

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JANUARY 16, 2024**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

OPEN Meeting: Quorum convened at 4:07 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Soapy Mulholland, Tien Tran, Adrianna Becerra
(Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Matthew Watkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Kathy Bennett, Kaitlyn Palys and various members of other committees and the public.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Hagman conducted roll call and made introductions.
2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** The Staff and Committee had no changes or additions to the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Mulholland and seconded by Tran.

AYES: Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Soapy Mulholland, Tien Tran, Adrianna Becerra

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Matthew Watkins

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for October 16, 2023, was made by Mulholland and seconded by Tran.

AYES: Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Soapy Mulholland, Tien Tran, Adrianna Becerra

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Matthew Watkins

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Technical Advisory Committee – Hagman reported that the TAC met January 12th and most of the discussion was on meeting the objective of a reasonable threshold. Other topics to be discussed during closed session at the upcoming EKGSA Board meeting.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted there is an upcoming board meeting on January 22nd.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Grant Updates – Were provided by Hagman
- b. Subbasin Efforts – see below under GSP determination.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. GSP determination
 - i. Deficiencies – Kait Palys presented an updated on the work done at the basin level to develop Sustainable Management Criteria, focusing on the efforts for coordinated minimum threshold. Additionally, she walked the committee through the DRAFT 2024 schedule for the subbasin efforts in preparing for the currently slated November State Water Resource Control Board probationary hearing. This included a potential to have an updated GSP prior to the hearing, likely in May.
 - ii. Mitigation – Palys reviewed the mitigation program updates with implementation at the beginning of 2024.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. when Burt left and no quorum. Discussion continued until 5:40 PM.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA