

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON March 20, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023.

OPEN Meeting: Convened at 4:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Matt Watkins, Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis

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

- 1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Motion to appoint Soapy Mulholland Chairperson for this meeting was made by Liebau, seconded by Lombardi.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis

Hagman conducted roll call and made introductions.

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Lombardi and seconded by Liebau.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis

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

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for August 23, 2022 and October 17, 2022 was made by Lombardi and seconded by Burt.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. Technical Advisory Committee – Hagman reported on TAC activities which were focused the recent DWR determination of incomplete for the Kaweah Subbasin GSP. Hagman reported that Intera had been hired to work with Provost and Pritchard on subbasin coordination and modeling efforts.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported on BOD activities focused on the 2023 Allocation Year groundwater allocations, approved ET credits for domestic parcels five acres or less / fallowed ground and non-irrigated grazer land. An updated Rules and Regulations will be presented the Board of Directors in the April 2023 meeting.

6. KAWEAH SUBBASIN ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. GSP and Basin Coordination Inadequate Determination – Hagman reported on the DWR findings of inadequate for the Kaweah Subbasin GSP. The EKGSA engineering team of Provost and Pritchard and Intera developed a matrix which analyzed the DWR response. The matrix identifies three key points identified by DWR, 1) Water Level Sustainable Management Criteria, 2) Subsidence Analysis, 3) Interconnected Surface Water. Coordination meetings between the three GSAs and their engineering teams are ongoing as the subbasin now works with State Water Resources Control Board.
- b. WCB Grant - RCIS – Hagman reported the RCIS process was on schedule and will be complete on April 1st.
- c. Prop 68 Planning Grant – Hunter reported all the components are complete, which included the modified grant components which provided two ground subsidence CORS stations, fourteen water quality stations and four groundwater monitoring wells for the subbasin measurement network.
- d. Prop 68 – Implementation Grant (update – MKGSA Admin) Hunter reported that Mariposa Recharge Basin component was complete, and the Lewis Creek recharge component is the USBR review phase.
- e. Prop 68 – Implementation Grant (update – GKGSA Admin) Hunter provided an update that all components have filed the EIF but there have been no further activity reported at this time.
- f. MBLRP Grant – Hagman reported that GKGSA had been awarded the grant and project were being prepared.
- g. GSP and Basin Coordination Incomplete – Klinchuch provided an update on the Annual report which was made available in DRAFT for the GSAs that their technical team to review. The initial data reports a loss of 340 to 360 TAF of groundwater, and 15-30 feet of surface water reduction. DMS is being developed between all the GSAs and their technical teams. The Stanford model is working on the calibration of water levels and subsidence.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. Land IQ Report YTD Information – Hagman provided an overview of the 2023 Land IQ report. There was a discussion regarding the five-year life of Native Yield as per the Rules and Regulations of EKGSA. Lombardi noted that Tule had a longer Native Yield life span and requested Hagman to look into Tule's Native Yield determination.
- B. Status of Allocations and ET Analysis –Hunter noted the delay in providing landowners the 2022 Allocation Year Summary. The Dashboard team is working with surface water providers to acquire surface water. Staff expects that the report will be mailed out by the end of March.
- C. Outreach – ET, Allocations, Annual Report – Hunter provided an update on EKGSA public outreach activities. Staff has sent out the 2022 End of Year Summary Report highlighting all of the outreach activities for allocation year 2022. The Mariposa Ribbon

cutting ceremony which will include representatives from DWR, EKGSA, LID, and City of Lindsay will be on April 19th. The first annual Irrigation Day event is scheduled for the first two weeks of May, this even focuses the goal of reducing groundwater pumping by 15% on landowner education on water supply and irrigation practices.

8. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, April 17, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON April 17, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023.

OPEN Meeting: Convened at 4:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Matt Watkins, Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Vito DeLeonardis (Quorum = 6 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Matt Klinchuch; Kaitlyn Palys, Abhishek Signh and various members of the public.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Hagman conducted roll call and made introductions.
2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gruber and seconded by Tran.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for March 20, 2023 was made by Gruber and seconded by Tran.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**
 - a. Technical Advisory Committee – Hagman reported on TAC activities which were focused on the recent DWR determination of incomplete for the Kaweah Subbasin GSP. Hagman reported INTERA and Provost and Pritchard are working in a coordinated effort with the MKGSA and GKGSA technical consultants on the DWR determination and SWRCB review process.

- b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported the next Board meeting is on April 24th and will be focused on the response to DWR’s finding of inadequate of the GSP.

6. KAWEAH SUBBASIN ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Hagman provided an update on the 5 grants and their related projects.
 - i. WCB Grant - RCIS – Hagman reported the RCIS process was on schedule and was completed March 31st.
 - ii. Prop 68 Planning Grant – Hunter reported all the components are complete, which included the modified grant components which provided two ground subsidence CORS stations, fourteen water quality stations and four groundwater monitoring wells for the subbasin measurement network.
 - iii. Prop 68 – Implementation Grant (update – MKGSA Admin) Hunter reported that Mariposa Recharge Basin component was complete, and the Lewis Creek recharge review by USBR was complete.
 - iv. Prop 68 – Implementation Grant (update – GKGSA Admin) Hunter provided an update that all components have filed the EIF but there has been no further activity reported at this time.
 - v. MBLRP Grant – Hagman reported that Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (KDWCD) had been awarded the grant and administrative and scoring processes were being developed. He also noted that Reyn Akiona (Valley Eco) had been hired to guide the subbasin in the process.
- b. GSP and Basin Coordination Incomplete – Klinchuch provided a review of the final Annual Report and summarized the findings.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. Hagman provide an update on the GSP Determination, noting that DWR comments resolved around coordination, and understanding the impacts the relationships between SMC and MT. Abhishek, INTERA, provided an update on the coordination process between the technical consultants of each GSA and the work being done on the Kaweah Subbasin model.
- b. Hagman provided an update on the latest Land IQ report.
- C. Status of Allocations and ET Analysis –Hunter noted the progress made acquiring surface water data, expects end of year summary report to be out to landowners within the week.
- D. Outreach – ET, Allocations, Annual Report – Hunter provided an update on EKGSA public outreach activities The first annual Irrigation Day event is scheduled for the first two weeks of May, this even focuses the goal of reducing groundwater pumping by 15% on landowner education on water supply and irrigation practices.

8. Timeline and Next Steps – Monday, May 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON May 15, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023.

OPEN Meeting: Convened at 4:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Matt Watkins, Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Vito DeLeonardis (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Matt Klinchuch; Kaitlyn Palys, and various members of the public.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Hagman conducted roll call and made introductions.
2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Lombardi and seconded by Liebau.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for April 17, 2023 was made by Burt and seconded by Tran.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**
 - a. Technical Advisory Committee – Hagman reported on TAC activities which were focused on the recent DWR determination of incomplete for the Kaweah Subbasin GSP. Hagman reported that last Board meeting was in March, no update from Board. Technical Advisory Committee meet on DWR Determination and EKGSA “order of

use” rules and regulations. Palys provided an update on the KSB technical team approach to resolution on Well Mitigation and Sustainable Management Criteria. Small Group will be on May 22nd, TAC on May 31st.

- b. Board of Directors – Hagman reported the next Board meeting is scheduled for July, ED Hagman informed that a Board meeting will need to be established for Well Mitigation and Landowner assessments.

6. KAWEAH SUBBASIN ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Hagman provided an update on the 5 grants and their related projects.
 - i. WCB Grant - RCIS – Hagman reported that a draft program was being established to consider projects on the west side of the GSA. The RCIS project will be sent to the state for review.
 - ii. Prop 68 Planning Grant – Hagman reported all the components are complete, which included the modified grant components which provided two ground subsidence CORS stations, fourteen water quality stations and four groundwater monitoring wells for the subbasin measurement network.
 - iii. Prop 68 – Implementation Grant (update – MKGSA Admin) Hunter reported that Mariposa Recharge Basin component was complete, and the Lewis Creek recharge review by USBR was complete.
 - iv. Prop 68 – Implementation Grant (update – GKGSA Admin) Hunter provided an update that all components have filed the EIF but there has been no further activity reported at this time.
 - v. MBLRP Grant – Hagman reported that Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (KDWCD) had been awarded the grant and administrative and scoring processes were being developed. Several projects have been identified and reviewed. One project is to expand Herbert with land acquired by LID. The land will be able to deliver water from FKC through Lewis Creek. An additional project is upstream on Lewis Creek which is 220 acres, of which 80 acres is farmed.
- b. GSP and Basin Coordination Incomplete – Hagman reported on the Data Management System (DMS) which is being developed by Montgomery and Associates. The DMS is expected to be released in the next 30 days. In addition, EKGSA technical consultants are working with Kaweah Subbasin (KSB) model for the 2025 update. Klinchuch followed up that the model is the Stanford effort which is being worked on and coordinated by all the technical consultants in the KSB. Some of the work is updating the code, the water budget, and calibration between subsidence and water levels. Klinchuch expects the delivery to take the rest of 2023 and into 2024. Palys noted that historical data will be used for SWRCB efforts, but the model effort is to salvage the land subsidence and water level capacity.

Based on questions from committee, Klinchuch explained the history of the KSB model efforts and the improvement within the water budget and subsidence package.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. Hagman provided an update on the GSP Determination, noting that DWR deficiency comments resolved around subsidence, coordination amongst SMC, and understanding the impacts the relationships between SMC and MT. Palys provided a presentation that went over SWRCB Meeting, Well Mitigation Plan, and Sustainable Management Criteria Methodology. SWRCB meeting included, DWR staff, state technical staff and legal counsel, KSB was represented by EKGSA Board member Craig Hornung, and KSB technical consultants, managers, and staff. The focus of the meeting was to provide an overview of the effectiveness of the projects and management actions within the KSB, demonstrate coordination, proposed a schedule, emphasize the need for stakeholder engagement, and recognize the need to update SMCs per Regulations. Hagman noted that SWRCB instructed the GSAs to continue their efforts, and ED Hagman related to the SWRCB that groundwater pumping limits in the EKGSA is already limited to inflow.

The Committee held questions on the GKGSA allocations and their potential impacts to EKGSA and the KSB efforts to address the issues within the DWR inadequate determination. Hagman provided a high-level overview of the potential entities and their perspectives. Palys noted that a lack of coordination would bring on a set of State fees that could be more than thirty-eight million dollars. These fees would be in addition to the current GSAs management actions.

Palys stated that SWRCB focused on timelines and local control. State continued to ask questions ensuring that a public draft of the Well Mitigation Plan would be proved by June 30th, 2023.

Palys reviewed the work on the Well Mitigation Plan. Currently there is a framework which is being developed with the KSB. The framework will provide common standards for claim submittal, claim review, and other related structures. Each GSA will use the Well Mitigation Framework to develop their GSA Well Mitigation Plan. EKGSA and MKGSA are developing the first pass of the framework with GKGSA invited to the process. Palys described the components of Drinking Water Wells, Ag Wells, and Industrial Well of the mitigation plan. These wells are susceptible to chronic lowering of groundwater levels, land subsidence, and water quality and may be viable for well mitigation.

Tran offered to have CWC provide a high-level overview of the Mitigation Plan template that CWC is being developed with DWR funding.

- b. Hagman provided an update on the latest Land IQ report. Staff are working with Land IQ to have evaluation timelines.
- c. Status of Allocations and ET Analysis – Hagman reported that the Board approved the modifications to Rules and Regulations to codify previously adopted ET modifications for under special use cases.
- d. Outreach – ET, Allocations, Annual Report – Hunter noted the 2022 Allocation Summary was delivered to landowners. Staff are working with landowners to review their statements and update water accounts. Hunter provided an update on EKGSA public outreach activities The first annual Irrigation Day event is scheduled for the first two weeks of August; this even focuses the goal of reducing groundwater pumping by 15% on landowner education on water supply and irrigation practices.

8. Timeline and Next Steps – Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. is the next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting to review Mitigation Plan review and will schedule the next regularly scheduled meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON June 8, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for a special meeting on Thursday, June 08, 2023.

OPEN Meeting: Convened at 4:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Vito DeLeonardis (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Watkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathy Bennett, Matt Klinchuch; Kaitlyn Palys, Abhishek Singh and various members of the public.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Hagman conducted roll call and made introductions.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mulholland and seconded by Lombardi.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matt Watkins

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for May 15, 2023, was made by Mulholland and seconded by Gruber.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matt Watkins

5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

a. **GSP DETERMINATION**

- I. **DEFICIENCIES** - Hagman provided review of current process working through the DWR determination of Incomplete.
- II. **MITIGATION** – Palys provided an overview of the Kaweah Subbasin Mitigation Framework and the EKGSA Mitigation Plan. The committee held a detailed conversation and there was significant input from the public.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be moved to June 20, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON June 20, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

OPEN Meeting: Convened at 4:07 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Graham Burt, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis, Gregory Liebau, Alan Lombardi

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathy Bennett, Matt Klinchuch; Kaitlyn Palys and various members of the public.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Hagman conducted roll call and made introductions.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mulholland and seconded by Gruber.

AYES: DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Graham Burt, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis, Gregory Liebau, Alan Lombardi

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for June 8, 2023, was made by Gruber and seconded by Mulholland.

AYES: DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Graham Burt, Soapy Mulholland, Luis Sanchez-Balle, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis, Gregory Liebau, Alan Lombardi

5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

a. **GSP DETERMINATION**

- I. **DEFICIENCIES** - Palys provided review of current process working through the deficiencies and what is ahead of EKGSA.
- II. **MITIGATION** – Palys provided an overview of the items that need to be addressed by the end of the public comment period for the Kaweah Subbasin Mitigation Framework and the EKGSA Mitigation Plan. The committee held a detailed conversation and determined what information was needed in order to make a recommendation to the Board on a funding mechanism.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is July 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON July 17, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for their regular meeting on Monday, July 17, 2023.

OPEN Meeting: Quorum convened at 4:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DeeDee Gruber (Arrived 4:40 PM), Tien Tran, Graham Burt (Arrived 4:45 PM), Vito DeLeonardis, Allan Lombardi (Departed 5:03 PM) Soapy Mulholland (Arrived 4:20 PM), (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Liebau, Matthew Watkins, Jasmine Rivera

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathy Bennett, Matt Klinchuch; Kaitlyn Palys and various members of the public.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Hagman conducted roll call and made introductions.
2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gruber and seconded by Mulholland.

AYES: DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Graham Burt, Soapy Mulholland, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gregory Liebau, Matthew Watkins, Jasmine Rivera

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for June 20, 2023, was made by Burt and seconded by Tran.

AYES: DeeDee Gruber, Tien Tran, Graham Burt, Soapy Mulholland, Alan Lombardi, Vito DeLeonardis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gregory Liebau, Matthew Watkins, Jasmine Rivera

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Technical Advisory Committee
- b. Board of Directors

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Grant Updates – Hagman and Hunter provided updates on the grants
- b. Subbasin Efforts – Hagman briefly explained the efforts toward development of the numeric model, DMS and joint SMC coordination.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. GSP determination
 - I. Deficiencies – Hagman reported that the subbasin is attempting to develop SMC based on a regional relationship and coordinating those across the subbasin.
 - II. Mitigation – Palys noted the public comment period is now 45 days and began June 25th. She noted there will be a meeting with SWRCB staff at the end of July and she then reviewed the comments received before the comment period that is annotated on the Kaweah Subbasin Mitigation Framework and the EKGSA Mitigation Plan. There was feedback and discussion on the comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is August 21, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON August 21, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for their regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023.

OPEN Meeting: Quorum convened at 4:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Lombardi, DeeDee Gruber, Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Soapy Mulholland, Tien Tran, Vito DeLeonardis, (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Jasmine Rivera

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Kathy Bennett, Matt Klinchuch; Kaitlyn Palys and various members of the public.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Hagman conducted roll call and made introductions.
2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** The Staff and Committee had no changes or additions to the agenda.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for July 17, 2023, was made by Tran and seconded by Liebau.

AYES: Allan Lombardi, DeeDee Gruber, Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Soapy Mulholland, Tien Tran, Vito DeLeonardis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Matthew Watkins, Jasmine Rivera

5. EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Technical Advisory Committee – Hagman reported that the TAC has been working on the mitigation and deficiencies and will be getting ready to set an allocation for 2024.
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman informed the committee on what the board has been accomplishing since the last meeting.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Grant Updates – Hagman provided status updates on the grants.
- b. Subbasin Efforts – Hagman noted the development of the DMS is almost completed.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. GSP determination
 - i. Deficiencies – Hagman reported that the subbasin is with the SWRCB because the subbasin as a whole has deficiencies but is still attempting to develop SMC based on a regional relationship and coordination among the GSAs in the subbasin.
 - II. Mitigation – Palys noted it is being presented to the Board of Directors that the public comment period be extended to September 15, 2023. She also noted there will be a meeting with SWRCB next week and she reviewed the draft “Road to GSP Approval” presentation with the committee. There was considerable discussion and questions during and after the presentation.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is September 18, 2023, at 4:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON September 18, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for their regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023.

OPEN Meeting: Quorum convened at 4:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Lombardi, DeeDee Gruber, Jasmine Rivera, Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Soapy Mulholland (4:11PM), Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins (4:02) (Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Kathy Bennett, Chris Hunter, Matt Klinchuch; Kaitlyn Palys and various members of the public.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Hunter conducted roll call and made introductions.
2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** The Staff and Committee had no changes or additions to the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Liebau and seconded by Tran.

AYES: Allan Lombardi, DeeDee Gruber, Jasmine Rivera, Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for August 21, 2023, was made by Watkins and seconded by Gruber.

AYES: Allan Lombardi, DeeDee Gruber, Jasmine Rivera, Graham Burt, Gregory Liebau, Soapy Mulholland, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT**

- a. Technical Advisory Committee – Klinchuch reported that the TAC had worked through the 2024 allocations. Hagman reported that the TAC recommendation to the Board of Directors at the September 25, 2023, meeting will be:
 - 2024 Allocation Year (Oct 1, 2023 – Sept 30, 2024) Allocation

- Native Yield - .85-acre feet per acre – no cost
- .05-acre feet per acre at \$500 an acre foot
 - \$250 for mitigation plan funding
 - \$250 to purchase replacement water
- b. Board of Directors – Hagman informed the committee on what the board has been accomplishing since the last meeting.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Grant Updates – Hagman provided status updates on the grants.
- b. Subbasin Efforts – Hagman noted the continued work on DMS, modeling efforts, and SMC coordination.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. GSP determination
 - i. Deficiencies – Kait Palys walked the committee through the coordinated efforts on the GSP, MT, and SMC
 - II. Mitigation – Palys walked the committee through the Mitigation Plan and future efforts.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is October 16, 2023, at 4:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

**EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 16, 2023**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Advisory Committee duly met for their regular meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023.

OPEN Meeting: Quorum convened at 4:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Graham Burt, Vito DeLeonardis, DeeDee Gruber, Gregory Liebau, Allan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Tien Tran (4:32 pm), Jasmine Rivera
(Quorum = 5 voting members)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matthew Watkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Kathy Bennett, Chris Hunter, Kaitlyn Palys and various members of the public.

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Hagman conducted roll call and made introductions.
2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** The Staff and Committee had no changes or additions to the agenda. Motion to approve was made by Lombardi and seconded by Mulholland.

AYES: Graham Burt, DeeDee Gruber, Gregory Liebau, Allan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Jasmine Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Minutes for September 18, 2023, was made by Lombardi and seconded by Burt.

AYES: Graham Burt, DeeDee Gruber, Gregory Liebau, Allan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland, Jasmine Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vito DeLeonardis, Tien Tran, Matthew Watkins

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT**

- a. Technical Advisory Committee – Hagman reported that the TAC met October 13th and discussed the Land IQ unusual ET values for olives this past year. It was determined the ET values were too high and the TAC is recommending decreasing the ET values for all

olives by 33%. Other topics to be discussed during closed session at the upcoming EKGSA Board meeting.

- b. Board of Directors – Hagman informed the committee on what the board has been accomplishing since the last meeting. The Draft FY 2024 budget was reviewed at the September meeting and will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting. The budget hearing for the Proposed FY24 budget is scheduled for December 1st.

6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT

- a. Grant Updates – Hunter provided status updates on the grants.
- b. Subbasin Efforts – Kait Palys reported on the errors and changes that have been recommended on the modeling.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. GSP determination
 - i. Deficiencies – Kait Palys walked the committee through the coordinated efforts on the GSP for subsidence and water level SMC. She identified that for the Water Level issues, the Technical team has developed an well risk and impact assessment based on multiples of level reductions. This developed a cost for impacted wells and assists in identifying “acceptable” levels for mitigation. Typically driven by the cost of the mitigation of a or some dry wells at levels in the basin. All three GSAs are going to use this tool.
 - ii. Mitigation – Palys reviewed the mitigation program updates with implementation at the beginning of 2024.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is November 20, 2023, at 4:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA