# MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 22, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Board of Directors duly met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:05 p.m.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT**: Loeffler, Roberts, Watson, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Crocker, Buldo, Rivera, Weddle (Alternate to Peltzer), Gobler (Appointed pursuant to Agenda Item 5).

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**: Peltzer

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Watson, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Crocker,

Buldo, Rivera, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**: There was no public comment.

**4. MINUTES**: Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the December 5, 2017 Board meeting was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Watson, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Crocker,

Buldo, Rivera, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

#### 5. BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The Board considered the nomination from Wutchumna Water Company to appoint Timothy Gobler as a director on the EKGSA Board pursuant to Section 3.01(a)(2) of the Agreement to Form a Joint Powers Authority, and Kim Brown as alternate director pursuant to Section 3.01(b) of the Agreement to Form a Joint Powers Authority.

Motion that Timothy Gobler be appointed as a director on the EKGSA Board pursuant to Section 3.01(a)(2) of the Agreement to Form a Joint Powers Authority, and Kim Brown be appointed as alternate director pursuant to Section 3.01(b) of the Agreement to Form a Joint Powers Authority was made by Director Weddle, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Watson, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Crocker,

Buldo, Rivera, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

#### **6. ADMINISTRATION:**

# a. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND RATIFICATION OF BILLS PAID.

The Executive Director presented an expenditure report and requested ratification of bills paid.

Motion to approve and ratify financial statements and payment of bills paid, as presented by the Executive Director, was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Watson, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Crocker,

Buldo, Rivera, Weddle, Gobler

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion to accept financial statements as presented by the Executive Director, was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Rivera, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Watson, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Crocker,

Buldo, Rivera, Weddle, Gobler

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

# b. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.

No action taken.

#### 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS:

#### a. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Executive Director provided an update regarding applications for Proposition 1 funding.

#### b. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Ferrara gave a report on the work of the advisory committee.

#### c. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Klinchuch gave a report on the work of the technical advisory committee.

#### d. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Trilby Barton presented EKGSA's draft Communications and Engagement Plan and took questions from the Board and public.

Motion to approve the Communications and Engagement Plan as a living document, subject to change at the opinion of the Board, was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Watson, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Crocker,

Buldo, Rivera, Weddle, Gobler

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

# e. LEGAL REPRESENTATION ON GROUNDWATER RIGHTS.

Legal counsel gave a presentation regarding application of groundwater rights to SGMA. Questions were taken from the Board and public.

# 8. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board did not hear a closed session item.

# 9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

The Executive Director reported that he was exploring new venues for future meetings, because it is anticipated that the current venue, the Lindsey Wellness Center, would no longer be available.

# **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Watson, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Crocker, Buldo,

Rivera, Weddle, Gobler

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Michael D. Hagman Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

# MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 26, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Monday, March 26, 2018, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:05 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**: Loeffler, Roberts, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Peltzer, Gobler, Weddle, Rivera (entered during Agenda Item 5).

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Watson, Crocker, Buldo

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Peltzer, Gobler,

Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Crocker, Buldo, Rivera

- **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**: No comments.
- **4. MINUTES**: Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the January 22, 2018 Regular Board meeting was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Burkett, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Peltzer, Gobler,

Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Crocker, Buldo, Rivera

**5. FY2017 AUDIT:** Auditor Dennis Hylton gave a presentation on the FY2017 Audited Financial Statements.

Motion to accept the FY2017 Audited Financial Statements was made by Director Burkett, seconded by Director Loeffler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Peltzer, Gobler,

Weddle, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Crocker, Buldo

#### **6. ADMINISTRATION:**

#### A. CALL FOR FUNDS

The Board considered a request from Executive Director for funds for both the Governance and Groundwater Plan purposes in the amount of \$50,000 and \$70,000, respectively.

Motion to approve

- (1) an April 1, 2018 call-for-funds for Governance in the amount of \$50,000; and
- (2) to make such call-for-funds, and future calls-for-funds due to the GSA by the last day of the first month of the quarter for which such calls-for-funds are made

was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Peltzer, Gobler,

Weddle, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Crocker, Buldo

Motion to approve a call-for-fund funds in the amount of \$70,000 for Groundwater Plan work was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Gobler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Peltzer, Gobler,

Weddle, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Crocker, Buldo

#### B. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The Board considered options for alternative locations for future EKGSA board meetings.

No action was taken.

# 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORS:

#### A. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN MANAGEMENT EFFORTS:

Executive Director requested that the Board consider participation in a SkyTem program being coordinated by the State of California and Stanford University.

Motion to give the Executive Director authority to participate in the presented SkyTem program being coordinated by the State of California and Stanford University, up to \$72,000, was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Peltzer, Gobler,

Weddle, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Crocker, Buldo

Executive Director gave an update on David's Engineering ET Expansion.

Motion that EKGSA accepts David's Engineering ET Expansion and Update Study to understand demand as a part of water budget in the GSP development, but that such understanding may be subject to change as new scientific knowledge is developed, was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Burkett, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Peltzer, Gobler,

Weddle, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Crocker, Buldo

# B. DATA COLLECTION:

Executive Director provided the Board with a status on EKGSA data collection and study.

No action taken.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH AN UPDATE ON THE SUB-BASIN EFFORT.

Executive Director provided a report on subbasin GSP development efforts.

- **8. CLOSED SESSION:** No Closed Session.
- **9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:** No action taken.

# **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Burkett, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Roberts, Milanesio, Ferrara, Burkett, Peltzer, Gobler,

Weddle, Rivera

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Crocker, Buldo

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

#### MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 23, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Board of Directors duly met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018, at the City of Lindsay Wellness Center located at 860 N. Sequoia, Lindsay, CA 93247.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:07 p.m.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT**: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camarena (Alternate for Watson), Peltzer, Crosson (Alternate for Ferrara), Weddle, Gobler (Entered during agenda item 6A).

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Burkett, Gobler

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camarena, Peltzer, Crosson,

Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Burkett, Gobler

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: The Board and public performed the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

**MINUTES**: Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the March 26, 2018 Regular Board meeting was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camarena, Peltzer, Crosson,

Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Burkett, Gobler

## **6. ADMINISTRATION:**

#### A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Executive Director provided a report on the EKGSA's expenses and accounts payable.

Motion to accept and ratify payments made, as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camarena, Peltzer, Crosson,

Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Burkett, Gobler

The Executive Director presented the January, February and March memos from Ms. Bennett regarding reconciliation of the Agency's accounts.

Motion to accept reconciliation affidavits, as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Loeffler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camarena, Peltzer, Crosson,

Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Burkett, Gobler

The Executive Director presented the Agency's financial statements and fund status.

Motion to accept the financial statements, as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camarena, Peltzer, Gobler,

Crosson, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Burkett

#### B. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CV-SALTS EFFORT

The Executive Director gave a presentation regarding SB 623, pending legislation to establish safe drinking water fund.

Motion to authorize preparing a letter in support of SB 623, subject to the Executive Director receiving approval from all Member Agencies, was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camarena, Peltzer, Gobler,

Crosson, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Burkett

#### C. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The Executive Director gave a report on efforts to find a new meeting location. The Executive Director has reached a general agreement with the Exeter Museum, but the Museum is still working on a few contract details.

The Executive Director reported that he has executed Groundwater Modeling Task Order KSB-03-2018.

The Executive Director gave a report on SkyTEM efforts. The agency will be responsible for 33-40% of the ~\$180,000 of estimated costs.

#### 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORS:

#### A. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Advisory Committee

The Executive Director gave a report on the activities of the Advisory Committee. The Committee recently discussed the communication and engagement plan. The Committee also discussed the challenges of conveyance losses. Committee Member Mulholland will provide the committee with examples of her Trust program.

# Technical Advisory Committee

Director Gobler gave a report on TAC activities. The committee has had discussions regarding ET. The committee has also begun discussing seepage issues and categories of water accounting. The committee has also discussed data collection and the timeframes for collecting data.

#### B. KAWEAH SUB-BASIN MANAGEMENT EFFORTS:

Executive Director provided the Board with a report on sub-basin coordination efforts.

There are no current action items, but the Board will at some point be asked to issue some policy direction on conveyance losses and allocations.

## C. DATA COLLECTION:

Executive Director provided a report on EKGSA data collection and study efforts.

