

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:06 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Brownfield, Buldo (3:08pm), Caudillo, Ferrara, Tienken, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Caudillo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Brownfield, Caudillo, Ferrara, Tienken, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Milanesio, S.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

5. **MINUTES:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from the January 22, 2024, Board Meeting were included in the packets and a motion to adopt and ratify them, was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Brownfield, Caudillo, Ferrara, Tienken, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Milanesio, S.

Director Buldo arrived at 3:18 PM

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Land Purchase:** Executive Director provided an update on the purchase of fifty-eight acre “Flying Dragon” project. The land purchase is complete and the process of CEQA has started for the project which will be funded through a MLRP grant.

- b. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director and Program Manager provided updates on activity for the grants.
- c. **2021 Unpaid Assessments:** Executive Director provided an update on the 2021 unpaid assessments. A motion to set a hearing date for April 22, 2024 for the consideration of lien was made by Hornung and 2nd by Micari and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Brownfield, Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, Tienken, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. **Allocation Interpretation Variance:** Executive Director provide the board a detailed review of the Resolutions and Rules and Regulations that define the current implementation of the Pumping Cap. There was a lengthy discussion with the Board and members of the EKGSA TAC.
- b. **Mitigation Water:** Executive Director provided an update on the current accounting or 2024 Mitigation Water. The Board held discussions on the appropriate process to sale unclaimed mitigation credits. Board provided direct to staff to implement an appropriate process.
- c. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Intera provided an update on the Drat Mitigation Framework and Program
- d. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Intera provided an update on the GSP Effort, the coordination amongst the Kaweah Subbasin, and the meetings with the SWRCB.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 5:11 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:40 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

There is a regular Board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA