

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person. Public via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:00 p.m.- no quorum

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Ferrara, Vito DeLeonardis, Matthew Watkins, Luis Sanchez-Balle. (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt, Jeff Powers, Soapy Mulholland, Alan Lombardi

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Hornung; Director Caudillo; Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** No action taken – **no quorum**

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

4. **MINUTES:** No action taken – **no quorum**

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Hagman and Klinchuch reported on TAC activities. Currently noting that the TAC was assisting in development of projects for the new \$7.60 million P68 Implementation Grant and assisting in direction on a the existing P68 planning grant modification due to challenges with one of the tasks in the grant.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted the Board of Directors met in January and approved the second addendum to the Shared Resources Agreement and a budget adjustment that increases compensation for hiring the “Program Manager”. The Board also approved a resolution to apply for the \$7.60 million P68 Implementation grant that is available from the state of California for groundwater basins/subbasins.

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

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported the RCIS was submitted to the WCB for review and no comments were received in the comment period except two from GSAs. All quarterly reports are completed and waiting for grant reimbursement.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (SkyTem; video of wells; meter analysis). SkyTem is completed and meter analysis is underway. Staff and consultants are working on an extension to the Grant to complete another basin project (replacing the videoing of wells).
- c. Prop 68 – Basin Grant: Hagman and Hunter 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 that it is no surprise that the GSP was not approved by the State and discussed the reasons for it was not approved. The revised GSP needs to be filed by July 27th, 2022.
- e. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hagman noted several projects that are ongoing: Annual Report will be submitted prior to April 1st; the P68 Planning grant modification. The P68 Implementation Grant (\$7.6m) is due Monday and phase 1 of the Water Dashboard is scheduled for release the beginning of May.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Land IQ – Hagman and Hunter noted significant challenges in the Land IQ data presentation. Cruz is gone, no reports yet.
- b. Status of Allocations and ET analysis – Hagman reported that the Board of Directors will be giving direction on the Rules and Regulations for groundwater allocations at its upcoming special meeting on February 28. It is anticipated that they will submit the Rules and Regulations to the public for a 45-day review and consider adoption in April. Hunter reported that ET reporting challenges has identified an engagement need with the public, end user to better express the data. He and basin techs have been significantly involved in this effort.
- c. Direction from the Board – The BOD has asked that the TAC and AC review and establish a scoring process for the Projects and Management Actions. The Board like to begin to identify beneficiaries along with this analysis. Hagman noted that he will develop a matrix for analysis for the next meeting.
- d. Outreach Efforts – Report shared by Chris Hunter

- 8.** Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Ferrara adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON MARCH 21, 2022**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person. Public via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:00 p.m. no quorum until 4:15 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins. (Quorum = 4 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

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

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. **ABSENT:** Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

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

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify the February 22, 2022, minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

Bennett asked if the Committee would approve the September 20, 2021, minutes that were provided at the February Advisory Committee meeting but couldn't be approved as there was not a quorum. Motion to approve and ratify the September 20, 2021, minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

6. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported on TAC activities.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted the Board of Directors met in February and reviewed the actions and discussions by the Board.

7. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported the RCIS document was reviewed by the WCB, comments were made and should be completed by the end of the year.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (SkyTem; video of wells; meter analysis). SkyTem is completed and meter analysis is 90% completed. Staff and consultants submitted an extension to the Grant to complete another basin project (replacing the videoing of wells).
- c. Prop 68 – Basin Grant: Hagman and Hunter 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 again reported that the GSP was not approved by the State. The revised GSP needs to be filed by July 27th, 2022.
- e. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Klinchuch noted the Annual Report will be submitted prior to April 1st; and they are developing responses to comments on the GSP between consultants and staff.

8. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Land IQ – Hagman Discussed the Land IQ report
- b. Status of Allocations and ET analysis – Hagman reported that the Board of Directors gave direction on the Rules and Regulations for groundwater allocations at its February 28th meeting. The Board submitted the Rules and Regulations to the public for a 30-day review on March 11, 2022 and will consider adoption at the April Board of Directors' meeting. Hagman also noted he is working with Hunter, Land IQ and with landowners with reliable meters to help calibrate ET.
- c. Direction from the Board – Hagman noted the BOD previously asked that the TAC and AC review and establish a scoring process for the Projects and Management Actions. Hagman reviewed a matrix to the AC that was developed and there was significant discussion as he provided examples and explanation of each project/action on the matrix. The AC was asked to develop more ideas to reduce over-draft or add water supply. The completed matrix will be provided to the Board of Directors by August.
- d. Outreach Efforts – Report Shared by Chris Hunter

9. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, April 18, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

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

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:00 p.m. no quorum until 4:15 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins. (Quorum = 4 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

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. Sanchez-Balle, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. **ABSENT:** Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

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

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify the March 21, 2022, minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting after with correction noting Joe Ferrara is non-voting, was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soapy Mulholland, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Alan Lombardi

6. **CHAIRMAN ACTION:** Chairman Ferrara discussed with the committee making a recommendation to the Board of Directors to move Sopac (Soapy) Mulholland from representing well users to representing conservation/environmental. He also is recommending Diane (Dee Dee) Gruber to be an Ag representative and Erick Orellana who may take position as a DAC representative.

7. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported on TAC activities noting the bulk of the April 1st meeting was working on the Management Action Table (matrix).
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted the Board of Directors met in March and reviewed the actions and discussions by the Board. In particular the board is in the comment period for the draft Rules & Regulations that has been posted on the EKGSA website.

8. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reminded the committee the RCIS document was reviewed by the WCB, comments were made, and final approval is expected by late August to mid-September.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman presented a status update of the grant (SkyTem; video of wells; meter analysis). SkyTem is completed and meter analysis is 90% completed. Staff and consultants submitted an extension to the Grant to complete another basin project (replacing the videoing of wells). This extension and projects submitted have been approved.
- 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 again reported that the GSP was not approved by the State. The revised GSP needs to be filed by July 27th, 2022.
- e. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hagman noted the Annual Report for 2021 has been completed and submitted for review; and responses to comments on the GSP are being developed between consultants and staff.

9. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Land IQ – Hunter Discussed the Land IQ report.
- b. Status of Allocations and ET analysis – Hunter reported EKGSA is getting ET data from October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 and providing to landowners by May 15.
- c. Direction from the Board – Hagman reviewed the BOD’s request that the TAC and AC review and establish a scoring process for the Projects and Management Actions. Hagman reviewed an updated matrix with the AC and there was considerable discussion. The completed matrix will be provided to the Board of Directors by August.
- d. Outreach Efforts – Hagman restated that the ET reports will be distributed to landowners by the middle of May.

- 10.** Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, May 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Ferrara adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON MAY 16, 2022**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person. Public via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

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

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Dee Dee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Erick Orellana, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins. (Quorum = 4 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Trilby Barton, 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. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Dee Dee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Erick Orellana, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. **ABSENT:** Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Representatives from Community Water Center noted that they are concerned that the current GSP rewrite efforts will not resolve the issues brought up by the DWR in the GSP determination. In particular CWC noted that allowing 10% of the wells to go dry would be significant and unreasonable. Hagman noted that the determination work group was analyzing mitigation tools as well as setting thresholds at protecting 90% of wells. Such concerns will likely be managed in the mitigation process.

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify the April 18, 2022, minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Sanchez-Balle, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Dee Dee Gruber, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Erick Orellana, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis

6. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported on TAC activities which included an update on the subbasin and Management Action Table (matrix).

- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted the Board of Directors held a Special board meeting on April 25th for the hearing on the Rules and Regulations there was no action taken on the Rules and Regs. The Board also held an Emergency meeting on May 12th to respond to governor’s action on well permitting and adopted option #1 on the form for well permitting.

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.
- 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.
- 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. He noted that substantial agreement has been made around the approach to setting minimum threshold for groundwater levels. He noted that the subsidence issue and the interconnected surface water bodies identified in DWR’s determination have some more work to be done but it is expected that the team will have it solved in time for the revised GSP filing date of July 27th, 2022.
- e. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hunter reported on the sub-basin activities and noted the work on the water dashboard.

8. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Land IQ – Hunter Discussed the March Land IQ report. ET report is not ready as there are challenges with the reporting for open ground.
- b. Status of Allocations and ET analysis – Hunter provided an update.
- c. Direction from the Board – Hagman reminded the committee of the BOD’s request that the TAC and AC review and establish a scoring process for the Projects and Management Actions. He reviewed the comments received so far and the updated matrix with the AC. There was an extensive discussion and comment on the matrix and the individual projects. The completed matrix will be provided to the Board of Directors by August.
- d. Outreach Efforts – Hunter/Barton noted that most of the outreach now is to landowners regarding understanding their allocation and tools to analyze it.

- 9.** Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, June 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Ferrara adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 20, 2022**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person. Public via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

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

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dee Dee Gruber, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins. (Quorum = 4 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Erick Orellana, Jeff Powers

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard; Trilby Barton, 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 Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dee Dee Gruber, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. **ABSENT:** Alan Lombardi, Erick Orellana, Jeff Powers

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

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify the May 16, 2022, minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting was made by Ms. Mulholland, seconded by Ms. Gruber, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Dee Dee Gruber, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Erick Orellana, Jeff Powers

6. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Klinchuch reported on June 3rd TAC meeting noting the discussion was on the projects and management actions matrix, status of the GSP revisions and grants.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman noted the Board of Directors held a Special board meeting on May 23rd for discussion on the Rules and Regulations there was no action taken on the

Rules and Regs. The Board also held an Emergency meeting on May 12th to respond to governor's action on well permitting and adopted option #1 on the form for well permitting.

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.
- 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.
- 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. He noted that substantial agreement has been made around the approach to setting minimum threshold for groundwater levels. He noted that the subsidence issue and the interconnected surface water bodies identified in DWR's determination have some more work to be done but it is expected that the team will have it solved in time for the revised GSP filing date of July 27th, 2022.
- e. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hunter reported on the sub-basin activities and noted the work on the water dashboard.

8. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Land IQ – Hunter Discussed the March Land IQ report. ET report is not ready as there are challenges with the reporting for open ground.
- b. Status of Allocations and ET analysis – Hunter provided an update.
- c. Direction from the Board – Hagman reminded the committee of the BOD's request that the TAC and AC review and establish a scoring process for the Projects and Management Actions. He reviewed the comments received so far and the updated matrix with the AC. There was an extensive discussion and comment on the matrix and the individual projects. The completed matrix will be provided to the Board of Directors by August.
- d. Outreach Efforts – Hunter/Barton noted that most of the outreach now is to landowners regarding understanding their allocation and tools to analyze it.

9. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, June 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Ferrara adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**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

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON August 23, 2022**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, August 23, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person. Public via video/phone conference only – COVID-19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 2:11 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

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. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Gruber, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve and ratify the July 18, 2022, minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting with the was made by Ms. Gruber, seconded by Mr. Powers, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

a. Technical Committee – Hagman reported that the TAC met on August 22nd to discuss 2022-2023 groundwater allocation, projects and management actions, and Land IQ results, and will meet again on Sept 2nd. The discussions were on the TAC proposed allocation revisions.

b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported on the Board activities.

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:
- e. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hunter reported on the sub-basin activities.

6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Land IQ YTD – Hunter reported the allocation reports for October through July are being processed to mailed out by the end of September.
- b. Status of Allocations and ET analysis – Klinchuch provided the report on the GSA Groundwater Storage Summary. Conversation was on the TAC 2022-2023 water year allocation recommendation and the technical data within the report. A motion by Mr. Watkins to propose a 2022-2023 water year allocation which includes .85 acre-feet for native yield, .3 for Temporary Penalty Tier 1, 0 acre-feet for Temporary Penalty Tier 2 and to postpone and determination of extraction fees until January of 2023, motion was seconded by Mr. DeLeonardis and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Matthew Watkins

NOES: Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

- c. Direction from the Board – Management Action Benefits: Hagman presented the matrix of projects and management actions within the EKGSA GSP and TACs recommendation to proceed to the Board. Discussion was on the projects and management actions. Mr. Watkins made a motion to make a recommendation to the board to pursue all projects and management actions defined, seconded by Ms. Gruber and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Jeff Powers, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON September 19, 2022**

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

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

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Gregory Liebau (alt SRT), Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran, Matt Watkins (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

AYES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Gregory Liebau, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran, Matt Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

4. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Hunter provided a walkthrough of TAC 2022-2023 water year allocation. The discussions were on the allocation, fees and pumping cap. After considerable discussion, motion to adopt the TAC allocation recommendation as the AC recommendation to the board was made by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Ms. Mulholland, and motion passed.

AYES: Gregory Liebau, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Tien Tran

NOES: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, Diane Gruber, Matthew Watkins

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, October 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

d. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team Efforts: Hunter reported on the sub-basin activities and noted the work on the water dashboard.

7. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, September 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 17, 2022**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person.

OPEN Meeting: Convened at 4:00 p.m.

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Ferrara (non-voting), Vito DeLeonardis, Gregory Liebau (alt SRT), Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Graham Burt, DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Matt Watkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the public.

OPEN Session: Convened at 5:00 p.m.

Board member Mulholland joined meeting at 5:00 p.m., providing sufficient present members for a Quorum.

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

AYES: Vito DeLeonardis, Gregory Liebau (alt SRT), Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Matt Watkins

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Liebau, seconded by Sanchez-Balle, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Vito DeLeonardis, Gregory Liebau (alt SRT), Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Graham Burt, DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Matt Watkins

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

- a. Technical Committee – Hagman reported that Board Directors Micari and S. Milanesio requested a revised 2023 Groundwater Allocation be presented to the Board of Directors on October 24, 2023.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported that Board approved the Rules and Regulations (Resolution 2022-05) and the 2023 Groundwater Allocation (Resolution 2022-04)

6. KAWEAH SUBBASIN ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. WCB Grant - RCIS – Hagman reported the RCIS process was on schedule
- b. Prop 68 Planning Grant – Hagman reported that all activities are on schedule and expected to meet their completion dates and objectives.
- c. Prop 68 Basin Grant - Hagman reported that all activities are on schedule and expected to meet their completion dates and objectives.
- d. GSP and Basin Coordination Incomplete – No update
- e. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team Efforts (DMS, Ongoing Reporting) – No update

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. Land IQ Report YTD Information – Hagman reported that Land IQ data through August 2022 shows 204,579 Acre Feet of consumptive use
- B. Status of Allocations and ET Analysis – Hagman provided an in-depth review of the suggested revised 2023 Groundwater Allocation that will be presented the Board of Directors on October 24, 2022. Present board members and public participated in the discussion.
- C. Outreach – ET, Allocations, Annual Report – No update

- 8.** Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, November 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA