

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

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 17, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Friday, January 17, 2020, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

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

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Watson, Ferrara, George, Peltzer, Milanesio, Burkett, Crocker, Buldo.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Gobler, Rivera.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; 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 Burkett, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, George, Peltzer, Roberts, Milanesio, Burkett, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gobler, Rivera.

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Board and public performed the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

- 5. MINUTES:**

It was noted that the draft minutes should be revised to reflect that Director Watson was not present at the December 16, 2019 Special Board meeting and Director Camarena attended in his place. Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the December 16, 2019 Special Board meeting with that revision was made by Director George, seconded by Director Burkett, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, George, Peltzer, Roberts, Milanesio, Burkett, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gobler, Rivera.

**6. ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Quarter Ending (unaudited) Financial Reports and payables.

Motion to approve the Quarter Ending (unaudited) Financial Reports as presented by Staff was made by Director Burkett, seconded by Director Watson. Following discussion, the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, George, Peltzer, Roberts, Milanesio, Burkett, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gobler, Rivera.

Motion to approve the payables as presented by Staff was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Roberts. Following discussion, the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, George, Peltzer, Roberts, Milanesio, Burkett, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gobler, Rivera.

- b. Kaweah Sub-Basin Coordination Agreement – Management Team and Staff presented to the Board the final Draft Basin Coordination Agreement and appendices.

Motion to approve the final Draft Basin Coordination Agreement and appendices was made by Director George, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, George, Peltzer, Roberts, Milanesio, Burkett, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gobler, Rivera.

- c. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Management Team and Staff presented to the Board the final Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Motion to approve the final Draft Basin Coordination Agreement and appendices was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, George, Peltzer, Roberts, Milanesio, Burkett, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gobler, Rivera.

- d. Update: Prop 68 Basin Effort – Matt Klinchuh provided a report.
- e. Update: RCIS effort – Executive Director provided a report.
- f. Update: Annual Report –Executive Director provided a report, noting that EKGSA’s first annual report as required by SGMA is due April 1.

**7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Chair adjourned the regular meeting scheduled for January 27 to February 24.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, George, Peltzer, Crocker, Milanesio, Burkett, Crocker, Buldo.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gobler, Rivera.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Exeter Museum located at 125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:03 p.m.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Watson, Ferrara, Weddle (Alternate for Peltzer), Milanesio, Burkett, Buldo, Roberts.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

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

Executive Director introduced Cruz Romero who was recently hired as a staff engineer for Lindmore Irrigation District who will be working on behalf of EKGSA.

- 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: Watson, Ferrara, Weddle, Milanesio, Burkett, Buldo, Roberts.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Board and public performed the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

- 5. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the January 17, 2020 Board meeting with that revision was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Weddle, Milanesio, Burkett, Buldo, Roberts.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

**6. ADMINISTRATION:**

a. Advisory Committee member removal and replacement:

Motion to (1) Release Carlos Bravo (Rural Community) and Joe Russell (Domestic Well User) as members of the Advisory Committee (2) appoint Blanca Escobedo (Rural Community), Jeff Powers (Environmental), and Soapy Mulholland (Domestic Well User) on the Advisory Committee was made by Director Weddle, seconded by Director Buldo. Following discussion, the motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Weddle, Milanesio, Burkett, Buldo, Roberts.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

b. Proposition 218 – Ballot counting:

Motion to engage MK Election Services, LLC, to provide ballot services for the Proposition 218 election was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Weddle, Milanesio, Burkett, Buldo, Roberts.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

c. Update: Proposition 68 – Planning Grant: Matt Klinchuh provided a report.

d. Update: Proposition 68 – RCIS: Executive Director provided a report.

Following discussion, motion to adopt Resolution 2020-01 authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Roberts and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Weddle, Milanesio, Burkett, Buldo, Roberts.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

- e. Update: Kaweah Subbasin Annual Report: Matt Klinchuch provided a report on the status of its preparation.
- f. Update: GSP Status: Executive Director provided a report. The GSP was timely submitted to the Department of Water Resources. The 75-day period for submitting comments to DWR regarding the GSP expires on May 4, 2020.

**7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on April 27, 2020. A special meeting was set for March 30, 2020.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Weddle, Milanesio, Burkett, Buldo, Roberts.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: George, Crocker, Gobler, Rivera.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 30, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2020, by teleconference only.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:00 p.m.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, George, Crocker, Gobler.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Burkett, Roberts, Rivera.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Engineer; Provost & Pritchard; 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 Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, George, Crocker, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Rivera.

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the March 3, 2020 Board meeting with that revision was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, George, Crocker, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Rivera.

5. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Proposition 218: Executive Director reported that, due to timing issues, coordination with the County to enable the County to collect assessments, if successfully adopted, is not possible. Executive Director recommended having Lindmore ID serve as the assessor and collector for this assessment. Motion designating Lindmore ID to serve that role was made by Director George, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, George, Crocker, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Rivera.

- b. Update: Proposition 68: Executive Director provided an update.
- c. RCIS effort - Executive Director provided an update.
- d. Kaweah Subbasin Annual Report - Executive Director and Matt Klinchuch provided a status report.

**6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on April 27, 2020.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, George, Crocker, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Roberts, Rivera.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

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

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 27, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday April 27, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID -19 protocol.

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

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Camarena (for Watson), Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler. Burkett and Watson arrived at 3:20 PM

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Rivera.

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

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

AYES: Camarena (for Watson), Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Rivera.

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

- 4. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the March 30, 2020 Special Board meeting was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Camarena (for Watson), Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Rivera.

- 5. ADMINISTRATION:**

a. Financial Reports:

Directors Burkett and Watson arrived at this point in the meeting at 3:20 PM.

Motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Executive Director was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director George, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Burkett, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera.

b. Payments:

Motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Burkett, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera.

c. Audit Presentation:

Dennis Hylton presented the audit report.

Motion to approve the audit was made by Director Gobler, seconded by Director Watson, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Burkett, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera.

- d. Proposition 218 – Executive Director and Matt Klinchuch reported on the status of the Proposition 218 process.
- e. Update: Proposition 68 – RCIS Effort: Executive Director recommended (1) appointing review team for choosing consultant; (2) authorize approving authority to sign consultant agreement; and (3) appointing Review Steering Committee. Director Roberts volunteered to serve on the Steering Committee. The Executive Committee suggested New Current Water and Land, and EDF to sit on the review team along with a Director. The Executive Committee asked for one or two Directors to contact him if interested to serve on the review team.

Motion to hire an RICS consultant after the review committee makes its recommendation was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Burkett, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera.

f. Proposition 68: Basin Planning Grant - Executive Director provided an update.

g. KSB Annual Report - Matt Klinchuch provided an update.

## **6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Advisory Committee Efforts: Director Ferrara gave a report. The Executive Director reported on the members of the Advisory Committee and positions that need to be filled.
- b. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Director Gobler gave a report.
- c. Subbasin Efforts: The Executive Director gave a brief report

## **7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on July 27, 2020.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

AYES: Watson, Ferrara, Peltzer, Milanesio, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Burkett, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 27, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday July 27, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID -19 protocol.

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

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Camarena (for Watson), Crosson (for Ferrara), Peltzer (arrived at 3:30), Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler. Both President Milanesio and Vice-President Ferrara were not present. Secretary/Treasurer Hagman ran the meeting.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Rivera, Milanesio, Burkett.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; 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 Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Camarena, Crosson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera, Milanesio, Burkett, Peltzer.

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the April 27, 2020 Board meeting was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Gobler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Camarena (for Watson), Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Crosson

ABSENT: Rivera, Milanesio, Burkett, Peltzer.

5. **ADMINISTRATION:**

a. Financial Reports:

Director Peltzer arrived at this point in the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Substantial discussion was had regarding the accumulation of cash at the EKGSA. Hagman brought this issue up to let the Board know, due to external factors, the use of cash for implementation has been much slower than forecasted last year in the budget development. He recommends not collecting the final Implementation Call for Funds in October.

After the discussion a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Senior Analyst was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director George, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Camarena, Crosson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Peltzer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera, Milanesio, Burkett.

Another motion directing the Executive Director to not collect the final Implementation Call for Funds was made by Director George and seconded by Director Crocker and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Camarena, Crosson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Peltzer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera, Milanesio, Burkett.

b. Payments:

Bennett provided the EKGSA check register. Hagman noted that two payments were made to members of his family to put together a mailing of the Annual Report. The total payments were less than \$1,200. He noted that bids for this work were in the range of \$0.60 per piece or about \$3,500. After some brief discussion, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Camarena, Crosson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Peltzer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera, Milanesio, Burkett.

- c. Proposition 218 – Executive Director and Matt Klinchuch reported on the status of the Proposition 218 process. Hagman noted the timeline was narrow and there has been substantial concern by some folks on the timing of this assessment vote. After further direction, no action to change the course of the Proposition 218 was taken. Hagman noted that there will be three meetings in August. He would also be meeting with several landowners and some districts to ascertain their perspective and to seek their support.
- d. Update: Proposition 68 – RCIS Effort: Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. He noted that there were several farming interests on the Steering Committee. It was reiterated that this effort will focus on identifying species and areas for conservation efforts. The product of this effort will not be a policy document only a strategy document. This RCIS will allow for future public money and mitigation credits.

Hagman asked Director Roberts to provide his insight. Director Roberts remains skeptical. He noted that he will see this out and realizes this document in the end will be in the hands of the EKGSA.

- e. Proposition 68: Basin Planning Grant – Executive Director provided an update.
- f. KSB Annual Report – Matt Klinchuch provided an update and Hagman noted that 6,500 annual report summary flyers were sent out to EKGSA landowners.
- g. Shared Resources Agreement – Director Gobler provided a summary of the recent Ad Hoc visit with Lindmore Irrigation District. From each perspective things are working well.
- h. Advisory Committee Assignment – Hagman noted that two approved AC Committee members no longer participate. AC Chair Ferrara recommended adding Luis Sanchez-Balle of Self-Help Enterprises as a member replacing Adrianna Renteria. A motion to appoint Sanchez-Balle was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Camarena, Crosson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Peltzer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera, Milanesio, Burkett.

Hagman also noted that AC member Cruz Rivera has not participated for some time in the AC. Mr. Rivera is also a Board member. Hagman recommended relieving Director Rivera of both his AC member role and Board of Director's role. This would leave a vacancy in both the AC and the Board. After some discussion Director Roberts made a motion to relieve Mr. Rivera of both his AC and Board roles and for Hagman to work to find replacements, seconded by Crocker and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Camarena, Crosson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Peltzer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rivera, Milanesio, Burkett.

Hagman also noted that the AC would like the Board to allow the AC members to provide an alternate representative which is currently not allowed in the by-laws approved by the Board of Directors. Alternate Weddle recommended that if they do, the alternate should come to some number of meetings so that they understand the issues and not lose issue continuity. Director Crocker suggested the AC provide to the Board a redline/strikeout of the by-laws with the desired changes. Hagman noted he would provide that at the next meeting.

## **6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Advisory Committee Efforts: Hagman provided a report. Noting that most of the AC work has been regarding allocation of groundwater supply. Hagman noted that because of the threat of lawsuits, the committees and ultimately the Board of Directors should consider all sides of allocation to avoid adjudication. The Board asked to be kept up to speed on the process. Hagman noted that he will send the Board the AC packets that will include work on the policy.
- b. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Director Gobler and Consulting Engineer Klinchuch gave a report.
- c. Subbasin Efforts: The Executive Director gave a brief report on subbasin efforts.
- d. GSP Implementation: Presentations on monitoring network efforts were provided by Romero, Klinchuch and Hagman. It was reported that the EKGSA will be moving forward with installing seven monitoring wells, LandIQ has provided the May ETA report, work on stream gauging will be working with UC Riverside efforts, and other reporting, well videoing continues and is part of the Planning Grant as well, and other activities in the EKGSA implementation efforts.

## **7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on October 26, 2020. But discussion was had regarding the need for a separate meeting to accept the Engineer's Report for the land assessment vote and to set a hearing date. The Board directed the next meeting to be held on August 31, 2020 to consider accepting the Engineer's report and set a public hearing on the assessment vote.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

AYES: Camarena, Crosson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Peltzer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio, Burkett, At Large Director.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

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

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON AUGUST 31, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a special meeting on Monday August 31, 2020, via video/phone conference only – COVID - 19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:00 p.m.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Milanesio, Ferrara, Watson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Burkett, Peltzer (arrived at 3:14).

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

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

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

**AYES:** Milanesio, Ferrara, Watson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Peltzer

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

- 4. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the modified minutes provided by the Secretary from the July 27, 2020 Board meeting was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Milanesio, Ferrara, Watson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Burkett

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Ferrara, Milanesio

**ABSENT:** Peltzer

**5. ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Proposition 218 – Consider Accepting the Engineer’s Report – (3 public meetings)

After the discussion a motion to approve the Engineer’s Report for the Prop 218 as distributed and set the hearing date for October 26, 2020 was made by Director George, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Ferrara, Watson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Burkett, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on October 26, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

AYES: Milanesio, Ferrara, Watson, Buldo, Roberts, George, Crocker, Gobler, Burkett, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

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

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 26, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

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

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Milanesio, Crocker (remote), Watson (remote), Ferrara (remote), Buldo (remote), Roberts (remote), George, Hornung.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Burkett, Peltzer.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; 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:** Milanesio, Crocker, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Roberts, George, Hornung.

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Burkett, Peltzer.

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

- 4. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the August 31, 2020 Special Board meeting was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Milanesio, Crocker, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Roberts, George, Hornung.

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Burkett, Peltzer.

5. **HEARING:** The Board of Directors opened the Land Assessment hearing at 3:13 p.m. for discussion and comments. Counting the ballots for the Land Based Assessment was initiated at that time and it was decided to take ballots until 5:00 p.m. Landowners asked questions of the Board of Directors and at 5:00 PM the Board Chairman closed the hearing. The results of the assessment vote were tallied by MK Elections and the results were announced that the landowners had approved the assessment.

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

a. Financial Reports:

Executive Director reviewed the unaudited 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020 financial reports provided by the Senior Analyst.

b. Payments:

Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the financial reports and the payments, a motion to accept the unaudited FY2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter financial statements and ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director George, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Roberts, George, Hornung.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Peltzer.

c. FY2021 Annual Budget – Executive Director reviewed the draft FY2021 Annual Budget. Also discussed were the expected cash balances for the different operating activities. Direction was given to staff to provide the final draft budget for consideration at a future meeting. A motion to set a hearing date on December 1, 2020 to consider adoption of the budget for FY2021 was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Watson, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Roberts, George, Hornung.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Peltzer.

- d. Update on Proposition 68 – WCB Grant (RCIS): Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. Reports and invoices have been submitted in a timely fashion. Substantial discussion has been had at the RCIS Steering Committee regarding developing the RCIS. The substantial concerns have been around environmental interests being harmful to farming. Meetings have been held to assuage the concerns, with some success.
- e. Update on Proposition 68 – Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director provided an update. Quarterly reports for the grant have been timely. We have been assigned a new grant manager and the process for reimbursement has taken some time to get through.
- f. Board Vacancy – After discussion, the Board decided to defer filling the vacancy until after local elections were completed.
- g. Advisory Committee – Executive Director reviewed the status of the Advisory Committee and noted the Committee members would like the Board to consider a change in their by-laws to include having alternates. After discussion, a motion to change the by-laws for members to the GSA Board appointing one alternate for an AC member if requested by the AC member. A motion to accept this change was made by Director Crocker, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:
  - AYES: Crocker, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Roberts, George, Hornung.
  - NOES: None
  - ABSTAIN: None
  - ABSENT: Burkett, Peltzer.
- h. Kaweah Subbasin Water Market Grant – Hagman briefly explained that Tulare Irrigation District is the recipient of a grant from the USBR to study a potential water marketing program. Hagman asked the Board if they would like to have a representative on the steering committee for this grant effort. After discussion, Chairman Milanesio appointed Director Watson as the EKGSA representative on the steering committee studying a water market.

## **7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Advisory Committee Efforts: Director Ferrara and Hagman reported on the most recent AC meeting.
- b. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Hagman/Klinchuch reported on the most recent TAC meeting.
- c. Subbasin Efforts: The Executive Director gave a brief report on subbasin efforts.

- d. GSP Implementation: Hagman, Romero and Klinchuch provided an update on Implementation.
- e. Consider Adoption of two policies:
  - 1. **GW 2020-01**
  - 2. **GW 2020-02**

After a brief discussion regarding recommended edits by a member district, the Executive Director was asked to review the policy again with Legal Counsel and bring the policy back to the Board at the January 2021 meeting for consideration of adoption then.

**8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on January 25, 2021. But discussion was had regarding the need for a special meeting to consider adoption of the Executive Director's proposed FY2021 Budget, ratification of the Prop 218 tally, and adoption of an assessment rate. The Board determined there will be a Special Board of Directors' meeting on December 1, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Roberts, George, Hornung.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett, Peltzer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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

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

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 1, 2020**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Monday, December 1, 2020, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:10 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Milanesio, Crocker (remote), Watson (remote), Ferrara (remote), Buldo (remote), Roberts (remote), George, Hornung (remote), Peltzer (remote).

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Burkett.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer; Kathy Bennett, Senior Analyst; Trilby Barton, Provost & Pritchard; 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: Milanesio, Crocker, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Roberts, George, Hornung, Peltzer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett.

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

4. **HEARING:** The Executive Director reviewed the proposed FY2021 budget and answered questions from the Directors and public. After discussion, motion was made to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget by Director Roberts, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett.

5. **RESOLUTION 2020-02:** The Executive Director reviewed the Resolution 2020-02 which would approve the levying of the recommended assessments for 2020-2027. It was noted in the discussion that the totals of the proposed assessments are not correct. After discussion, motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 with the resolution assessment table corrected per the Engineer’s Report was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Crocker, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, George, Hornung, Peltzer.

NOES: Roberts

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett.

6. **GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Board Vacancy – After discussion, a motion to appointed Director Watson to fill the “At-Large” vacancy on the Board was made by Director Roberts, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett.

7. **FY2020 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER:** After review of the audit engagement letter, motion to approve hiring Dennis L. Hylton for FY2020 auditing services was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett.

8. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on January 25, 2021.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

AYES: Milanesio, Crocker, Watson, Ferrara, Buldo, Roberts, George, Hornung.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burkett.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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