

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

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 24, 2022**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

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

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Peltzer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Cruz Romero, Staff 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 Hornung, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer, Roberts

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Director George discussed having a potential Ad Hoc Committee to review Land IQ. Discussion moved to Item 7.c.

4. **MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the December 3, 2021, Special Board Meeting and the December 20, 2021 Special Board Meeting was made by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer

**5. ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Shared Resources Agreement: Executive Director reviewed the second Addendum to Agreement for Management and Administrative Services. This second addendum was developed after the Board requested that Lindmore ID hire a “Program Manager.” The increase of compensation for the hiring of the Program Manager affects each of the next two contract periods for 2022 & 2023. The Executive Director reviewed that the compensation would increase to \$515,000 (\$128,750 per quarter) in FY 2022 and \$529,000 (\$132,250 per quarter) in FY 2023. A motion to approve the second Addendum to the Shared Resources Agreement was made by Director George, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer

- b. FY2022 Annual Budget: Executive Director reviewed the amendment to the FY2022 Annual Budget noting the Board approved \$145,000 in additional payments to Lindmore ID for the “Program Manager” position. The revenue for this position will come from fines collected from landowners exceeding their groundwater allocation in the EKGSA. A motion to approve the amended budget was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Roberts, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer

- c. Resolution 2022-01: Executive Director discussed a grant that is available from the State of California that is for groundwater basin/subbasins. Greater Kaweah GSA will manage the grant and all 3 GSAs will do a resolution. This resolution is for the application for a grant and a spending plan will be submitted. A motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 approving application for a Basin Grant was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer

- d. Financial Reports: Senior Analyst provided the unaudited 4th Quarter 2021 financial reports and Executive Director reviewed them with the Board.
- e. Payments: Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. After some brief discussion on the payments, the Executive Director noted the check and invoice copies were not available at the meeting for review. This item was tabled until the next Board meeting.
- f. Proposition 68 – WCB Grant (RCIS): Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. Last month it was noted that the RCIS was submitted for the completeness review and received confirmation that it is technically complete. Now, the RCIS comment period has concluded and there were no comments received. There was a comment from MKGSA to minimize or eliminate any takeover of the RCIS to be used against us and that is being worked on. All reports and request for reimbursement are in. All activities are on timeline.
- g. Proposition 68 – Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director provided an update on the administration and projects. Staff and Consultants are working on an amendment to the Grant for a 30-day extension to complete another basin project that will replace the videoing of key basin wells.
- h. Proposition 68 – Update on 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.

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

- a. Technical Advisory Committee Efforts: Klinchuch and Hagman reported on the most recent TAC meetings since the last Board meeting with the Land IQ and ET parcel reporting being reviewed. The subject of concern for “rules and regulations” effort was brought up. Chris Hunter will forward his draft to legal counsel and after review they will provide this to the Board to consider adoption. Also, there was discussion on the GSP not being approved by the State and who the projects in the GSP benefit. After considerable discussion, a motion to direct the TAC and Advisory Committees to develop a list of projects with management actions and (or?) a cost benefit analysis was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Hornung and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Cerros, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, Roberts, Watson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peltzer

- b. Subbasin Efforts: Hagman and Klinchuch provided an update on subbasin activities.
  - c. GSP Implementation: Hagman and Klinchuch provided an update on Implementation. Mike George Land IQ discussion ending with an Ad Hoc Committee to look at Land IQ. Michele Staples also giving public comment on the magnitude of problem with Land IQ.
  - d. Update Board of Directors direction to Staff/TAC:
7. **CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at 5:33 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:27 p.m. There was no reportable action.

8. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on April 25, 2022 however a Special Board meeting should be set to review the rules and regulations. Special Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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