

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2016

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 2:00 p.m.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Steve Worthley (County of Tulare – Alternate Director), Brian Watson (City of Lindsay – Director), Joe Ferrara (Exeter Irrigation District – Director), Terry Peltzer (Ivanhoe Irrigation District – Director), Edward Milanesio (Lindmore Irrigation District – Director), Cliff Loeffler (Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District – Director), and Art Ramirez (Stone Corral Irrigation District – Alternate Director).

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Allen Ishida, David Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Buldo (Sentinal Butte), James Jordan (Watchumna), Michael Brownfield (Lindmore Irrigation District – Alternate Director), Thomas Weddle (Ivanhoe Irrigation District – Alternate Director), Michael Hagman, Interim Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Interim Legal Counsel; and various members of the public

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Executive Director and Legal Counsel provided an update on EKGSA’s Joint Powers Agreement. The Executive Director provided an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

4. GOVERNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A. REPORT ON MEMBER AGENCY APPOINTMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS:

The Executive Director provided a summary of the director appointments to be made pursuant to Section 3.01(a) of the JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (“JPA”).

B. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.01(a) OF THE JPA:

Motion to appoint Paul Buldo and James Jordan as Directors of EKGSA pursuant to Section 3.01(a) of the joint powers agreement was made by Director Milanesio, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. GOVERNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OFFICER NOMINATION PROCESS: The Executive Director and Legal counsel summarized EKGSA's need and requirements for appointing officers.

B. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY CHAIR

Nomination of Director Milanesio to the position of Authority Chair was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

C. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY VICE-CHAIR

Nomination of Director Ferrara to the position of Authority Vice-Chair was made by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Loeffler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

D. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY SECRETARY

Nomination of Executive Director Mike Hagman to the position of Authority Secretary was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

E. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY TREASURER

Nomination of Executive Director Mike Hagman to the position of Authority Treasurer was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

F. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY CONTROLLER

Nomination of Executive Director Mike Hagman to the position of Authority Controller was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milaneseo, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

G. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH BANK SIGNATORIES

Motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2016-01 establishing bank signatories was made by Director Worthley, seconded by Director Loeffler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milaneseo, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. CONSIDER FORMATION OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Board of Directors discussed formation of the Technical Advisory Committee; comment was also taken from the public.

Motion to form the Technical Advisory Committee pursuant to section 4.01(b) of the joint powers agreement, that each Director shall appoint a representative for the Committee at a future meeting of EKGSA, and that the Committee shall include Director Buldo and Director Jordan was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Worthley, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milaneseo, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. AUTHORITY INITIAL FORMATION TASKS

A. ESTABLISH TIME AND PLACE FOR HOLDING REGULAR MEETINGS

Motion to hold regular meetings of EKGSA on the fourth Monday of every January, April, July, and October at 3:00 p.m. at the City of Lindsay Wellness

Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247 was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Worthley, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

B. ESTABLISH OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS FOR AUTHORITY

Motion to establish P.O. Box 908, Lindsay, CA 93247 as the official mailing address for EKGSA was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

C. CONSIDER CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE: Legal counsel provided a report on the creation and submission of EKGSA's conflict of interest code and stated that a draft code would be noticed for comment and consideration at a future meeting.

D. CONSIDER METHOD OF ALLOCATING GOVERNANCE COSTS.

Motion for all Members pursuant to the joint powers agreement to share costs and expenses for governance of the EKGSA equally was made by Director Worthley, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

E. DISCUSS OTHER INITIAL POLICY NEEDS AND TIMELINE FOR CREATING THEM: Informational report presented by the Executive Director to the board and public; no further policy needs were identified.

8. ADMINISTRATION

A. CONSIDER ASSIGNMENT OF MICHAEL HAGMAN AS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Motion to appoint Michael Hagman as Interim Executive Director of EKGSA was made by Director Worthley, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

B. CONSIDER ASSIGNMENT OF KLEIN, DENATALE, GOLDNER, AS INTERIM COUNSEL

Motion to appoint Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, *et al*, as Interim Counsel of EKGSA was made by Director Worthley, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

C. REVIEW AUTHORITY BOUNDARY MAPPING STATUS: The Executive Director gave a report on options for jurisdictional boundaries of EKGSA and received comments from the Board and public.

D. CONSIDER REIMBURSEMENT OF LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR INITIAL LEGAL COSTS BASED ON COST ALLOCATION METHOD: The Executive Director gave a report on costs incurred by the Lindmore Irrigation District in formation of EKGSA.

E. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE SUB-BASIN COORDINATION WORK GROUP

Motion to appoint Terry Peltzer as a member of the Kaweah sub-basin coordination work group on behalf of EKGSA was made by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Worthley, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Worthley, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez,
Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

9. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

A. REVIEW FORMATION PROCESS: The Executive Director and Counsel gave a report on the process to form a groundwater sustainability agency.

B. REVIEW DWR NOTICE REQUIREMENTS: The Executive Director and Counsel gave a report on the notices to be submitted to DWR.

C. CONSIDER DECEMBER 9, 2016 AS PUBLIC HEARING TO ELECT TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY: The board considered an appropriate date to schedule a hearing to consider electing to become

a groundwater sustainability agency. Director Milanesio stated that a special meeting would be called for December 14 at 9 am.

10. **OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:** The Executive Director requested that the Directors consider, at a future meeting, nomination of persons for appointment to an at-large Director position pursuant to section 3.01(a)(4) of the JPA.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Loeffler, Ramirez, Buldo, Jordan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Worthley


Michael D. Hagman, Secretary

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 14, 2016

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGS”) Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 9:05 a.m.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Brian Watson, Joe Ferrara, Terry Peltzer, Edward Milanesio, Cliff Loeffler, Allen Ishida, James Jordan, David Roberts, Paul Buldo.

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Interim Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Interim Legal Counsel; and various members of the public

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

- 3. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the November 16, 2016 Special Board meeting was made by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, Jordan, Buldo, Peltzer, Loeffler, Watson, Milanesio, Ishida

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Roberts

- 4. GSA FORMATION HEARING**

- A. PUBLIC HEARING:**

Motion to limit public comment to three minutes per person for the purpose of agenda item 4(A) was made by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, Jordan, Buldo, Peltzer, Loeffler, Watson, Milanesio, Ishida, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Public hearing to consider election by East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for certain portions of the Kaweah Sub-basin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin was opened by the Chair.

Various public comments were received from the public.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

B. ELECTION TO FORM A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-02 and to form an *ad hoc* committee to advise the Board regarding resolution of overlap issues including Director Buldo, Director Jordan, Director Milanesio, Director Ferrara, and the designated Director representing the County of Tulare, was made by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, Jordan, Buldo, Peltzer, Loeffler, Watson, Milanesio,
Ishida, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. ADMINISTRATION

A. FISCAL YEAR:

Motion to establish the Authority's fiscal years as equal to the calendar year was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Loeffler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, Jordan, Buldo, Peltzer, Loeffler, Watson, Milanesio,
Ishida, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

B. CONSIDER INITIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

The Executive Director provided his FY2017 budget and asked for approval of the expenditures and allocation of costs between members the following action was taken:

Motion to adopt a budget of \$100,000 for FY2017 Governance as presented by the Executive Director and to allocate shares of those costs to each member equally in the amount of \$14,286 was made by Director Ishida, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, Jordan, Buldo, Peltzer, Loeffler, Watson,
Milanesio, Ishida, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion to adopt a budget of \$400,000 for Groundwater Sustainability Plan costs for Fiscal Year 2017 and to allocate those to member agencies based on parcel acreage was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, Jordan, Buldo, Peltzer, Loeffler, Watson, Milanesio,
Ishida, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

C. REIMBURSEMENT TO LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Executive Director provided the documentation showing costs expended by the Lindmore Irrigation District on behalf of the GSA through the end of November. He requested the GSA compensate Lindmore ID the total amount of \$6,502.50 by an allocation equally to each member. Motion was made to send invoices of \$928.93 to each of the member agencies to reimburse Lindmore ID for services rendered and other costs through November 30, 2016 was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, Jordan, Buldo, Peltzer, Loeffler, Watson, Milanesio,
Ishida, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

D. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS TO FILL A VACANT SEAT

The Chair opened consideration of nominations to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Directors.

The nomination of Karen Fisher Yohannes to fill a Director seat pursuant to Section 3.01(a)(4) of the JPA Agreement was taken by the board.

Motion to appoint Karen Yohannes as a Director pursuant to Section 3.01(a)(4) of the JPA Agreement was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, Jordan, Buldo, Peltzer, Loeffler, Watson, Milanesio,
Ishida, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

7. ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, Jordan, Buldo, Peltzer, Loeffler, Watson, Milanesio,
Ishida

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.



MICHAEL D. HAGMAN
SECRETARY