

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

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

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:05 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dee Dee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Ferrara, Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Matthew Watkins

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. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardis, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dee Dee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. **ABSENT:** Joe Ferrara, Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Matthew Watkins

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

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify the June 20, 2022, minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting with the change of date for #9 to July 25, 2022 was made by Ms. Gruber, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardis, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Joe Ferrara, Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Matthew Watkins

6. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported that the TAC met on July 6th and will meet again on July 20th. The discussions were on the GSP revisions and upcoming projects for the TAC.

b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted the Board of Directors held a Special board meeting on June 27th and there was a report from the Ad Hoc Committee that is working on the Rules and Regulations. There was no action taken on the Rules and Regs at the Board meeting.

7. **KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported that the RCIS should be finalized by Department of Fish and Wildlife by the middle of August and answered questions from the Committee on the RCIS grant.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman reported that Tasks 1 and 3 are completed and that a grant extension and modification were awarded to allow the basin to exchange the “well videoing” with several other needed analysis tools (new wells, ground level measurement equipment, water quality sampling equipment, etc.). All the requested projects were approved, and the grant was extended to February 2023. Hunter is working with GSAs to implement new projects.
- 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 reported on the GSP rewrite effort and Klinchuch presented a GSP revision PowerPoint to the Committee providing an overview of these revisions. Discussion was had on the merits of the “well mitigation” work plan in the GSP. Nataly Escobedo (Leadership Council) recommended the well mitigation work plan become a standing item on the agenda. Tien Tran (Community Water Center) recommended the mitigation plan provide enforceable performance standards and to establish success of those efforts based on some metric (ie. how many wells is the GSP mitigation program committing to).
- e. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hunter reported on the sub-basin activities and noted the water dashboard is up and functioning. There are two upcoming events in August for training on using the water dashboard.

8. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Land IQ YTD – Hunter reported the allocation reports for October through May are being mailed out at this time.
- b. Status of Allocations and ET analysis – Hunter provided an update and an example of the allocation report that is being mailed to landowners in the EKGSA. There was discussion on the penalties that will be charged to landowners at the end of the water year. A motion to ask the Board of Directors to not charge the penalty to landowners this year for going over the annual allocation was made by Ms. Gruber, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardis, and failed due to no majority on the following vote:

AYES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber,

NOES: Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Joe Ferrara, Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Matthew Watkins

- c. Direction from the Board – It was noted that Committee Chair Ferrara had asked for comments to be submitted to Hagman and he reported that he had received some.
- d. Outreach Efforts – Hunter noted that outreach is to landowners for understanding the allocation report and water dashboard.

9. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, August 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA