

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

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

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

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

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

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

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

5. **EKGSA ACTIVITY REPORT:**

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

b. Board of Directors – (Need Help).

## 6. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN ACTIVITY REPORT:

- a. WCB Grant – RCIS: Hagman reported that the RCIS should be finalized by Department of Fish and Wildlife by the middle of August and answered questions from the Committee on the RCIS grant.
- b. Prop 68 – Planning: Hagman reported that Tasks 1 and 3 are completed and that a grant extension and modification were awarded to allow the basin to exchange the “well videoing” with several other needed analysis tools (new wells, ground level measurement equipment, water quality sampling equipment, etc.). All the requested projects were approved, and the grant was extended to February 2023. Hunter is working with GSAs to implement new projects.
- c. Prop 68 – Basin Grant: Hagman reported on the status of the two projects in this grant. Lewis Creek Recharge (LID/EKGSA - \$329,500) and Mariposa Basin Recharge (City of Lindsay/LID - \$650,000).
- d. GSP and Basin Coordination Incomplete:
- e. Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team – Hunter reported on the sub-basin activities.

## 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

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

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

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Alan Lombardi, Soapy Mulholland

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

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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