

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

OPEN Meeting: Quorum convened at 4:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Graham Burt, DeeDee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Tien Tran, Adrianna Becerra (non-voting), Matthew Watkins (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Liebau, Vito DeLeonardis, Soapy Mulholland

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Director; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Kaitlyn Palys and members of 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 Tran and seconded by Watkins.

AYES: Graham Burt, DeeDee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gregory Liebau, Vito DeLeonardis, Soapy Mulholland

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for January 16, 2024, was made by Tran and seconded by Burt.

AYES: Graham Burt, DeeDee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gregory Liebau, Vito DeLeonardis, Soapy Mulholland

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Technical Advisory Committee – Hagman reported that the TAC met February 9th and reviewed mitigation as well as discussing how the groundwater cap is being managed and interpreted. This will be discussed in TAC February 23rd and at February 26th BOD meeting.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted there is an upcoming special board meeting on February 26, 2024.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Grant Updates – Hagman provided the committee with a brief update for each of the grants.
- b. Subbasin Efforts – Klinchuch noted that there are ongoing updates to the DMS and as a part of that, they are waiting for the delivery reports from the river system.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. GSP determination
 - i. Deficiencies – Kait Palys presented a SGMA update on the work done at the basin level to develop Sustainable Management Criteria. Additionally, she discussed the “key takeaways” from the meeting with SWRCB staff that was held on February 14th.
 - ii. Mitigation – Palys noted the mitigation program is on track for adoption in March or April of 2024.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Monday, April 15, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA