

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON MAY 23, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Friday, June 23, 2023, in person.

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Kilgore (Alt), Micari, E. Milanesio, S. Milanesio, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager, Joe Hughes, Counsel; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Kaitlyn Palys, Engineer Consultant; various members of the committees and considerable public in attendance.

1. ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

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

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

- 5. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the May 24, 2023, Special Board Meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

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

6. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Presentation of the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) document. Executive Director Hagman gave a review of the objectives of the RCIS to give

landowners options and Director Roberts noted his concerns. After considerable discussion the board moved to a vote on the resolution.

- b. Resolution 2023-06 – Resolution of the Board of Directors Accepting the Final Document of the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy. After noting there was no more public comment or questions, a motion to adopt Resolution No.2023-06: A Resolution of the Board of Directors Accepting the Final Document of the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Micari, and carried on the following vote:

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

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. GSP Status – Kaitlyn Palys of Intera provided a walkthrough of the DRAFT well mitigation plan framework. Kaitlyn noted that EKGSA is on schedule for March 2024 probation hearing. At this point, the draft framework and program need to go out for public review. The public review was initially for 30-day review period; however a 45-day review period is now being recommended. The Board consensus was to now have a 45-day public comment period.
- b. Approval of the Mitigation Framework and Program for 30-day public review – after the previous discussion, a motion to approve sending out the draft Mitigation Framework and Program for a 45-day public review was made by Director George, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried on the following vote:

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

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 5:08 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:20 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 24, 2023.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA