforts. Trilby Barton of Provost & Pritchard provided a summary of recent public meetings.
- d. Timeline and Next Steps: The Executive Director reported that the plan is to get the HCM out by the end of November. The Executive Director also reported that they were on target for the draft GSP deadline

8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing to consider, no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Combs seconded by Mr. DeLeonardi and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Renteria, Bravo, Watkins, Combs, DeLeonardi, Dreyer, Mullholand, Lombardi, Burt, Russell, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.