

**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