

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 23, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:13 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

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

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Discussion to add closed session for potential litigation to the agenda as #9. Motion to approve adding #9 closed session to the agenda was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Member of the public requested remote access for the public to attend board meetings.

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the December 12, 2022, Special Board Meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Milanesio, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

5. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Presentation on 2023 Shared Resources Agreement: At the December 12th Special Board meeting, the Board asked for a presentation to clarify the staffing and dollars paid by the EKGSA to Lindmore ID. Executive Director Hagman shared a presentation on staffing and organizational structure.
- b. Consider EKGSA Participating in LAIF: Senior Analyst presented to the board that they consider participating in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). After discussion regarding the need to have a secure, liquid investment fund for EKGSA cash that also makes some interest, a motion to approve EKGSA staff to participate and open a LAIF account was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

- c. Resolution 2023-01: Senior Analyst and Executive Director discussed the options for EKGSA liability insurance. Of the two providers, joining the JPRIMA/CalMutual pool is the most cost effective and better insurance coverage. After discussion, a motion to adopt **Resolution 2023-01 Agreement to Become a Party to the Amended Joint Powers Agreement Creating the California Association of Mutual Water Companies Joint Powers Risk and Insurance Management Authority** was made by Director George, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

- d. Ratify Payments: Executive Director provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the financial reports and the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Milanesio, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

- e. Financial Reports: Executive Director and Senior Analyst presented financial reports and answered questions from the Board. A motion was made to accept financial reports as presented by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

- f. Update on Prop 68 WCB-RCIS: Executive Director provided updates on the status – this grant is close to completion.
- g. Update on Prop 68 Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director provided updates on the status – this grant is close to completion.
- h. Update on Prop 68 Implementation Grant (MKGSA): Executive Director noted that he does not have an update of this grant, as MKGSA is the administrator, but he knew it is moving forward.
- i. Update on Prop 68 Implementation Grant (GKGSA): Executive Director noted that he does not have an update of this grant, as GKGSA is the administrator, but he knew it is moving forward.
- j. MBLRP Grant (KDWCD): Executive Director noted that this grant has just been awarded and work has not started.

6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. 2023 Work Plan and Programmatic Review: Executive Director provided a detailed program and project review of the EKGSA since inception. He also discussed the upcoming projects and management actions that are in process, starting in 2023 or being considered.
- b. 2023 Groundwater Allocation: Program Manager gave a thorough status on the implementation of the water Dashboard.
- c. Rules and Regulations: this agenda item was tabled.
- d. Subbasin Report: Hagman reported that there has been no meeting yet this year. Also noted was the GKGSA has a new Manager.

7. CLOSED SESSION: Board went into closed session at 4:43 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:33 p.m. There was no reportable action.

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting is April 24, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. However, an earlier meeting may be set and the board will be contacted.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 22, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:02 p.m. with a quorum.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, S. Milanesio, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros, Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Abhishek Singh, Engineer Consultant; Kaitlyn Palys, Engineer Consultant; and various members of the committees and public.

1. ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

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

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Milanesio S., Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Roberts

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mark Heuer expressed concern over ET values on the Water Dashboard for fallowed fields. Discussion regarding Board action that provides credit for fallowed fields overcharged and the pursuit of ground truthing to increase accuracy.

- 5. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the January 23, 2023, Special Board Meeting was made by Director Buld, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Milanesio S., Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Roberts

6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. GSP “Inadequate” Designation – Hagman introduced Abhishek Singh and Kaitlyn Palys of Intera. Intera will be working on the GSP determination response and modeling of the Kaweah Basin. Intera provided a walkthrough and discussions were held on the GSP determination, the process of working with the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB), and the process of coordination between the GSAs in the Kaweah Subbasin that will be required to satisfy SWRCB.
7. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING** – Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 24, 2023.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:**
Meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 24, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:07 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Cerros (left 3:55 pm), Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts (arrived 3:30 pm), Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Micari

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

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Discussion to add closed session for potential litigation to the agenda as #9. Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of #9 closed session was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Micari, Roberts

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the March 22, 2023, Special Board Meeting was made by Director Milanesio, S., seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Micari, Roberts

5. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Resolution 2023-02: Senior Analyst and Executive Director reviewed the board’s decision to deposit Agency funds into the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and discussed the resolution and LAIF account information statement that directs the EKGSA Bank of the Sierra account for deposits and withdrawals. After discussion, a motion to adopt **Resolution 2023-02 - Resolution of the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors Authorizing the Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund** was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Watson

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Micari, Roberts

- b. Ratify Payments: Executive Director provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the financial reports and the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director George, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Micari, Roberts

- c. Financial Reports: Executive Director and Senior Analyst presented financial reports and answered questions from the Board. A motion was made to accept financial reports as presented by Director Milanesio, E., seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Micari, Roberts

- d. Grant Updates: Executive Director provided updates on the RCIS and MBLRP grants. Program Manager updated the board on the Planning grant and \$3.6M & \$7.6M Implementation grants.

