

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 22, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer; Abhishek Singh, Consulting Engineer

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

5. **MINUTES:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from the February 26, 2024, Special Board Meeting were included in the packets and a motion to adopt and ratify them, was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Committee Appointments:** The Executive Director provided the Board with the names and qualifications of proposed Advisory Committee members to fill vacancies. He noted the Board appoints committee members to the Advisory Committee.
- b. **Ratify Payments:** Executive Director provided the EKGSA check register. After some discussion on the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations

of the EKGSA was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

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

Rescind vote on Payments: After more discussion on the payment sheet, a motion was made to rescind the action ratifying the payments for the EKGSA. A motion was made to rescind the payments action by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo and carried by the following vote:

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

- c. **Financial Reports:** Executive Director presented financial reports and answered questions from the Board. There was discussion on the amount budgeted on the expense for “mitigation water purchases”. A motion was made to accept financial reports as presented by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

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

- d. **Flying Dragon:** Executive Director

- e. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director and Program Manager provided updates on activity for the grants.

- f. **Consider Adoption of Resolution 2024-02:** Executive Director opened the discussion on adopting Resolution 2024-02: which certifies to the County of Tulare the validity of the legal process used to place direct charges on the county secured tax role. In discussion he also noted that the 2021 unpaid assessments that were directly billed by EKGSA, would be added to the county tax role for 2025. The board took action with a motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-02: 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**, by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Caudillo and carried by the following vote:

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

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera presented a draft timeline and review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program.
- b. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera provided updates and on the GSP rewrite efforts.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Kaitlin Palys' discussion on the above 7.a and 7.b included the subbasin report update.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 6:11 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:55 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, July 22, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA