

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
REGULAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON August 21, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for their regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023.

**OPEN Meeting:** Quorum convened at 4:05 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Matthew Watkins, Jasmine Rivera

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Kathy Bennett, Matt Klinchuch; 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.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for July 17, 2023, was made by Tran and seconded by Liebau.

AYES: Allan Lombardi, DeeDee Gruber, Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Soapy Mulholland, Tien Tran, Vito DeLeonardis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Jasmine Rivera

**5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT**

- a. Technical Advisory Committee – Hagman reported that the TAC has been working on the mitigation and deficiencies and will be getting ready to set an allocation for 2024.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman informed the committee on what the board has been accomplishing since the last meeting.

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

- a. Grant Updates – Hagman provided status updates on the grants.
- b. Subbasin Efforts – Hagman noted the development of the DMS is almost completed.

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

- a. GSP determination
  - i. Deficiencies – Hagman reported that the subbasin is with the SWRCB because the subbasin as a whole has deficiencies but is still attempting to develop SMC based on a regional relationship and coordination among the GSAs in the subbasin.
  - II. Mitigation – Palys noted it is being presented to the Board of Directors that the public comment period be extended to September 15, 2023. She also noted there will be a meeting with SWRCB next week and she reviewed the draft “Road to GSP Approval” presentation with the committee. There was considerable discussion and questions during and after the presentation.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is September 18, 2023, at 4:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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