#### D. STATUS OF BASIN SETTING DEVELOPMENT:

Executive Director provided an update on the sub-basin setting effort.

#### E. AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN:

Trilby Barton provided a presentation about the Communications and Engagement Plan. The Board discussed the process for making changes to the C&E Plan that may be generated by Advisory Committee.

Motion to authorize the Advisory Committee to make amendments to the GSA Communications and Engagement Plan was made by Director Gobler, seconded by Director Crosson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camarena, Peltzer, Gobler,

Crosson, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Burkett

# F. SkyTEM FUNDING PROPOSAL REPORT:

Covered in an earlier agenda item.

**8. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:** The next meeting will be the fourth Monday in July at the Exeter Museum.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camarena, Peltzer, Gobler,

Crosson, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Burkett

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman

Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

# MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 23, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Board of Directors duly met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:07 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Burkett

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara,

Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: The Board and public performed the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**: No comments.

5. MINUTES:

Mr. Gobler noted that he was present at the meeting.

Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary, with a change to note Mr. Gobler's presence from the April 23, 2018 Regular Board meeting was made by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara,

Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

#### **6. ADMINISTRATION:**

#### A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Executive Director presented the Agency's financial statements and fund status.

Motion to ratify payments made to pay the bills, as presented by the Executive Director, was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara,

Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

Motion to accept the financial statements as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Rivera, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara,

Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

#### B. DISCUSSION ON LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CV-SALTS EFFORT

The Executive Director gave a brief presentation on a potential letter regarding CV-Salts efforts. The Executive Director reported that he had received several concerns from Board Members and choose not to present this item for action by the Board.

# C. MOU FOR SUB-BASIN COORDINATION PROPOSED MODIFICATION (SUB-BASIN PARTNERS WILL CONSIDER REMOVING THE SUB-BASIN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FROM THE MOU

The Executive Director reported that the proposed MOU was inadvertently not included in the packet. The item will be considered at the next Board Meeting.

#### D. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The Executive Director had no administrative actions to report.

# 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORS:

#### A. COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS:

# Advisory Committee

The Executive Director gave a report on the activities of the Advisory Committee. Director Ferrara reported that the Advisory Committee had discussed the seepage loss issue, and the GSA's communication plan prepared by Provost & Pritchard. The Executive Director had also reported to the Advisory Committee on the elimination of the sub-basin TAC as a standing committee.

#### Technical Advisory Committee

Director Gobler gave a report on TAC activities. The TAC discussed the seepage issue with legal counsel. The TAC has also discussed the creation of a schedule for GSP development.

#### Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team

The Executive Director gave a report. Meetings have been less frequent in recent months.

The Executive Director reported that sub-basin setting efforts will likely cost about \$800,000, which is about \$100,000 more than originally budgeted.

Motion to give authority to the Executive Director to continue allocating resources for sub-basin setting efforts, by allocating resources to cover EKGSA's share of the increased cost of the sub-basin setting efforts, in addition to amounts already budgeted, was made by Director Rivera, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara,

Rivera, Roberts, Gobler, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

## B. GSA DATA COLLECTION:

Executive Director and Provost & Pritchard provided the Board with a report on data collection and study efforts.

Director Crocker asked for an update on schedule and progress. The Executive Director reported that GSP development is on track for public review next summer.

# C. EKGSA COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN EFFORT:

Trilby Barton of P&P provided a report on C&E Plan efforts. The GSA will host multiple public workshops in August. Ms. Barton gave the Board a summary of a presentation that would be presented at public outreach meetings.

#### D. SUB-BASIN SETTING DEVELOPMENT:

Executive Director provided a presentation regarding initial sub-basin inflow draft numbers. The Executive Director provided an overview of questions that remain open, including scrutinizing the total in-flow number, and how to determine what portions of that in-flow are from what sources.

#### 8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Director Milanesio referenced the item listed on the Agenda for Closed Session and advised the Board and public that these items would be discussed under Closed Session.

# **CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 4:49 PM**

#### A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—POTENTIAL LITIGATION:

Potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9: One (1) Case.

## 9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

No items for consideration. No action taken.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Loeffler, Milanesio, Crocker, Buldo, Camrena, Peltzer, Gobler,

Crossen, Watson, Ferrara, Cruz, Roberts, Weddle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

# MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON AUGUST 27, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Monday, August 27, 2018, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:02 p.m.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT**: Milanesio, Crocker, Gobler, Ferrara, Roberts, Burkett, Weddle (Alternate for Peltzer), George

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Rivera

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Gobler, Ferrara, Roberts, Burkett, Weddle,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Rivera

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: The Board and public performed the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**: Karen Yohannes provided a public comment regarding open and closed session discussions on seepage loss issues.

**MINUTES**: Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the July 23, 2018 Regular Board meeting was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Burkett, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Gobler, Ferrara, Roberts, Burkett, Weddle,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Rivera

## **6. ADMINISTRATION:**

## A. MOU FOR SUB-BASIN COORDINATION PROPOSED MODIFICATION

Motion to approve the First Amendment to the Subbasin Coordination MOU was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Gobler, Ferrara, Roberts, Burkett, Weddle,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Rivera

B. RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REGARDING GEI CONSULTANTS ON SUB-BASIN EFFORT.

Motion to approve Task Order KSB-04-2018 and authorize the Executive Director to was made by Director Weddle, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Gobler, Ferrara, Roberts, Burkett, Weddle,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Rivera

#### C. CALL FOR FUNDS – PLAN ACTIVITY

Motion to make a call-for-funds for Plan Work in the amount of \$500,000, to be split into four payments for each of the next four months, as presented in the Executive

Director's staff report, was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Weddle, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Gobler, Ferrara, Roberts, Burkett, Weddle,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Rivera

## D. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE:

Motion to approve the amendments to the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code establish a hearing date on October 22, 2018, and commence a public comment period was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Gobler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Gobler, Ferrara, Roberts, Burkett, Weddle,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Rivera

#### 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS:

#### A. COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS:

Advisory Committee

Director Ferrara gave a report on items discussed with the Advisory Committee.

Technical Advisory Committee

The Executive Director reported that the GSA's engineering consultant has developed a preliminary demand report. The Executive Director also discussed a hard rock well exemption. The Executive Director also reported on data development, and coordination with the other GSAs.

Director Crocker requested that the TAC develop a schedule with definite deadlines to share with the Board regularly. The Executive Director acknowledged the request and confirmed that such a schedule had been developed and would be shared as part of item 7B and at future meetings.

#### B. GSA DATA COLLECTION:

Executive Director provided the Board with a report on EKGSA data collection and study efforts.

Director Gobler and Director Crocker recommended developing a list of potential policy issues that may need to be worked through before GSP adoption.

# C. EKGSA COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN EFFORT:

No items for consideration, no action taken.

# D. SUB-BASIN SETTING DEVELOPMENT

Considered in conjunction with item 7B.

# 8. CLOSED SESSION:

No items for consideration, no action taken.

# 9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

The Executive Director reported that Counsel Ravi Patel would be leaving his position in October and that he would be working with the Agency's counsel, Klein DeNatale Goldner, on the transitional plan.

# **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Gobler, Ferrara, Roberts, Burkett, Weddle,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Rivera

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

# MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 22, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Board of Directors duly met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:08 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: The Board and public performed the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**: Karen Yohannes provided public comment regarding the agency's potential groundwater accounting policy, in particular with regards categorization of accounting for seepage losses from conveyance and use of appropriated water.

John Yohannes provided public comment regarding analysis of the effect of local dams on the local groundwater supply.

#### 5. MINUTES:

Director George requested a revision to acknowledge his attendance at the meeting.

Director Rivera requested a revision to his identification in the minutes.

Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Executive Director was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

# **6. ADMINISTRATION:**

# A. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Executive Director presented the Agency's financial statements and fund status.

Motion to accept financial documents, as presented by the Executive Director, and to wait for the Agency's December meeting to approve all payments was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

# B. EKGSA POLICY INDEX AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND DIRECTION:

The Executive Director presented the EKGSA Policy Index and recommended a process to bring policies to the Board of Directors.

Motion to give direction to the Executive Director to develop and present policies for the GSP, as described in his presentation, was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Cruz, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

#### 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORS:

#### A. COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS:

- Advisory Committee: The Executive Director and Director Ferrara gave a report on the activities of the Advisory Committee. Director Ferrara reported that the Advisory Committee discussed the water accounting framework.
- Technical Advisory Committee: The Executive Director gave a report on the activities of the Technical Advisory Committee. The Executive Director reported on data development and status.
- Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team: The Executive Director gave a report. The Executive Director reported that the management team is considering dividing the basin into ten different "hydrogeologic zones," which may be managed to different, appropriate measurable objectives. Data collection and strategic planning, however, is ongoing.

#### B. GSP DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING TIMELINE:

The Executive Director provided the Board with a report on the GSP development. The staff report includes a general description of plan development.

# C. SUB-BASIN SETTING DEVELOPMENT:

The Executive Director provided an update subbasin setting. The Executive Director asked the Board to keep several key terms in mind and to be familiar with them in future discussions regarding subbasin setting.

#### D. WATER ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK:

The Executive Director and legal counsel provided a presentation regarding a proposed water accounting framework.

Director Ferrara suggested that the issues presented be considered by the TAC and brought back to the Board for further discussion. Motion as to the same was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Watson and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts,

George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

# E. EKGSA COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN EFFORT:

Trilby Barton provided an update on C&E Plan efforts.

# 8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

No closed session. No action taken.

# 9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Ms. Yohannes made a request for the Board to consider appointing alternates for several Board positions, as provided by the GSA's JPA Agreement.

No action taken.

# **10. NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director requested a special meeting on December 3, 2018 at 3 pm. Motion as to the same was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Rivera and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

# 11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Rivera, Roberts, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. p

#### MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 3, 2018

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:06 p.m.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT**: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts (entered during Agenda Item 5)

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**: Milanesio (LID), Crocker (County), Rivera (Adv. Committee)

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Ravi Patel, Legal Counsel; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; and various members of the public.

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

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera, Roberts

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: The Board and public performed the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**: No public comments.

#### 5. MINUTES:

Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

#### **6. ADMINISTRATION:**

a. Consider Ratification of The Payments for FY2018-Quarter 3

The Executive Director provided a listing of the Agency's Accounts Payable and backup documentation and requested ratification of the payments made to meet the obligations of the Authority.

Motion to authorize ratification of the payments made as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Gobler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

b. Executive Director's Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget:

Executive Director presented a proposed FY 2019 Budget.

Motion to adopt the proposed 2019 Budget as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

c. Call for Funds:

Motion to establish a 2019 Governance Call for Funds in the total amount of \$222,000, to be split equally among the seven member agencies, to be paid quarterly, as presented by the Executive Director, was made by Director George, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

#### 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS:

#### a. COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS:

- Advisory Committee: Director Ferrara gave a report on the activities of the Advisory Committee. Specifically, he noted that the Advisory Committee discussed recent community outreach meetings. The Committee also discussed the schedule for the GSP and data collection.
- Technical Advisory Committee: Director Gobler gave a report on TAC activities. The Committee discussed the Water Accounting Framework and various consulting work.
- Kaweah Sub-Basin Management Team: The Executive Director gave a report. The management team had not met.

# b. GSP Development including Timeline:

Executive Director provided the Board with a report on the GSP development.

# c. Sub-Basin Setting Development:

Executive Director provided the Board with an update on consultant's efforts and agreements. The Executive Director gave a presentation regarding accounting for water that flows in from the mountains.

# d. Water Accounting Framework:

Karen Yohannes provided public comment regarding accounting for salvaged water as a result of the dam and requested that the GSA continue to take on legal and policy challenges of assigning rights to return flow.

The Executive Director presented draft answers to several FAQs.

The Board discussed potentially developing an economic study of SGMA impacts on the local economy. The Executive Director will place the item on the agenda for a future meeting.

# e. EKGSA Communications and Engagement Plan Effort:

Trilby Barton provided an update on the Agency's community outreach.

# 8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

No closed session held.

# 9. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

# 10. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CALENDAR YEAR 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:

Motion to adopt a schedule for future meetings as presented by the Executive Director was made by Director Gobler, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Burkett, George, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

# 11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Roberts seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Peltzer, Watson, Ferrara, Gobler, Weddle, Burkett, George,

Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Crocker, Rivera

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.