

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 22, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:08 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari (3:35 pm), Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros, Watson

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Alex Dominguez, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer; Abhishek Singh, Consulting Engineer

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the “revised” agenda was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros, Micari, Watson

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Geoff Vanden Heuvel (Milk Producers) commented support for providing some funding to the California Blueprint effort.

5. **MINUTES:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from the December 1, 2023, Special Board Meeting were included in the packets and a motion to adopt and ratify them, was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros, Micari, Watson

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Ratify Payments:** Executive Director provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Micari, Watson

- b. **Financial Reports:** Executive Director presented financial reports and answered questions from the Board. A motion was made to accept financial reports as presented by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

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

- c. **California Water Blue Print:** Executive Director introduced the discussion regarding the role of the Blue Print and the option for EKGSA to provide some support through a donation to the Blue Print education fund. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to provide a \$2,500 donation to the Blue Print education fund by Director George, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

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

- d. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director and Program Manager provided updates on activity for the grants.

- e. **2021 Unpaid Assessments:** Executive Director noted that this agenda item is to consider action to lien property or apply to taxes for unpaid assessments from 2021 and the material is not available to present to the board. This item was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting.

- f. **Consider Adoption of Resolution 2024-01:** Executive Director opened the discussion on adopting Resolution 2024-01: which would approve the acceptance of the Flying Dragon Property. After some discussion, the board determined to discuss this activity further in the upcoming closed session. After closed session, the board took action with a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-01: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of EKGSA Approving the Acceptance of Real Property by Director Micari, seconded by Director Buldo and carried by the following vote:

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

7. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera presented a draft timeline and review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program.

- b. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera provided updates and on the GSP rewrite efforts.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Kaitlin Palys' discussion on the above 7.a and 7.b included the subbasin report update.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 5:03 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:11 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

There is a special Board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA