

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON APRIL 25, 2022

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, at the International Agri-Center, located at 4500 S. Laspina Street, Tulare CA 93274.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:08 p.m. with a quorum.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

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

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda, with the correction being made on #9.b that Weddle should be replace with Hornung, was made by Director George, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

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

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the March 28, 2022, Special Board Meeting was made by Director Pelzer, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

5. **PRESENTATION:** Cordie Qualle of the California Water Institute gave a presentation on their meter evaluations.
6. **HEARING: Rules and Regulations:** The Hearing was opened at 3:46 p.m. Counsel reviewed how to comment during the hearing. There was extensive discussion and comments, and the Hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m. There was no action taken and the Board determined there would be another meeting to review updates that will be made to the Rules and Regulations from today's discussion. Board meeting probably to be held the 4th Monday of May, May 23, 2022.

7. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Resolution 2022-02 – 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: 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.2022-02 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 Ramirez, and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

- b. Financial Reports: Executive Director reviewed with the board the unaudited 1st Quarter 2022 financial reports that were provided by the Senior Analyst.

- c. Payments: Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. The Executive Director noted the check and invoice copies were available for review at the meeting. After brief discussion, a motion to ratify the payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

- d. Prop 68: WCB-RCIS: Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. We have received comments back from the State regarding the RCIS document. It is expected to have final approval by Department of Fish and Wildlife by late September.
- e. Prop 68: Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director provided an update on the grant. EKGSA is the administrator and staff submitted a modification to include replacement monitoring projects and extend the deadline on the grant. The grant modification was approved.
- f. Prop 68: Basin Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant is awarded to the Mid Kaweah GSA and focuses on DAC benefits and reviewed the two projects that we had that qualified – Lewis Creek Re-charge and the Mariposa Basin connection to Lindmore ID.
- g. MALRP Grant: Executive Director noted the grant application was submitted by KDWCD to the Department of Conservation.
- h. Consider Appointments: Advisory Committee Chair, Joe Ferrara presented new appointments to the Advisory Committee for the board to consider. His proposal was to move Sopac Mulholland from “well user” to Conservation/Environmental, add Diane Gruber as an Ag rep, and add Erick Orellana as a DAC rep. After brief discussion, a motion to was made to move Sopac Mulholland from “well user” to Conservation/Environmental, add Diane Gruber as an Ag rep, and add Erick Orellana as a DAC rep to the Advisory Committee was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caudillo, Micari

8. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Klinchuch reported on the most recent TAC meeting since the last Board meeting. TAC discussion focused mostly on the Projects and Management Actions.
- b. Subbasin Efforts: Klinchuch provided an update on the projects and coordination activities in the subbasin. The annual report for 2021 was completed by April 1st. He also reported on status of the Water Dashboard, and the aquifer modeling that Stanford is doing.
- c. GSP Implementation: Executive Director provided an update on Implementation.

- d. Update of Board of Directors Directions to Staff/TAC: Executive Director noted the committees are working on the Projects and Management Actions Matrix (P/Mas).

9. CLOSED SESSION: No closed session.

10. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on July 25, 2022, and there will be a Special Board of Directors' meeting in May on the 23rd, 3:00 p.m. in Exeter.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA