

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 18, 2022**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person. Public via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:00 p.m. no quorum until 4:15 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins. (Quorum = 4 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Sanchez-Balle, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. **ABSENT:** Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify the March 21, 2022, minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting after with correction noting Joe Ferrara is non-voting, was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

6. **CHAIRMAN ACTION:** Chairman Ferrara discussed with the committee making a recommendation to the Board of Directors to move Sopac (Soapy) Mulholland from representing well users to representing conservation/environmental. He also is recommending Diane (Dee Dee) Gruber to be an Ag representative and Erick Orellana who may take position as a DAC representative.

7. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported on TAC activities noting the bulk of the April 1st meeting was working on the Management Action Table (matrix).
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted the Board of Directors met in March and reviewed the actions and discussions by the Board. In particular the board is in the comment period for the draft Rules & Regulations that has been posted on the EKGSA website.

8. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reminded the committee the RCIS document was reviewed by the WCB, comments were made, and final approval is expected by late August to mid-September.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (SkyTem; video of wells; meter analysis). SkyTem is completed and meter analysis is 90% completed. Staff and consultants submitted an extension to the Grant to complete another basin project (replacing the videoing of wells). This extension and projects submitted have been approved.
- c. Prop 68 – Basin Grant: Hagman reported on the status of the two projects in this grant. Lewis Creek Recharge (LID/EKGSA - \$329,500) and Mariposa Basin Recharge (City of Lindsay/LID - \$650,000).
- d. GSP and Basin Coordination Incomplete: Hagman again reported that the GSP was not approved by the State. The revised GSP needs to be filed by July 27th, 2022.
- e. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hagman noted the Annual Report for 2021 has been completed and submitted for review; and responses to comments on the GSP are being developed between consultants and staff.

9. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Land IQ – Hunter Discussed the Land IQ report.
- b. Status of Allocations and ET analysis – Hunter reported EKGSA is getting ET data from October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 and providing to landowners by May 15.
- c. Direction from the Board – Hagman reviewed the BOD’s request that the TAC and AC review and establish a scoring process for the Projects and Management Actions. Hagman reviewed an updated matrix with the AC and there was considerable discussion. The completed matrix will be provided to the Board of Directors by August.
- d. Outreach Efforts – Hagman restated that the ET reports will be distributed to landowners by the middle of May.

- 10.** Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, May 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Ferrara adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA