

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

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 1, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Friday, December 1, 2023, in person.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:03p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Cerros

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer

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

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Joseph Gallegos provided a presentation and his business card for his company that provides a method to reduce water use in irrigating tree crops.
- Supervisor Micari noted that the natural channels still can be cleaned but must go back to the permit process. However, the Governor assured everyone that this will be expedited.
- Gene Kilgore (Water Manager) recommending the use of COVID and 2023 Flooding in presentation of our updated efforts on the GSP.

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the October 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

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

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Hearing: Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget:** Executive Director provided the recently amended Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget and reviewed the budget with the board. There was no public comment and after some brief discussion,

a motion to adopt the proposed FY 2024 annual budget was made by Director George, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

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

- b. **2024 Meeting Schedule:** Executive Director directed the board to the 2024 EKGSA Regular Meeting Schedule that was provided in the packet and a motion was made to accept the meeting schedule as presented by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

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

- c. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director provided updates on the RCIS and the MLRP grants. Some updates were also provided by Mark Larsen of GKGSA on the MLRP. The Program Manager gave updates on the Implementation grants and Mr. Kilgore gave an update on Yokohl Creek portion of the 2022 Implementation Grant.

## 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera presented a review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program.
- b. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera provided updates on the GSP rewrite efforts.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Executive Director gave a quick report on the subbasin activities.

## 8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 4:13 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 4:31 p.m. There was no reportable action.

## 9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is January 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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