

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 24, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Peltzer

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

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

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer, Roberts

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Director George discussed having a potential Ad Hoc Committee to review Land IQ. Discussion moved to Item 7.c.

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the December 3, 2021, Special Board Meeting and the December 20, 2021 Special Board Meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer

5. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Shared Resources Agreement: Executive Director reviewed the second Addendum to Agreement for Management and Administrative Services. This second addendum was developed after the Board requested that Lindmore ID hire a “Program Manager.” The increase of compensation for the hiring of the Program Manager affects each of the next two contract periods for 2022 & 2023. The Executive Director reviewed that the compensation would increase to \$515,000 (\$128,750 per quarter) in FY 2022 and \$529,000 (\$132,250 per quarter) in FY 2023. A motion to approve the second Addendum to the Shared Resources Agreement was made by Director George, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer

- b. FY2022 Annual Budget: Executive Director reviewed the amendment to the FY2022 Annual Budget noting the Board approved \$145,000 in additional payments to Lindmore ID for the “Program Manager” position. The revenue for this position will come from fines collected from landowners exceeding their groundwater allocation in the EKGSA. A motion to approve the amended budget was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer

- c. Resolution 2022-01: Executive Director discussed a grant that is available from the State of California that is for groundwater basin/subbasins. Greater Kaweah GSA will manage the grant and all 3 GSAs will do a resolution. This resolution is for the application for a grant and a spending plan will be submitted. A motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 approving application for a Basin Grant was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer

- d. Financial Reports: Senior Analyst provided the unaudited 4th Quarter 2021 financial reports and Executive Director reviewed them with the Board.
- e. Payments: Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the payments, the Executive Director noted the check and invoice copies were not available at the meeting for review. This item was tabled until the next Board meeting.
- f. Proposition 68 – WCB Grant (RCIS): Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. Last month it was noted that the RCIS was submitted for the completeness review and received confirmation that it is technically complete. Now, the RCIS comment period has concluded and there were no comments received. There was a comment from MKGSA to minimize or eliminate any takeover of the RCIS to be used against us and that is being worked on. All reports and request for reimbursement are in. All activities are on timeline.
- g. Proposition 68 – Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director provided an update on the administration and projects. Staff and Consultants are working on an amendment to the Grant for a 30-day extension to complete another basin project that will replace the videoing of key basin wells.
- h. Proposition 68 – Update on Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant is awarded to the Mid Kaweah GSA and focuses on DAC benefits and reviewed the two projects that we had that qualified – Lewis Creek Re-charge and the Mariposa Basin connection to Lindmore ID.

6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Klinchuch and Hagman reported on the most recent TAC meetings since the last Board meeting with the Land IQ and ET parcel reporting being reviewed. The subject of concern for “rules and regulations” effort was brought up. Chris Hunter will forward his draft to legal counsel and after review they will provide this to the Board to consider adoption. Also, there was discussion on the GSP not being approved by the State and who the projects in the GSP benefit. After considerable discussion, a motion to direct the TAC and Advisory Committees to develop a list of projects with management actions and (or?) a cost benefit analysis was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Hornung and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer

- b. Subbasin Efforts: Hagman and Klinchuch provided an update on subbasin activities.
 - c. GSP Implementation: Hagman and Klinchuch provided an update on Implementation. Mike George Land IQ discussion ending with an Ad Hoc Committee to look at Land IQ. Michele Staples also giving public comment on the magnitude of problem with Land IQ.
 - d. Update Board of Directors direction to Staff/TAC:
7. **CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at 5:33 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:27 p.m. There was no reportable action.

8. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on April 25, 2022 however a Special Board meeting should be set to review the rules and regulations. Special Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

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

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Director Micari reported that Rod Burkett stepped down from the director position that represents the “white areas”. Tulare County Board of Supervisors will be voting on his replacement Steve Milanesio, on March 1, 2022.

