

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JANUARY 19, 2021**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

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

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carole Combs, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 7 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dan Dreyer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; 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 Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carole Combs, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dan Dreyer

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes November 16, 2020 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carole Combs, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dan Dreyer

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported the TAC met on January 7<sup>th</sup> and discussed the charges policy and the next steps. Romero reported that the TAC discussed Implementation.

- b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported that the Board met on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and adopted the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget and Resolution 2020-02 that approves the levying of the recommended 2020-2027 assessments. Next meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- c. Implementation Efforts – Romero discussed above under Technical Committee discussion.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported that EKGSA received grant payment from WCB for \$67,463 for quarter ending 9/30/2020 activity. He discussed some of the challenges that are facing this activity.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman updated the AC on the grant work.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Klinchuch 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. Methods of Allocation – Limited discussion was had here. Board direction is needed.

c. Outreach Efforts:

- i. Public Reporting and Future Forums – No activity

- 8.** Timeline and Next Steps – February 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. The Advisory Committee moved the February 15, 2021 (Presidents' Day) meeting to February 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

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

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 7 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Graham Burt, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; 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 Mr. DeLeonardis, seconded by Mr. Lombardi, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes January 19, 2021 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Amanda Monaco and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Carole Combs, Dan Dreyer

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported the TAC met on February 5th and focused on recent Grant application and round 2 of implementation efforts.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported that the Board met on January 25<sup>th</sup> and provided an overview of the meeting. There is discussion of having a Board study session. Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 26, 2021.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman presented a status update of the grant
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Klinchuch reported that the Kaweah Subbasin GSAs had submitted a grant to the Department of Water Resources (Prop 68 Grant). He noted that it was successfully submitted on January 8. We expect to know by mid-March if we will be awarded any grant money from this round.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Land IQ Report and David’s Engineering Report, YTD information: Klinchuch noted there was no update on Annual Report at this time and Romero provided YTD information from LandIQ.
- b. Policy Matrix – The Board has decided to tackle some priorities at this time. Further development on the policies will be put on hold till the Board directs the Committees on these activities.
- c. Methods of Allocation – Hagman reported that this issue will be the same at the Policy Matrix. The Board will give us direction after it meets next month. Several discussions ensued regarding water rights, allocations and methods. Chair Ferrara allowed members of the committee and public share their concerns. He noted they would be considered in future discussions after direction from the Board.
- d. Outreach Efforts:
  - i. Public Reporting and Future Forums – No activity

**8.** Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, March 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. (Lombardi/Mulholland)

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

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 19, 2021**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4:12 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carole Combs, Vito DeLeonardis (4:45), Blanca Escobedo and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 7 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Powers, Graham Burt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Director Caudillo, Director Craig Hornung, Michael Hagman, Executive Director; 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 Ms. Combs, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carol Combs, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers, Graham Burt

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes February 16, 2021 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Carol Combs, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers, Graham Burt

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported the Annual Report was reviewed and submitted April 1<sup>st</sup>. Hagman discussed the results of the recent three Board workshops. The TAC met on February 5th and focused on recent Grant application and round 2 of implementation efforts.

- b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported that the Board met on January 25<sup>th</sup> and provided an overview of the meeting. There is discussion of having a Board study session. Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 26, 2021.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman presented a status update of the grant
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Klinchuch reported that the Kaweah Subbasin GSAs had submitted a grant to the Department of Water Resources (Prop 68 Grant). He noted that it was successfully submitted on January 8 and the Kaweah Subbasin proposal was funded about \$3.78 million. However, some folks have questioned the scoring and have asked the State to go back and “sharpen their pencils”. We expect to know by the end of April if there were any changes to our award.

Director Hornung asked the AC to consider recommendation of Basin Level reporting to provide and unified perspective on the basin condition. Also recommended that the AC recommend using the member agencies to deliver information to the public. Especially with regard to the status of basin objectives relative to the groundwater sustainability plan.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Land IQ Report and David’s Engineering Report, YTD information: Klinchuch noted there was no update on Annual Report at this time and Romero provided YTD information from LandIQ.
- b. Policy Matrix – The Board has decided to tackle some priorities at this time. Further development on the policies will be put on hold till the Board directs the Committees on these activities.
- c. Methods of Allocation – Hagman reported that this issue will be the same at the Policy Matrix. The Board will give us direction after it meets next month. Several discussions ensued regarding water rights, allocations, and methods. Chair Ferrara allowed members of the committee and public share their concerns. He noted they would be considered in future discussions after direction from the Board.
- d. Outreach Efforts:
  - i. Public Reporting and Future Forums – No activity

- 8. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, May 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. (Lombardi/Mulholland)

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

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON May 17, 2021**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021, via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

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

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis (arrived and approximately 4:30 PM), Blanca Escobedo, Jeff Powers, Graham Burt and Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 7 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Director Caudillo, Director Micari, Director Crosson, Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; 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 Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Blanca Escobedo, Jeff Powers, Graham Burt and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes April 19, 2021 Advisory Committee meeting, was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Blanca Escobedo, Jeff Powers, Graham Burt and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported

b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted there is nothing to report as there has not been a board meeting since the last AC meeting.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman presented a status update of the grant. Specifically noted that there most chapters are complete and that the RCIS will be having a public meeting late June or July
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (video of wells; meter analysis)
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – No report

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Land IQ Report and David’s Engineering Report, YTD information: Klinchuch noted the annual report was submitted.
- b. Policy Matrix – No report or action on this item.
- c. Methods of Allocation – The AC continued their discussion on the methods of allocation and the work they have done to date. Recommendation was given that member provide feedback on the work done so far.
- d. Outreach Efforts: -
  - i. Develop Outreach approach – Committee deferred this agenda item to the June 21<sup>st</sup> AC meeting.

**8.** Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, June 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. In person meeting for committee members and staff only. All others on Zoom.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m. (Lombardi/ DeLeonardis)

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

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 21, 2021**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021, via video/phone conference and in person. Public via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

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

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo, Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 5 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Powers, Graham Burt

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

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

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo, and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers, Graham Burt

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes May 17, 2021 Advisory Committee meeting with the change that Carole Combs was not absent, because Ms. Combs had resigned prior to the meeting and therefore her seat was considered vacant, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Matthew Watkins, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo, and Luis Sanchez-Balle.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers, Graham Burt

**5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch and Hagman reported on the discussion at the last TAC meeting. Of particular note, the TAC continues to work on the “allocation” recommendation that the Board of Director’s assigned to them.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted there is nothing to report as there has not been a board meeting since the last AC meeting.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman presented a status update of the grant. Specifically noting that the RCIS has scheduled a public meeting on July 21, 2021 at the Tulare International Ag Center.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (video of wells; meter analysis). Reimbursement has been slow.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – No report

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Land IQ Report and David’s Engineering Report, YTD information: Romero discussed Land IQ ET values and after June the data will have 12 months of dependable values.
- b. Policy Matrix – No report or action on this item.
- c. Methods of Allocation – The AC continued their discussion on the methods of allocation and there was considerable public input.
- d. Outreach Efforts: -
  - i. Develop Outreach approach – Trilby Barton

- 8. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, July 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. In person meeting for committee members and staff only. All others on Zoom.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m. (Lombardi/ Watkins)

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

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JULY 19, 2021**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021, via video/phone conference and in person. Public via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

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

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo. (Quorum = 5 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Matthew Watkins, Luis Sanchez-Balle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Director Hornung; Director Crosson; Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; 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 Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Luis Sanchez-Balle

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes June 21, 2021, Advisory Committee meeting with the change to note on the minutes that the meeting was in-person for Committee members & staff, was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Graham Burt, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis, Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Luis Sanchez-Balle

**5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported on the last TAC meeting. The TAC has been progressing on the development of an allocation methodology. Staff and consultants were asked to identify how much water is available in the EKGSA within the operational pool of this portion of the basin. It appears this information will be helpful in determining what supplemental supply is available to allocate.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted there is nothing to report as there has not been a board meeting since the last AC meeting.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman presented a status update of the grant and that the State has provided comments back on the RCIS that was submitted. Also noted was that the RCIS public meeting is on July 21, 2021 at the Tulare International Ag Center.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (video of wells; meter analysis). Reimbursement continues to be slow but SkyTem has been reimbursed and now waiting for other submitted reimbursement.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – No report – has not met since January but nothing to review.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Land IQ Report and David’s Engineering Report, YTD information: Reviewed Land IQ data on sheet that Romero provided for ET values & surface deliveries.
- b. Methods of Allocation – Review and discussion on DRAFT tiered pricing method.
- c. Outreach Efforts: -
  - i. Develop Outreach approach to describe annual report for stakeholder consumption. Trilby reported she is reviewing the draft Annual Report for mailing to stakeholders. Members of the committee and Director Hornung offered suggestions to assist in making the report more useful in identifying the overdraft condition and to engage the consumer to reduce groundwater use.

- 8. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, August 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. In person meeting for committee members and staff only. All others on Zoom.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 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 August 16, 2021**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021, via video/phone conference and in person. Public via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 4:09 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Matthew Watkins, Soapy Mulholland (late), Graham Burt, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis (late), Blanca Escobedo, Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 5 voting members)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Powers

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Director Hornung; Director Crosson; Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; 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. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Graham Burt, Alan Lombardi, Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, and Vito DeLeonardis

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify minutes July 19, 2021, Advisory Committee meeting was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Burt, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Graham Burt, Alan Lombardi, Blanca Escobedo

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, and Vito DeLeonardis

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported on the last TAC meeting. The TAC has been progressing on the development of an allocation methodology and that the latest reporting from Land IQ shows more water used this year as compared to last year.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported on the Board meeting that was on July 26<sup>th</sup> noting several things that were discussed and that the Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the Shared Resources Agreement that expires at the end of 2021.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman presented a status update of the grant. He also noted that the RCIS public meeting was held on July 21, 2021 at the Tulare International Ag Center.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (video of wells; meter analysis). One of the three projects is complete (SkyTem) while the well videoing and meter study projects are underway.
- c. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Matt Watkins noted the team is working on a water marketing plan for the sub basin and have hired Stantec (Bill Swanson) as consultants to lead this effort.

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Land IQ Hagman noted that the ET report now has twelve statistically relevant months of data. Staff Engineer Romero is working on creating ET by Management Area. This will aid in identifying problem areas.
- b. Methods of Allocation - Updated Allocation Methods memo: The draft memo was briefly discussed and the AC requested that a copy of it, which summarizes the allocation methods the AC was considering, be sent to the Board of Directors. A motion to approve sending the draft allocation memo to the EKGSA Board of Directors was made by Mr. DeLeonardis and seconded by Mr. Mauritsen and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Matthew Watkins, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Graham Burt, Alan Lombardi, Blanca Escobedo, Soapy Mulholland, Vito DeLeonardis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jeff Powers

- c. Outreach Efforts: - Develop Outreach approach to describe annual report for stakeholder consumption. Trilby reviewed with the Committee the draft Annual Report Summary that she had provided them before the meeting. There were several comments suggesting changes and she acknowledged she would take care of those before sending to the Board. Trilby also had provided a couple pages with irrigation efficiency evaluation resources that will be available on the EKGSA website for anyone interested.

- 8. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, September 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting. In person meeting for committee members and staff only. All others on Zoom.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Chairman Ferrara asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn (Lombardi/Watkins) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 5:42.

