

**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