

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

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 24, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023, in person.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:07 p.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; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Milanesio, S., seconded by Director Hornung, 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. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the June 23, 2023, Special Board Meeting was made by Director George, 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

5. **PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED FY2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Joe Mastro of Cuttone & Mastro presented the audit report. A motion to accept the Audit was made by Director Ferrara, 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

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

a. **Establish Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate Shared Resources Agreement with Lindmore ID:** Executive Director provided a review of the agreement and noted the current agreement ends after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and recommended that the appoint two Board members to the Shared Resources Ad Hoc Committee for review of the agreement with Lindmore ID. Directors George and Hornung were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee to represent EKGSA.

b. **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 George, seconded by Director Peltzer, 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. **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 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

a. **Consider extension of payment for AY2022 Water Penalties:** Program Manager described the invoices going to growers can then have some adjustments by growers on the dashboard. The Rules and Regulations give landowners 30 days to submit payment for the Penalty water. Section 7.00 of the Rules and Regulations also states that “All penalties must be paid within 30 days of the issuance of an invoice for that penalty by the Agency, or within any other period established by the Board and shown on the subject invoice.” EKGSA staff noted that since some choices were not available to landowners on the Dashboard that would assist them in managing their supply, Staff recommends the Board allow for payment within 60 days. After discussion, A motion was made to extend the due date for the AY2022 water penalties to 60 days by Director Micari, 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

b. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director provided updates on the RCIS and MBLRP grants. The Program Manager updated the board on the Planning grant and \$3.6M & \$7.6M Implementation grants.

## 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

a. **DWR GSP Determination and Placement under SWRCB:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera presented a review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program, and

discussion on the sustainable management criteria and the modeling update. There was extensive discussion on the Kaweah Subbasin approach process.

- b. **2023 Groundwater Allocation:** Program Manager noted he covered this item under the above discussion on payment extension #6d.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Executive Director gave a quick report on the subbasin activities.

**8. CLOSED SESSION:**

The board went into closed session at 4:45 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:53 p.m. There was no reportable action.

**9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting is October 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The Board decided to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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