6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. DWR GSP Determination and Placement under SWRCB: Executive Director noted the GSP is now in the hands of the SWRCB. Kaitlin Palys from Intera gave a presentation to the board regarding the GSP determination and what the SWRCB is asking of the subbasin and what the process for probation vs. approval will be. Further discussion was on the subbasin goal to avoid a probationary hearing and important information for moving forward.
- b. 2023 Groundwater Allocation: Program Manager gave an update on the implementation of the water Dashboard and noted the file with the 2022 Statements was sent to the printer for printing and mailing on April 13th.
- c. Rules and Regulations: The Program Manager informed the Board that the modifications to the Rules and Regulations were to codify the previous actions the Board had taken. These actions included the adjustment of ET for special use cases, and the ability for landowners of non-irrigated parcels to opt-out of the assessment and forego their groundwater allocations. The Board's previous requests for updates to the Rules and Regulations and a draft of the changes was provided in the board packet for review. Upon review of the Rules and Regulations the Program Manager noted that the draft changes to 6.2 and 6.3 would need to be tabled for further discussion. The Executive Director provided an update on sections 6.2 and 6.3 which constitute the "order of use" policy. After considerable discussion and review, the board asked the Program Manger to address the "order of use" by creating changes to the Dashboard to all landowners to determine the best priority for their conditions. The Program Manger clarified with the Board that Precipitation would be required to be first in the order or

use, and then any following allocations would be at the landowners discretion. The Program Manager requested sixty days to complete the requirement and the Board provided directions to complete the directive. After the discussion, the board was ready to consider Resolution 2023-03.

- d. Resolution 2023-03: After discussion, a motion to adopt **Resolution 2023-03 - Resolution of the Board of Directors of East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Amending Rules and Regulations for Sustainable Groundwater Management** was made with the draft changes in 6.02 removed, by Director George, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Micari, Cerros

- e. Subbasin Report: Executive Director reported on the Annual Report that has been completed and submitted.

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting is July 24, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

Board went into closed session at 6:27 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:47 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON MAY 24, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:03 p.m. with a quorum.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Kilgore (Alt), Micari, E. Milanesio, S. Milanesio, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Kaitlyn Palys, Engineer Consultant; and various members of the committees and public.

1. ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

- 2. APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Closed Session after the discussion on the DWR GSP determination was made by Alt. Director Kilgore, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Kilgore, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

- 5. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the April 24, 2023, Regular Board Meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Kilgore, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

6. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Resolution 2023-04 – void resolution number
- b. Resolution 2023-05 – Resolution Certifying to the County of Tulare the Validity of the Legal Process used to Place Direct Charges (Special Assessment) on the Secured Tax Roll: The Executive Director noted to the Board that this resolution is needed to reaffirm to Tulare County the district will continue to have assessments collected by them. A motion to adopt Resolution No.2023-05 A Resolution of the East Kaweah GSA Certifying to the County of Tulare the Validity of the Legal Process Used to Place Direct Charges (Special Assessment) on the Secured Tax Roll was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director George, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Kilgore, Micari, Milanese E., Milanese, S., Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. DWR GSP Determination – Kaitlyn Palys of Intera provided a walkthrough of the DRAFT well mitigation plan framework.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Board went into closed session at 4:07 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:03 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 24, 2023.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 23, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Friday, June 23, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:03 p.m. with a quorum.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Kilgore (Alt), Micari, E. Milanesio, S. Milanesio, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager, Joe Hughes, Counsel; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Kaitlyn Palys, Engineer Consultant; various members of the committees and considerable public in attendance.

1. ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

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

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Kilgore, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

- 5. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the May 24, 2023, Special Board Meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Kilgore, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

6. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Presentation of the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) document. Executive Director Hagman gave a review of the objectives of the RCIS to give

landowners options and Director Roberts noted his concerns. After considerable discussion the board moved to a vote on the resolution.

- b. Resolution 2023-06 – Resolution of the Board of Directors Accepting the Final Document of the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy. After noting there was no more public comment or questions, a motion to adopt Resolution No.2023-06: A Resolution of the Board of Directors Accepting the Final Document of the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Micari, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Kilgore, Micari, Watson
NOES: George, E. Milanesio, S. Milanesio, Roberts
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. GSP Status – Kaitlyn Palys of Intera provided a walkthrough of the DRAFT well mitigation plan framework. Kaitlyn noted that EKGSA is on schedule for March 2024 probation hearing. At this point, the draft framework and program need to go out for public review. The public review was initially for 30-day review period; however a 45-day review period is now being recommended. The Board consensus was to now have a 45-day public comment period.
- b. Approval of the Mitigation Framework and Program for 30-day public review – after the previous discussion, a motion to approve sending out the draft Mitigation Framework and Program for a 45-day public review was made by Director George, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Kilgore, Micari, E. Milanesio, S. Milanesio, Roberts Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 5:08 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:20 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 24, 2023.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 24, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:07 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros

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

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

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the June 23, 2023, Special Board Meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros

5. **PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED FY2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Joe Mastro of Cuttone & Mastro presented the audit report. A motion to accept the Audit was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

a. **Establish Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate Shared Resources Agreement with Lindmore ID:** Executive Director provided a review of the agreement and noted the current agreement ends after December 31st, 2023 and recommended that the appoint two Board members to the Shared Resources Ad Hoc Committee for review of the agreement with Lindmore ID. Directors George and Hornung were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee to represent EKGSA.

b. **Ratify Payments:** Executive Director provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director George, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros

c. **Financial Reports:** Executive Director presented financial reports and answered questions from the Board. A motion was made to accept financial reports as presented by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros

a. **Consider extension of payment for AY2022 Water Penalties:** Program Manager described the invoices going to growers can then have some adjustments by growers on the dashboard. The Rules and Regulations give landowners 30 days to submit payment for the Penalty water. Section 7.00 of the Rules and Regulations also states that “All penalties must be paid within 30 days of the issuance of an invoice for that penalty by the Agency, or within any other period established by the Board and shown on the subject invoice.” EKGSA staff noted that since some choices were not available to landowners on the Dashboard that would assist them in managing their supply, Staff recommends the Board allow for payment within 60 days. After discussion, A motion was made to extend the due date for the AY2022 water penalties to 60 days by Director Micari, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros

b. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director provided updates on the RCIS and MBLRP grants. The Program Manager updated the board on the Planning grant and \$3.6M & \$7.6M Implementation grants.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

a. **DWR GSP Determination and Placement under SWRCB:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera presented a review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program, and

discussion on the sustainable management criteria and the modeling update. There was extensive discussion on the Kaweah Subbasin approach process.

- b. **2023 Groundwater Allocation:** Program Manager noted he covered this item under the above discussion on payment extension #6d.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Executive Director gave a quick report on the subbasin activities.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 4:45 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:53 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting is October 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The Board decided to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, August 23rd, at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 23, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:06 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kait Palys, Consulting Engineer and various members of the committees and public.

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

3. AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the July 24, 2023, Board Meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Micari., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

6. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

a. **GSP Status:** Hunter provided an update on the Water Dashboard and the 2022 Allocation Year billing process. Kaitlin Palys from Intera presented a review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program, and discussion on the sustainable management criteria and the modeling update.

b. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Motion to approve staff recommendation to extend the public comment period on the Mitigation Framework and Program to September 15, 2023, was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Milanesio E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Milanesio S., Watson

7. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 4: 16 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 4:58 p.m. There was no reportable action.

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting is October 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The Board decided to schedule a special meeting for Monday, September 25, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:02 p.m. with a quorum.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Crosson (Alternate), George, Hornung, Micari (3:09 PM), Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Milanesio S., Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kait Palys, Consulting Engineer and various members of the committees and public.

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

AYES: Buldo, Crosson (Alternate), George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Milanesio S., Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros, Micari

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS CONDUCTED**

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

- 5. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the August 2023, Board Meeting was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director E. Milanesio, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Milanesio S., Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Crosson

ABSENT: Cerros, Micari

- 6. ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- a. Set FY2024 Budget Hearing Date:** Motion to set the FY2024 budget hearing to December 1, 2023 was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director E. Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Crosson (Alternate), George, Hornung, Micari (3:09 PM), Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Milanesio S., Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cerros

7. **CLOSED SESSION:**

The board went into closed session at 3:21 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 3:59 p.m. There was no reportable action.

8. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. **Allocation Year 2024:** Hagman presented the TAC recommendations for the 2024 Allocations; discussion was held with Board and public input.

After the discussion a motion and second were made (Milanesio/Micari) to adopt Resolution 23-07 setting the Native Yield at .85 acre-feet per acre, precipitation credit at 92% of the 25-year rolling average, and for EKGSA to purchase, from a willing seller, up to 4,500 acre-feet of surface water credits in the groundwater aquifer at \$250 an acre-foot. The motion passed on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Micari, E. Milanesio, S. Milanesio, Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: Crossen, George, Hornung, Watson
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

- b. **Fee Structure:** Program Manager reported that the Board has allowed the AY2022 payments to be made by October 20, 2023 with its extension of the billing date needed by staff.
- c. **GSP Status:** Executive Director gave a quick report on the subbasin activities.
- d. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Intera presented the to date efforts and that all the GSAs were working toward the similar programs by 2025. No action was taken.

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting is October 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 23, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:07 p.m. with a quorum.

- 1. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros, Watson

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer

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

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Watson

- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Director Micari reported that impacts from the 2023 flooding could be considered in the Federal/State programs and could result in dollars for repairs for public agencies. He admonished public agencies to identify their systems and how they may have been impacted by the flooding and consider access to the federal/state programs.

- 5. MINUTES:** Executive Director noted there was an error in the minutes that were distributed to the Board in the packets. The corrected minutes were shown to the Board members and a motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the September 25, 2023, Special Board Meeting, as corrected, was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Ferrara
ABSENT: Cerros, Watson

- 6. ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Ratify Payments:** Executive Director provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director George, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Watson

- b. **Financial Reports:** Executive Director presented financial reports and answered questions from the Board. A motion was made to accept financial reports as presented by Director George, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Watson

- c. **FY2024 Annual Budget:** Executive Director reviewed the updated draft FY2024 Budget with the Board and there was discussion on the need for more detail on various activities. The Board Hearing to review the budget before the public, take comments and consider adoption of the budget is on December 1, 2023.

- d. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director provided updates on activity for the grants.

- e. **Billing Issues:** Executive Director reported to the Board on the water billing status and the estimated adjustments from mitigation since the invoices went out. He then provided a report on the overstatement of ETa on the olive crops and the proposal from the TAC to decrease the ETa 33% for AY2022, AY2023 and AY2024 for olives. After the adjustment unanimously passed the TAC, staff implemented the change for AY2022. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the 33% reduction of ETa for olives for AY2022, AY2023 and AY2024 and ratify staff's actions decreasing AY2022 ETa for olives on the billing, by Director Ferrera, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Watson

- f. **Shared Resources Agreement:** Executive Director gave a brief review of the Shared Resources Agreement and past actions. The current Agreement with Lindmore ID ends December 31, 2023. After discussion on the recommendation for a 4.5% increase for FY2024 and FY2025, a motion to approve Addendum 3 and a 4.5% increase for two years by Director George, seconded by Director Micari and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Watson

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera presented a review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program.
- b. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera provided updates on the GSP rewrite efforts.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Executive Director gave a quick report on the subbasin activities.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 4:45 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 7:00 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is January 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
There is a special Board meeting scheduled for Monday December 1, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 1, 2023

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Friday, December 1, 2023, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:03p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer

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

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Joseph Gallegos provided a presentation and his business card for his company that provides a method to reduce water use in irrigating tree crops.
- Supervisor Micari noted that the natural channels still can be cleaned but must go back to the permit process. However, the Governor assured everyone that this will be expedited.
- Gene Kilgore (Water Manager) recommending the use of COVID and 2023 Flooding in presentation of our updated efforts on the GSP.

5. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the October 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Hearing: Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget:** Executive Director provided the recently amended Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget and reviewed the budget with the board. There was no public comment and after some brief discussion,

a motion to adopt the proposed FY 2024 annual budget was made by Director George, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S.,
Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

- b. **2024 Meeting Schedule:** Executive Director directed the board to the 2024 EKGSA Regular Meeting Schedule that was provided in the packet and a motion was made to accept the meeting schedule as presented by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S.,
Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros

- c. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director provided updates on the RCIS and the MLRP grants. Some updates were also provided by Mark Larsen of GKGSA on the MLRP. The Program Manager gave updates on the Implementation grants and Mr. Kilgore gave an update on Yokohl Creek portion of the 2022 Implementation Grant.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera presented a review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program.
- b. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera provided updates on the GSP rewrite efforts.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Executive Director gave a quick report on the subbasin activities.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 4:13 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 4:31 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is January 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA