

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 20, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, April 20, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4: 08 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cruz Rivera, Vito DeLeonardis

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Trilby Barton and Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera, Vito DeLeonardis

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes with the corrections made from the June 17, 2019 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Combs, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera, Vito DeLeonardis

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – The Executive Director reported on the TAC efforts. He noted that the TAC has reviewed the Basin annual report.

- b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that there was a Special Board meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> and the Board voted for Lindmore ID to collect the EKGSA assessment for the 2021 year.

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

a. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team - The Executive Director provided a report. (Steering Committee)

b. Other Sub-Basin Activity – No report

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN EFFORTS:**

a. Annual Report – Draft Information Document provided to the Committee. Review and editing discussion. Mike & Matt clean up and either bring back or send out to Committee next month.

b. Policy Matrix – Matt reviewed and to send out two tabs from Matrix for policy list draft for Committee to add/comment

c. Outreach Efforts – No report

d. Timeline and Next Steps – No report

**8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:** None provided

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Ms. Combs, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera, Vito DeLeonardis, Graham Burt (left at 4:57)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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**Michael D. Hagman**  
**Secretary, East Kaweah GSA**

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON MAY 18, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4: 10 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins (arrived 4:18), Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland (arrived 4:45), Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi (arrived 4:25) and Blanca Escobedo. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cruz Rivera, Graham Burt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Trilby Barton and Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** After a quorum signed onto the meeting, Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Combs, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera, Graham Burt

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

4. **MINUTES:** After a quorum signed onto the meeting, Motion to approve and ratify minutes with the corrections made by Vito DeLeonardis from the April 20, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Combs, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera, Graham Burt

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – The Executive Director reported on EKGSA TAC efforts. He noted that the Annual Report was submitted.

b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that there was a Regular Board meeting on April 28th, and it consisted for the most part of the first quarter financial information and presentation of the FY2019 audit and status of Prop 218 Planning Grant and Prop 68 RCIS grant work.

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

- a. Prop 68 – RCIS (update) – Hagman noted that at the last Board of Director’s meeting, the Board authorized the Executive Director to hire consultants as shown in the grant proposal. Hagman noted that he had hired Environmental Incentives and ICF to assist the EKGSA (and sub-basin) in accomplishing writing an RCIS. There was a review of the Steering Committee members. Hagman noted that Blake Mauritsen (local grower) was originally on the Steering Committee as a grower representative. However, Greater Kaweah GSA appointed him to represent GKGSA’s interest. As such a replacement was recommended. Hagman noted that he will keep the AC up to speed on who is on the Steering Committee members. Kathy Bennett will be sending Steering Committee list to AC.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning Grant (update) – Grant document now signed by EKGSA Board Chairman.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team - The Executive Director noted there was nothing to report.
- d. Other Sub-Basin Activity – No report

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN EFFORTS:**

- 8. a. Annual Report – Committee discussed the Annual Report summary. Minor changes to the report were suggested and Hagman noted he would make the changes. Motion to approve the Annual Report summary was made by Ms. Escobedo, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera, Graham Burt

- b. Policy Matrix – Discussion on priorities for policies that are on matrix. After substantial discussion about where to start, Hagman reported that he and his team would develop a couple of straw proposals that the AC can work on over the next several months. He explained he will visit with a couple of policy experts and provide the policies that are critical in moving toward sustainability. Committee member Watkins asked that the next AC agenda identify specifically what policies the AC would be working on.
- c. Outreach Efforts – in 30 – 45 days have public presentations for Prop 218
- d. Timeline and Next Steps – 1. Provide Policy Matrix with sub-categories 2. Straw proposal policies 3. On next AC agenda, specific policies being worked on will be noted.

**9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:** None provided

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardis, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera, Graham Burt, Carole Combs (left at 5:05)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 15, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, June 15, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4: 08 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi (arrived 4:25) and Blanca Escobedo. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cruz Rivera

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Trilby Barton and Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** After a quorum signed onto the meeting, Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

4. **MINUTES:** After a quorum signed onto the meeting, Motion to approve and ratify minutes May 18, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – The Executive Director reported on EKGSA TAC efforts.

b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that has not been a Board meeting since the last AC meeting.

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

- a. Prop 68 – RCIS (update) – Hagman that ICF will be helping to write the RCIS and that the steering committee was in place. Others asked for more agriculture representation on the committee. Hagman noted that he would reach out to a landowner in the pump only area.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning Grant (update) – Hagman noted that the grant is signed and that the Kaweah Subbasin managers will be getting together to hire or coordination the three activities submitted in the grant.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team - The Executive Director noted there was nothing new to report. Except to note that this meeting is likely to occur in July.
- d. Other Sub-Basin Activity – No report

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN EFFORTS:**

- a. Stake Holder Annual Summary letter – Hagman shared the final and noted that these are being prepared to be mailed and should be out by the end of June.
- b. Policy Matrix –
  - Groundwater Allocation: The committee worked on the policy with help from Joe Hughes (Legal Counsel). A robust discussion was had around equity, self-help, historical use, and more.
  - Groundwater Pumping Quantification: Hagman briefly introduced the draft policy, but no time was available at this meeting to work on it.
  - Meter Policy: Hagman briefly introduced the draft policy, but no time was available at this meeting to work on it.
- c. Outreach Efforts: A brief report was provided by Trilby Barton updating on future public meetings to be had.
- d. Timeline and Next Steps – 1. Provide Policy Matrix with sub-categories 2. Straw proposal policies 3. On next AC agenda, specific policies being worked on will be noted.

**8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:** None provided

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Combs, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JULY 20, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4: 14 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cruz Rivera

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Trilby Barton and Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes June 15, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Dreyer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – The Executive Director reported on EKGSA TAC helped to review the technical aspects of the draft Allocation Policy and offered several suggestions.

b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that there has been no Board meeting since the last AC meeting.

c. Implementation Efforts – The Executive Director reported that the Annual report had been mailed out. Cruz Romero has been working on the groundwater monitoring network. Particularly on the monitoring wells, LandIQ report, and plates for the subsidence monitoring network.

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

- a. Prop 68 – RCIS: Hagman updated the AC on the status of the grant work. He noted that the RCIS steering committee would be meeting shortly.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman updated the AC on the status of the grant work. He shared that the SkyTem effort needed a public presentation to be complete, that the well videoing will be moving forward with some help from Provost and Pritchard’s new videoing equipment, and that the basin managers are working with CSU Fresno on a metering program.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hagman noted that the Management Team met in the middle of June and primarily focused on the development of the Data Management System. He explained that the current product will not meet the desired needs and that the Management Team will be looking working with a third-party to develop a request for proposal package that will lay out our needs in a way that vendors/consultants could provide a proposal.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Stake Holder Annual Summary letter – Reported above under 5c
- b. Policy Matrix –
  - Groundwater Allocation: Extensive discussion took place. Chair Ferrara suggested a couple more meetings and more guidance from Counsel and the TAC. He also asked that members of the AC send comments to Hagman regarding the policy. Item was to be placed on the next agenda.
  - Groundwater Pumping Quantification: Hagman shared the draft policy. No discussion ensued.
  - Meter Policy: Hagman shared the draft policy. No discussion ensued.
- c. Outreach Efforts: A brief report was provided by Trilby Barton noting that future public meetings for the Prop 218 are scheduled for August 18, 19, & 20th. The meetings can be in person or by video conference
- d. Timeline and Next Steps – August 17<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardis, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cruz Rivera

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON August 17, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4: 08 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mulholland (arrived 4:18), Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Blanca Escobedo and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Powers, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Trilby Barton and Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Combs, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardis, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes July 20, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. DeLeonardis, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – The Executive Director reported on Land IQ, Subbasin issues, Allocation Policy, Matt supported the comments.

b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that the Board met in July and reaffirmed they wanted to proceed with the Proposition 218 election.

c. Implementation Efforts – The Executive Director reported. He explained that the monitoring well network should be up and running in about 2 months.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman updated the AC on the status of the grant work.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman updated the AC on the status of the grant work. He shared that the first report was submitted on time. In September or October, EKGSA will provide a public meeting and present the outcome of the SkyTem project.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team –. Hagman reported that there have been no meetings since the last AC meeting. Therefore, no update.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Stake Holder Annual Summary letter was mailed out and we have received roughly 500 returned.
- b. Policy Matrix –
  - Groundwater Allocation: Extensive discussion took place. Mr. Ferrara suggested a few more meetings with alternates from the stakeholders, committee members, and staff.
  - Groundwater Pumping Quantification: Hagman shared a policy draft.
  - Meter Policy: Hagman shared the meter policy.
- c. Outreach Efforts: A brief report was provided by Trilby Barton noting that the public meetings for the Prop 218 are scheduled for August 18, 19, & 20th. The meetings can be in person or by video conference.
- d. Timeline and Next Steps – September 21st is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON September 21, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4: 06 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Blanca Escobedo and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Powers,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Trilby Barton and Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rex P questioned what EKGSA would be doing about wells that are pumping large amounts of water on a small parcel and transporting it a distance away. Hagman noted that this is a policy item that the Committee can take up at a future meeting once the issue has been placed on the agenda.

