

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the

### Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, September 8, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Lindmore ID Board Room

240 West Lindmore Street, Lindsay CA 93247

**TAC Members Present:**

Paul Buldo (Sentinel Butte)  
Matt Klinchuch (Non-Voting)  
Craig Wallace (Lindsay-Strathmore)  
Craig Hornung (Wutchumna)  
Neyba Amezcua (City of Lindsay)  
Aaron Bock (County/County)  
Calvin Monreal (Lindmore ID - remote)  
Nick Keller (Exeter/Ivanhoe)  
Gene Kilgore (SCID)

**TAC Members Absent:**

Brian Watson (At-large)

**Staff/Consultants:**

Michael Hagman (EKGSA)  
Chris Hunter (EKGSA)  
Kaitlyn Palys (remote)

**Members of the Public**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions:** Executive Director Hagman provided introductions and the roll was taken.
3. **Public Comment** – No public comment was provided.
4. **Committee Administration**
  - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes for August 11 and August 22, 2023 meetings:  
Hornung/Keller – Passed (unanimous) both minutes.
4. **Committee Business**
  - a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date
  - b. GSP Implementation Items
    - i. Water Year allocation discussion: Matt Klinchuch provided the requested technical data on water use in the EKGSA portion of the Kaweah Subbasin, the impact of the 2022-23 Allocation on available water supply and the remaining groundwater supply. Additional discussion was had on the precipitation credit for the EKGSA landowners. Additional discussion was had on the amount of money needed to meet the annual budget for the “EKGSA Mitigation Plan”. After further discussion on these related matters, the following occurred:  
  
**Action:** Motion and Second (Wallace/Kilgore) passes unanimously that the TAC recommends to the EKGSA Board of Directors set the Native Allocation at 0.85 acre feet of groundwater ETa per parcel acre at no cost to the landowner and that there be no allocation of Tier 1 or Tier 2 penalty water.

**Action:** Motion and Second (Wallace/Kilgore) passes unanimously that the TAC recommends to the EKGSA Board of Directors to establish a Mitigation Allocation of 0.05 AF per irrigated parcel acre at a cost to the parcel owner of \$500 per acre foot and must be paid for by December 31, 2023 with any unpaid to be sold on a first come first served basin. That fifty percent of that revenue will be used to buy surface water credits from willing landowners in the EKGSA and the balance to be used to fund the EKGSA Mitigation fund.

**Action:** Motion and Second (Wallace/Hornung) passed unanimously that the TAC recommends to the EKGSA Board of Directors to charge a fee of \$50.00 per transfer be charged when groundwater is transferred between non-associated parties

- ii. LandIQ Update: Hagman reported on the LandIQ report for July 2023. Also, Hunter identified Water Dashboard issues and noted that the year end report and billing will be going out in the next couple days. The payments will be due by October 25.
- iii. Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy: Reported on by Buldo/Hunter/Wallace.
- iv. Precipitation Credit Evaluation: Substantial discussion was had on how precipitation affects the ETa analysis and continued agreement that precipitation needs to be backed out of the ETa numbers so as not to overstate the amount of applied water consumed. Klinchuch provided an analysis of what the Basin Study identified and some comparative calculations of using some percentage of a rolling 25 year precipitation number. It was determined that the 25-year precipitation number (as provided by the water districts in the EKGSA) is 11 inches a year. The discussion that ensued was attempting to determine and appropriate amount of those 11 inches that goes into the ground or is consumed by evaporation or the plant process (ETa).

**Action:** After substantial discussion a motion was made (Keller/Kilgore) that passed unanimously that the TAC recommends to the Board of Directors that a precipitation credit of 75% of 11 inches be provided to the landowners as an offset of precipitation impacts to ETa.

**6. New/Other Business:** None

**7. Announcements**

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: Friday, October 13, 2023, 8:30 AM.

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.