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the January 24, 2022, Regular Board Meeting was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Consider updating the EKGSA Logo. A new logo for the EKGSA was provided in the board packet and there was discussion on what was needed to make the change to it. A motion to approve going to the new logo was made, with the contingency that the already printed envelopes with the current logo be used up before printing more, by Director Micari, seconded by Director Watson, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- b. Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program Memorandum of Understanding with the Kaweah Subbasin (KSB) GSAs and Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT): Executive Director reviewed the MOU with the board to determine if board members wanted to provide a grant support letter. The purpose of the program will be to use state funds to repurpose irrigated lands in the KSB to assist in achieving groundwater sustainability. It was noted that Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District will apply for about \$10 million in grant money to assist the KSB to develop programs to reduce irrigated land. The land will need to be managed by someone. SRT manages trust lands and will be able to assist in this effort. This MOU basically allows the GSAs to work with SRT in development of repurposed ground and for SRT to manage it. There was considerable discussion regarding the intent of the Program and the grant funding. A motion to approve the Executive Director to continue with the MOU and writing the grant support letter was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: George

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- c. Appoint Representative on the Kaweah Subbasin Management Team Committee. The previous representative is no longer available and a motion to appoint Craig Hornung as the new representative was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

d. Staffing updates: Executive Director provided an update on the staff engineer position.

e. Payments: Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Proposition 68 – WCB Grant (RCIS): Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. The December 31st invoice has been submitted for reimbursement and as noted previously, we have received confirmation that the RCIS is technically complete. It is expected to have final approval by Department of Fish and Wildlife by late September.

f. Proposition 68 – Basin Planning Grant: The Program Manager provided an update on the administration and projects. Staff and Consultants are working on an amendment to the Grant. The Grant amendment proposed the replacement of the videoing of key basin wells, with three projects across the GSAs that improve the sub-basin monitoring network. Again, the SkyTem project and well metering Pilot Project have been completed.

g. Proposition 68 – Update on Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant is awarded to the Mid Kaweah GSA and focuses on DAC benefits and reviewed the two projects that we had that qualified – Lewis Creek Re-charge and the Mariposa Basin connection to Lindmore ID.

6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Approve Notice of Exemption for EKGSA Monitoring Well Sites: The Executive Director reviewed the need for the Notice of Exemption and after discussion, a motion to approve the Notice of Exemption for EKGSA Monitoring Well Sites was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Micari, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- b. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Klinchuch reported on the most recent TAC meetings since the last Board meeting. TAC is focusing on the GSP deficiencies, ET calculations and reporting to landowners, and Projects and Management Actions.

- c. Subbasin Efforts: Klinchuch provided an update on the projects and coordination activities in the subbasin.

- d. GSP Implementation: Executive Director and Program Manager provided an update on Implementation.

- AdHoc – Land IQ - ET: Program Manager reviewed the Board’s recommendation to create an AdHoc committee to assist staff with review of ET data. The Committee has met twice, and he noted there will be recommendations to the board from their discussions.
- Monitoring Network: Executive Director reported on the monitoring network, noting there will be 6 – 12 cone analysis sites in the EKGSA.
- Rules and Regulations “Term Sheet”: Legal Counsel reviewed the process for approving the Rules and Regulations with a 30-day comment period. It will be posted on website by close of business on March 11, 2022, and a card mailer will go out to EKGSA landowners notifying them of the process and how to provide comments and where and when the public hearing will be held.
- Summary of deficiencies on the GSP “Incomplete Designation”: Hagman reported on the deficiencies and Klinchuch reviewed the process and schedule for addressing the determination.
- Stakeholder input: Program Manager reviewed the input from stakeholders that he has met with and noted their request for EKGSA to apply consistency while implementing policy to accomplish objectives.
- Status of Projects/MA direction by Board: Hagman noted that the TAC and AC have been given the assignment to develop a matrix and scoring of projects and management actions.

e. OTHER: Nothing to Report

7. **CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at 5:05 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:44 p.m. There was no reportable action.

8. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on April 25, 2022, however the Executive Director will contact the Board members to set a special board of directors' meeting in March.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 28, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Caudillo, George, Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

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

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, George, Roberts

3. **ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS:** A motion to approve the continued state of emergency and have Board attendance in person was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, George, Roberts

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comments on boundaries of the GSAs and Rules & Regulations.

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the February 28, 2022, Special Board Meeting was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, George, Roberts

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

a. Accept County appointment to the EKGSA Board of Directors: Tulare County Board of Supervisors voted on March 1, 2022, to appoint Steve Milanesio to represent its second seat on the Board of Directors. A motion to accept Steve Milanesio as director on the EKGSA board to fill the second seat for Tulare County on the EKGSA Board of Directors was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Micari, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, George, Roberts

b. Staffing Updates: Executive Director noted current staff is working through what needs to be done until we find a staff engineer.

c. Prop 68: WCB-RCIS: Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. We have received comments back from the State regarding the RCIS document. It is expected to have final approval by Department of Fish and Wildlife by late September.

d. Prop 68: Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director provided an update on the grant. EKGSA is the administrator and staff has submitted a modification to include replacement monitoring projects and extend the deadline on the grant.

e. Prop 68: Basin Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant is awarded to the Mid Kaweah GSA and focuses on DAC benefits and reviewed the two projects that we had that qualified – Lewis Creek Re-charge and the Mariposa Basin connection to Lindmore ID.

- f. Basin Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant will be administered by the Greater Kaweah GSA if awarded. The application was submitted on time.
- g. MALRP Grant: Executive Director noted the grant is being applied for by KDWCD by March 30 and is from the Department of Conservation. If awarded, the grant dollars would be used to develop projects and programs that repurpose currently irrigated lands into multiple benefit properties such as recharge facilities, habitat, solar farms, etc.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Klinchuch reported on the most recent TAC meeting since the last Board meeting. TAC discussion focused mostly on the Projects and Management Actions.
- b. Subbasin Efforts: Klinchuch provided an update on the projects and coordination activities in the subbasin. The annual report for 2021 will be done by April 1st. He also reported on modifying the GSP to meet the issues defined in DWR's determination of the GSP as incomplete. The updated GSP is due back to DWR by July 27th. The Program Manager noted that there is a coordinated effort in the subbasin for water marketing and how landowners could trade supplies and mostly focusing on landowners being able to look at water balance on the Water Dashboard project.
- c. GSP Implementation: Executive Director and Program Manager provided an update on Implementation.
 - AdHoc – Land IQ - ET: Program Manager reported the AdHoc has had three sessions and looking at Land IQ data accuracy. There will be recommendations to the board from their discussions.
 - Monitoring Network: Executive Director reported on the monitoring network.
 - Rules and Regulations “Term Sheet”: Executive Director noted the Rules and Regulations were posted on website on March 11, 2022, and a card mailer went out to EKGSA landowners notifying them of the process and how to provide comments and where and when the public hearing will be held. He asked for comments to be provided a few days before the Board of Directors meeting on April 25, 2022.
 - Summary of deficiencies on the GSP “Incomplete Designation”: Executive Director reported what DWR wants the EKGSA (and the other basin GSAs) to change on its GSP in order to approve it as complete.
 - Status of Projects/MA direction by Board: Executive Director noted the TAC and AC will be developing the Project & Management Actions matrix.
- d. OTHER: Nothing to Report

8. CLOSED SESSION: Board went into closed session at 4:28 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:13 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on April 25, 2022.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON APRIL 25, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, at the International Agri-Center, located at 4500 S. Laspina Street, Tulare CA 93274.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:08 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; John Komar, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda, with the correction being made on #9.b that Weddle should be replace with Hornung, was made by Director George, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the March 28, 2022, Special Board Meeting was made by Director Pelzer, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

5. **PRESENTATION:** Cordie Qualle of the California Water Institute gave a presentation on their meter evaluations.
6. **HEARING: Rules and Regulations:** The Hearing was opened at 3:46 p.m. Counsel reviewed how to comment during the hearing. There was extensive discussion and comments, and the Hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m. There was no action taken and the Board determined there would be another meeting to review updates that will be made to the Rules and Regulations from today's discussion. Board meeting probably to be held the 4th Monday of May, May 23, 2022.

7. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Resolution 2022-02 – Resolution Certifying to the County of Tulare the Validity of the Legal Process used to Place Direct Charges (Special Assessment) on the Secured Tax Roll: The Executive Director noted to the Board that this resolution is needed to reaffirm to Tulare County the district will continue to have assessments collected by them. A motion to adopt Resolution No.2022-02 A Resolution of the East Kaweah GSA Certifying to the County of Tulare the Validity of the Legal Process Used to Place Direct Charges (Special Assessment) on the Secured Tax Roll was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Ramirez, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

- b. Financial Reports: Executive Director reviewed with the board the unaudited 1st Quarter 2022 financial reports that were provided by the Senior Analyst.

- c. Payments: Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. The Executive Director noted the check and invoice copies were available for review at the meeting. After brief discussion, a motion to ratify the payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

- d. Prop 68: WCB-RCIS: Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. We have received comments back from the State regarding the RCIS document. It is expected to have final approval by Department of Fish and Wildlife by late September.
- e. Prop 68: Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director provided an update on the grant. EKGSA is the administrator and staff submitted a modification to include replacement monitoring projects and extend the deadline on the grant. The grant modification was approved.
- f. Prop 68: Basin Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant is awarded to the Mid Kaweah GSA and focuses on DAC benefits and reviewed the two projects that we had that qualified – Lewis Creek Re-charge and the Mariposa Basin connection to Lindmore ID.
- g. MALRP Grant: Executive Director noted the grant application was submitted by KDWCD to the Department of Conservation.
- h. Consider Appointments: Advisory Committee Chair, Joe Ferrara presented new appointments to the Advisory Committee for the board to consider. His proposal was to move Sopac Mulholland from “well user” to Conservation/Environmental, add Diane Gruber as an Ag rep, and add Erick Orellana as a DAC rep. After brief discussion, a motion to was made to move Sopac Mulholland from “well user” to Conservation/Environmental, add Diane Gruber as an Ag rep, and add Erick Orellana as a DAC rep to the Advisory Committee was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

8. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Klinchuch reported on the most recent TAC meeting since the last Board meeting. TAC discussion focused mostly on the Projects and Management Actions.
- b. Subbasin Efforts: Klinchuch provided an update on the projects and coordination activities in the subbasin. The annual report for 2021 was completed by April 1st. He also reported on status of the Water Dashboard, and the aquifer modeling that Stanford is doing.
- c. GSP Implementation: Executive Director provided an update on Implementation.

- d. Update of Board of Directors Directions to Staff/TAC: Executive Director noted the committees are working on the Projects and Management Actions Matrix (P/Mas).

9. CLOSED SESSION: No closed session.

10. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on July 25, 2022, and there will be a Special Board of Directors' meeting in May on the 23rd, 3:00 p.m. in Exeter.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE EMERGENCY MEETING ON MAY 12, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a, Emergency meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:25 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Vander Poel, Watson.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Buldo

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; John Komar, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

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

AYES: Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Vander Poel, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo

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

4. **CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at 3:24 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 3:50 p.m. There was no reportable action.

5. **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF WELL PERMIT FORM:** Legal counsel reviewed form and the two options available on the form – the Board needs to decide which option to use in order to use the form for permitting. After discussion, a motion to chose option 1 was made by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Vander Poel, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 23, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:05 p.m. with a quorum.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Micari, Peltzer

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Micari, Peltzer

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Comments

- 4. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the April 25, 2022, Regular Board Meeting and the May 12, 2022 Emergency Board Meeting was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Micari, Peltzer

5. **RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Counsel updated Rules & Regulations and the Executive Director reviewed each section for changes. During discussion it was noted that the document was not ready for approval and Counsel requested an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to work with staff on final document, noting that it needs to be similar with other GSAs. Ad Hoc Committee was formed: Director Ferrara, Director George, and Director Hornung.

6. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. GSP Incomplete Determination Modification effort: Klinchuch made a presentation to provide the board the status of the updates to the GSP.

7. **CLOSED SESSION:** No closed session.

8. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on July 25, 2022, but there will be a Special Board meeting on June 27, 2022 at 3:00 pm for the Rules and Regulations.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON June 27, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:05 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson, Peltzer, Micari

DIRECTORS ABSENT: E. Milanesio

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Chris Hunter, Program Manager, and various members of the committees and public.

Due to Chairman Milanesio absence, Executive Director Hagman requested nomination for a director to chair the meeting. Board approved Director Roberts.

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

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, George, Hornung, Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Micari

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: E. Milanesio

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Comments

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the May 23, 2022, Special Board Meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, George, Hornung, Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Micari

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: E. Milanesio

6. **CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS:** Motion to elect Tien Tran as DAC representative and move Erick Orellana as alternative DAC representative was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Micari

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, George, Hornung, Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Micari

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: E. Milanesio

7. **RULES AND REGULATIONS:** Executive Director reports assigned Ad-Hoc committee is working on the rules and regulations.

8. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. GSP Incomplete Determination Modification effort: Klinchuch made a presentation to provide the board the status of the updates to the GSP.

9. **CLOSED SESSION:** No closed session.

10. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on July 25, 2022.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON JULY 25, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, July 25, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 9:03 a.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Caudillo, Cosart, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Watson

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

2. **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON FINDINGS NEEDED TO UTILIZE ALTERNATIVE TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY:** A motion to approve the continued covid state of emergency remain in effect and have Board attendance in person was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Cosart, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson

3. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director George, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Cosart, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tien Tran thanked Mike Hagman and the EKGSA team for working diligently with the DAC representatives regarding development of the GSP.

Director Micari thank EKGSA staff for providing information for identifying the Tooleville Water Company water issues. Hagman thanked the Supervisor and his staff for working toward a letter and potential solution in assisting Tooleville.

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the June 27, 2022, Special Board Meeting was made by Director S. Milanesio, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Cosart, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E.,
Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Payments: Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. The Executive Director answered questions and noted the check and invoice copies were available for review at the meeting. After brief discussion, a motion to ratify the payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Cosart, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E.,
Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson

- b. Financial Reports: Senior Analyst reviewed with the board the unaudited 2nd Quarter 2022 financial reports and answered questions with Executive Director. A motion to accept the unaudited 2nd Quarter 2022 financial statements was made by Director George, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Cosart, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E.,
Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson

- c. Prop 68: WCB-RCIS: Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort.

- d. Prop 68: Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director noted that there is one remaining task on this grant. The grant has an approved modification that changes Task #2 to Monitoring Projects (and deleted well videoing) and an approved extension that allows these monitoring projects to be completed by mid-November and final reporting being done by December 31, 2022.
- e. Prop 68: Basin Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant is awarded to the Mid Kaweah GSA for Kaweah Subbasin activities. The grant was heavily weighted to DAC benefits. The grant also required the activities to be in the GSP. Hagman reported that the two projects that were funded were the Lewis Creek Recharge and the Mariposa Basin connection to Lindmore ID.
- f. MBLRP Grant: Executive Director noted the \$10M grant was awarded and we are in the process of developing a plan and projects that focus on multiple benefits from currently irrigated land to repurposed land.
- g. Alternates for Advisory Committee: The Board was asked to consider two alternates on the Advisory Committee that represent Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT). The Board has approved “alternates”, but such alternates need to be approved by the Board. SRT requested alternates Logan Robetson-Huecker and Gregory Liebau. After discussion, a motion to approve alternates Logan Robetson-Huecker and Gregory Liebau was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Cosart, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. GSP Incomplete Determination modification effort: Consulting Engineer Klinchuch presented a power point review of the GSP modifications that will be submitted to DWR if approved by the Board.
- b. Resolution 2022-03: Adoption of the EKGSA Ground Water Sustainability Plan: There was considerable discussion and public comment regarding the GSP modifications and adoption of the resolution.

Tien Tran stated that participation from the public was limited on the rewrite of the GSP. While recognizing time constraints, Tien noted that a letter will be sent to DWR noting the limited access to the public.

Tien Tran and Luis Sanchez Valle noted that the “Well Mitigation Plan” had limited metrics by which success could be measured and both asked that the EKGSA develop metrics to identify program objectives.

Director George noted that there still exist substantial variances in the identification of sustainable management criteria. GKGSA General Manager Osterling noted that they recognize the variance and will be working with the EKGSA and MKGSA to address this challenge.

After substantial discussion, a motion was made to adopt Resolution 2022-03: Adoption of the East Kaweah GSA Ground Water Sustainability Plan by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Cosart, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson

- c. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Klinchuch reported on the most recent TAC meeting since the last Board meeting.
 - d. Advisory Committee Report: Executive Director noted he chaired the meeting and the Committee had taken a vote to request the Board of Directors to not apply fines this first year to landowners that went over their allocation. The vote results were 3 yes and 3 no votes so the motion failed.
 - e. Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc: Director George reported that the Ad Hoc Committee has met three times-the last time was on the 5th of July. Legal Counsel is writing up results of the meetings and hopefully after one more meeting the Rules and Regulations will be ready for the Board of Directors.
 - f. Subbasin Efforts: Executive Director reported the subbasin meetings have been focused on the GSP incomplete determination.
8. **CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at 10:28 a.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 10:58 a.m. There was no reportable action.

9. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on October 24, 2022.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON AUGUST 30, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, August 30, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:12 p.m. with a quorum.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Caudillo

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

- 4. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the July 25, 2022, Special Board Meeting was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo

5. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Prop 68 – WCB-RCIS: Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. Hagman noted that it is expected that the RCIS will be approved by the Department of Fish and Wildlife by mid-September.
- b. Prop 68 – Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director noted that there is one remaining task on this grant. The grant has an approved modification that changes Task #2 to Monitoring Projects (and deleted well videoing) and an approved extension that allows these monitoring projects to be completed by mid-November and final reporting being done by December 31, 2022.
- c. Prop 68 – Basin Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant is awarded to the Mid Kaweah GSA for Kaweah Subbasin activities. The grant was heavily weighted to DAC benefits. The grant also required the activities to be in the GSP. Hagman reported that the two projects that were funded were the Lewis Creek Recharge and the Mariposa Basin connection to Lindmore ID pipeline. Lindmore ID is paying for the cost share on both projects.
- d. MBLRP Grant – Executive Director noted the \$10M grant was awarded and we are in the process of developing a plan and projects that focus on multiple benefits from currently irrigated land to repurposed land.
- e. Project Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant if managed by the Greater Kaweah GSA and has several EKGSA projects (Cottonwood and Yokohl releases from the FKC, Dry Well Study, Lindsay-Strathmore Infrastructure for releases into Lewis Creek, and Sentinel Butte Infrastructure).

6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Allocation Recommendation: The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Advisory Committee (AC) reported to the Board on the groundwater condition in the EKGSA. In the presentation, it was highlighted that by the end of this allocation year (September 2022) it is that eight of the ten threshold regions will be at or near minimum threshold established in the GSP. Given that information, the TAC and the AC are recommending a Native allocation of 0.85 AF per acre to all assessed lands and a 0.30 AF per acre for all irrigated lands. In addition, the TAC is recommending that all water above Native should have a fee of \$500 AF placed on it. The Advisory Committee recommended that any discussion of fees should be deferred till after December 31, 2022.
- b. Resolution 2022-04: Setting an ET allocation for the 2023 allocation period (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023) – Hagman provided the resolution developed by Counsel Hughes for the Board’s consideration. After considerable discussion, the Board of Directors asked the Technical Advisory Committee to set a “cap” and deferred action on this item until a special meeting in September or the regular meeting in October.
- c. Advisory Committee (AC) Report: Director Ferrara reported that the AC had finalized their recommendations on the Projects and Policy Actions Matrix. Their recommendations were considerably similar to those provided by the TAC with the

exception that the AC wanted the EKGSA to consider land fallowing and land retirement programs especially if there was money from other sources outside of the fees charged to landowners. After some discussion, the Board thanked the committees for their work.

- d. Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc: Director George and Counsel Hughes reported that the Ad Hoc Committee has not fully completed the Rules and Regulations. Hughes noted that it is likely they will be ready for the end of September if the Board chooses to set up a meeting for that date.
 - e. Consider Allowance of EKGSA Allocation to/from EKGSA and other GSAs in the subbasin. This question was precipitated by a landowner request in the GKGSA who has lands in both the EKGSA and the GKGSA. Hagman noted that the GKGSA has no allocation, therefore, a transfer from GKGSA would ultimately have no limit. The landowner making the request noted that his letter should be considered for Native supply in the GKGSA. After substantial discussion, the Board declined transfers at this time outside or into the EKGSA from other GSAs until all GSA have similar transactional allocations.
7. **CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at 3:22 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 4:46 p.m. There was no reportable action.

8. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on October 24, 2022. Hagman recommended a special meeting to address Rules and Regulations and the 2023 Allocation be established. After some calendar management, the Board Chair set a meeting for the EKGSA Board of Directors for September 30, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Friday, September 30, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:05 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the committees and public.

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

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Report by Director Micari that he will need to excuse himself from closed session today.

4. **THE BOARD CONVENED CLOSED SESSION AT 3:05 AND CONCLUDED AT 4:21. CHAIRMAN MILANESIO STATED THAT THERE WAS NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION.**

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the August 30, 2022, Special Board Meeting was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Prop 68 – WCB-RCIS: Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. Hagman noted that it is expected that the RCIS will be approved by the Department of Fish and Wildlife by mid-September.
- b. Prop 68 – Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director noted that there is one remaining task on this grant. The grant has an approved modification that changes Task #2 to Monitoring Projects (and deleted well videoing). The modified Task #2 is underway and expected to be completed by end of November.
- c. Prop 68 – Basin Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant is awarded to the Mid Kaweah GSA for Kaweah Subbasin activities. The grant was heavily weighted to DAC benefits. The grant also required the activities to be in the GSP. Hagman reported on the status of the two projects that were funded: the Lewis Creek Recharge and the Mariposa Basin connection to Lindmore ID pipeline. Lindmore ID is paying for the cost share on both projects.
- d. Project Grant: Executive Director updated the Board on this grant that is managed by the Greater Kaweah GSA and has several EKGSA projects (Cottonwood and Yokohl releases from the FKC, Dry Well Study, Lindsay-Strathmore Infrastructure for releases into Lewis Creek, and Sentinel Butte Infrastructure).
- e. MBLRP Grant – Executive Director noted the \$10M grant was awarded and it is managed by KDWCD. \$5M of the grant needs to be spent on land repurposing projects and we are in the process of developing a plan and projects that focus on multiple benefits from currently irrigated land to repurposed land..

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Allocation Recommendation: The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Advisory Committee (AC) reported to the Board on the groundwater condition in the EKGSA in August and now provide the TAC and AC allocation recommendation to the Board for the Allocation Year 2023. Their recommendation was an allocation of .85 AF/acre of Native to all assessed lands in the EKGSA, 0.30 AF/acre of Tier 1 Penalty to all assessed irrigated lands in the EKGSA, and a cap of 2.50 AF per assessed acre. All of these recommendations as measured by consumption (Evapotranspiration – ET). They also recommended a charge of \$500 per acre foot for the Tier 1 Penalty. Additionally, if a landowner exceeds allocation or the cap, they recommended a charge of \$500 AF for the overage and a like reduction of the overage against the following allocation year.
- b. Resolution 2022-04: Setting an ET allocation for the 2023 allocation period (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023) – Hagman provided the resolution developed by Counsel Hughes for the Board’s consideration. A motion to adopt Resolution No.2022-04: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Adopting Groundwater Allocations for Groundwater Allocation Year 2023 was made by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

NOES: Buldo, Micari, Milanesio, S.

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

c. Rules and Regulations presentation: Director George and Counsel Hughes presented the draft Rules and Regulations that the Ad Hoc Committee has provided. There was considerable discussion and a few revisions.

b. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2022-05: Establishing Rules and Regulations for the EKGSA Groundwater. The resolution developed by Counsel Hughes for the Board's consideration was provided, a motion to adopt Resolution No.2022-05: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Certifying Adopting Rules and Regulations for Sustainable Groundwater Management, as modified, was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director George, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S, Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8. CLOSED SESSION: Board went into closed session at 3:05 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 4:21 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on October 24, 2022.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 24, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022, in person with auditor via video conference.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Cerros (Lindsay), Ferrara, J. Tienken (LSID), Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; and various members of the committees and public.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director S. Milanesio, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros (Lindsay), Ferrara, J. Tienken (LSID), Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Request EKGSA Board invest in video / conference solution so that public can attend remotely.

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the September 30, 2022, Special Board Meeting was made by Director Milanesio, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, J. Tienken (LSID), Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Roberts, Cerros

ABSENT: None

6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

a. 2023 Groundwater Allocation (2022-04): Executive Director Hagman presented an alternative allocation by the request of Director Micari and S. Milanesio. The alternative allocation added a Temporary Tier allocation of .5-acre feet and restructure the fee schedule to include a \$300 an acre foot Tier 1- and \$150-acre foot Tier 2 fee. Board held conversation with inclusion of the public. Motion to adopt the alternative allocation for the 2023 Groundwater Allocation was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director S. Milanesio and failed on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros (Lindsay), Micari, S. Milanesio,

NOES: Ferrara, J. Tienken (LSID), Hornung, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

b. Rules and Regulations: Hunter presented a recommendation to the board to adopt three specific modifications to the Rules and Regulations to reconcile issues with Eta values. 1) that all fallowed acres be assigned an “error credit” so that Evapotranspiration reflects no more than effective precipitation. 2) that all non-irrigated cattle acres be assigned an “error credit” so that Evapotranspiration reflects no more than effective precipitation. 3) that all non-commercial ag parcels five acres or less be assigned an “error credit” so that Evapotranspiration reflects no more than effective precipitation. Director Hornung made motion to adopt recommendations. (Watson), and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros (Lindsay), Ferrara, J. Tienken (LSID), Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Micari

ABSENT: None

Hunter presented a schedule for Allocation Year 2022 end of year statements and billing. Hunter reported that EKGSA is working with surface water agencies to acquire deliveries by parcel number. These activities are a significant lift. Hunter also requested a 30-day reconciliation period to provide landowners the ability to reconcile their end of year statements before bill are mailed out. Exeter Irrigation District General Manager Kilgore noted that the district he represents would not be able to supply surface water delivery by parcel until January 1. After further discussion board provided direction to modify schedule to supply surface water districts the time requested and ensure landowners are provided an opportunity to reconcile the end of statement.

c. Subbasin Report: Executive Director Hagman reported that Kaweah Subbasin GSA were coordinating on additional grant opportunities. Director Hornung included that there was additional work on synergizing terms and definitions between the GSAs. These activities include on-going efforts for landowner education and outreach.

7. ADMINISTRATION:

a. Audit Presentation: Cuttone & Mastro presented the audit report. A motion to accept the Audit was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Watson, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, J. Tienken (LSID), Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

b. Payments: Executive Director provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the financial reports and the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, J. Tienken (LSID), Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

c. Financial Report: Executive Director Hagman presented financial report. A motion was made to accept financial report as presented was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros (Lindsay), Ferrara, J. Tienken (LSID), Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

d. FY 2023 Financial Budget: Executive Director Hagman presented the draft FY 2023 Budget. Hagman made a recommendation to the board to clear the 2021 fund balance with a call for funds and to set a Special Board meeting for a Hearing to review

the budget before the public, take comments and consider adoption of the budget on December 12, 2022. A motion was made to accept the recommendation as presented was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Watson, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros (Lindsay), Ferrara, J. Tienken (LSID), Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- 8. CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at (6) p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:45 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Chairman set a Special Board meeting for December 12, 2022 at 3:00 pm and stated that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on January 23, 2023, at 3:00 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 12, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022, in person with auditor via video conference.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:13 p.m. with a quorum.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Ferrara, George, Hornung (Emergency Zoom), Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Buldo, Caudillo, Roberts

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

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Caudillo, Roberts

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

- 4. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the October 24, 2022, Regular Board Meeting was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Caudillo, Roberts

5. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. HEARING: Executive Director’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget: Executive Director reviewed the FY 2023 proposed budget by line item and provided explanation for each item and noting what activities specifically needed the board’s guidance. The Executive Director answered questions from the Directors and public and after considerable discussion, and a few modifications, the following action was taken: Motion was made to adopt the Executive Director’s proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget, with modifications, by Director George, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Caudillo, Roberts

The Board also asked for a presentation to clarify the staffing and dollars paid by the EKGSA to Lindmore ID. Hagman said he would prepare that for the January Board meeting along with a programmatic review.

- b. 2023 Meeting Schedule: Senior Analyst noted the enclosed meeting schedule may change when the TAC meets in January 2023 as they are discussing a change in meeting schedule. Staff will provide any updates to Board and Committees. Motion to approve the 2023 EKGSA Regular Meeting Schedule was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Caudillo, Roberts

- c. Discussion of Officer terms of office: Executive Director reviewed the sections of the JPA that determine the Officer terms of office. After discussion, it was decided nominations for Board positions would be made at the January 23, 2023 Regular Board meeting.
- d. Status of Grants: Executive Director provided updates on the status and activities of EKGSA grants. Director George requested a financial presentation on the grants. Hagman noted he would provide that at the next meeting.

6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Policy and Procedures update: No action taken.

- b. Report on Groundwater Sustainability Implementation: Executive Director provided an update and Eta Analysis spreadsheet to the board. After reviewing the spreadsheet Executive Director confirmed he would make a couple suggested adjustments to the spreadsheets and distribute it to the board.

7. **CLOSED SESSION:** No closed session.

8. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting is January 23, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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