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes August 17, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Ms. Escobedo, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Matt Klinchuch and Cruz Romero provided a report on the committee efforts.
- b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that the Board has not met since the last Advisory Committee meeting.

- c. Implementation Efforts – Cruz reported on the monitoring well network, the well videoing and the LandIQ report status.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported that the name of this grant is changing to WCB – RCIS Grant.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman updated the AC on the status of the grant work. He shared that the first report was submitted on time. In September or October, EKGSA will provide a public meeting and present the outcome of the SkyTem project which is a deliverable that needs to be accomplished to obtain grant funds.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team –. Hagman reported that 6 well videos have been approved and the cost will be close to \$3,500 each.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Policy Matrix –
  - Groundwater Allocation: Hagman reported that after substantial discussion with the AC, and TAC he has made substantial changes to the GW|2020-01 and GW|2020-02 policies. Substantial discussion was had on the two policies. A couple of stakeholders provided a policy that they would like considered. After substantial discussion Hagman was asked to have Joe Hughes look at 2020-01 and 2020-02 for legal issues and then bring them back to the next AC. District managers requested an advance copy for their legal counsel.  
  
Hagman also provided the AC with the CHARGES|2020-01 policy which begins to take a look at ways to provide revenue to implement the groundwater sustainability plan. Discussion began to be substantial on this policy and Hagman reminded them that the policy is only a proposal of ways to collect revenue and that we do not need to be developing the policy any further today.
  - Groundwater Pumping Quantification: Some discussion occurred on this policy.
  - Meter Policy: No discussion on this policy directly.
- b. Outreach Efforts: No outreach until the SkyTem public meeting.
- c. Timeline and Next Steps – October 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4: 00 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Blanca Escobedo and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Graham Burt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Trilby Barton and Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Combs, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes September 21, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Matt Klinchuch and Cruz Romero provided a report on the committee efforts.
- b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that the Board has not met since the last Advisory Committee meeting.
- c. Implementation Efforts – Cruz reported on the monitoring well network, the well videoing and the LandIQ report status.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman updated the AC on the status of the grant work. He shared that the first report was submitted on time. He noted that the State is accepting the Subbasin Management meeting presentations as sufficient for the public presentation deliverable in the grant. This means the State will provide the funds for this portion of the grant.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team –. Hagman reported on the most recent meeting.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Policy Matrix –

- GW 01-2020 - Overlying Right, Inflow and Right to Regulate.

After considerable discussion, a motion to approve sending the GW 01-2020 Policy to the Board of Directors' was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt

- GW 02-2020 Board will allocate -

After considerable discussion, a motion to approve sending the GW 02-2020 Policy to the Board of Directors' was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Alan Lombardi, Luis Sanchez-Balle and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt

- Charges 01-2020 Charges by GSA – No action taken.
- MTR 01-2020 Metering Policy – No action taken.

b. Outreach Efforts: Hagman reported on outreach efforts

c. Timeline and Next Steps – November 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. (Lombardi/DeLeonardis)

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4: 10 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis (4:15), Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Blanca Escobedo and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 6 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Trilby Barton and Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; and Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Burt, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Graham Burt, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Jeff Powers, Vito DeLeonardis and Blanca Escobedo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes October 19, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Ms. Combs, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer, Graham Burt, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Jeff Powers, Vito DeLeonardis and Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – November meeting was cancelled

b. Board of Directors – The Executive Director reported that the Board met on October 26<sup>th</sup> for the Land Assessment (Proposition 218) Hearing and ballot count, administrative business including review of the draft FY2021 Annual Budget and discussion on two draft groundwater policies.

c. Implementation Efforts – Cruz/Matt reported on water quality sampling.

## **6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported that the steering committee is working on developing the species list for the RCIS. Some challenges have occurred due to concerns about the State using the RCIS to harm farming.

b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman updated the AC on the grant work.

c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hagman reported on the activities of the Team.

## **7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

a. Policy Matrix –

- GW 01-2020 - Overlying Right, Inflow and Right to Regulate – no comments or changes
- GW 02-2020 Board will allocate – no comments or changes
- Charges 01-2020 Charges by GSA – After discussion, no action taken. Bring to next AC meeting.
- MTR 01-2020 Metering Policy – After discussion, no action taken. Defer to TAC and bring to next AC meeting.

b. WIC Nitrate Drinking Water Pilot Testing – Luis Sanchez-Balle reviewed the summary report and staff was requested to send the link to the report to Interested Parties email list and the AC.

c. Outreach Efforts: Hagman reported on outreach efforts.

d. Timeline and Next Steps – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. The Advisory Committee cancelled the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and moved the January 18, 2021 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) meeting to January 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.