

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

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Friday, September 30, 2022, via video/phone conference and in person – COVID -19 protocol.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:05 p.m. with a quorum.

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting 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 George, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Report by Director Micari that he will need to excuse himself from closed session today.

- 4. THE BOARD CONVENED CLOSED SESSION AT 3:05 AND CONCLUDED AT 4:21. CHAIRMAN MILANESIO STATED THAT THERE WAS NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION.**

- 5. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt and ratify the minutes provided by the Secretary from the August 30, 2022, Special Board Meeting was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

ABSENT: None

**6. ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Prop 68 – WCB-RCIS: Executive Director reported on the status of the RCIS effort. Hagman noted that it is expected that the RCIS will be approved by the Department of Fish and Wildlife by mid-September.
- b. Prop 68 – Basin Planning Grant: Executive Director noted that there is one remaining task on this grant. The grant has an approved modification that changes Task #2 to Monitoring Projects (and deleted well videoing). The modified Task #2 is underway and expected to be completed by end of November.
- c. Prop 68 – Basin Implementation Grant: Executive Director reminded the Board that this grant is awarded to the Mid Kaweah GSA for Kaweah Subbasin activities. The grant was heavily weighted to DAC benefits. The grant also required the activities to be in the GSP. Hagman reported on the status of the two projects that were funded: the Lewis Creek Recharge and the Mariposa Basin connection to Lindmore ID pipeline. Lindmore ID is paying for the cost share on both projects.
- d. Project Grant: Executive Director updated the Board on this grant that is managed by the Greater Kaweah GSA and has several EKGSA projects (Cottonwood and Yokohl releases from the FKC, Dry Well Study, Lindsay-Strathmore Infrastructure for releases into Lewis Creek, and Sentinel Butte Infrastructure).
- e. MBLRP Grant – Executive Director noted the \$10M grant was awarded and it is managed by KDWCD. \$5M of the grant needs to be spent on land repurposing projects and we are in the process of developing a plan and projects that focus on multiple benefits from currently irrigated land to repurposed land..

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. Allocation Recommendation: The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Advisory Committee (AC) reported to the Board on the groundwater condition in the EKGSA in August and now provide the TAC and AC allocation recommendation to the Board for the Allocation Year 2023. Their recommendation was an allocation of .85 AF/acre of Native to all assessed lands in the EKGSA, 0.30 AF/acre of Tier 1 Penalty to all assessed irrigated lands in the EKGSA, and a cap of 2.50 AF per assessed acre. All of these recommendations as measured by consumption (Evapotranspiration – ET). They also recommended a charge of \$500 per acre foot for the Tier 1 Penalty. Additionally, if a landowner exceeds allocation or the cap, they recommended a charge of \$500 AF for the overage and a like reduction of the overage against the following allocation year.
- b. Resolution 2022-04: Setting an ET allocation for the 2023 allocation period (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023) – Hagman provided the resolution developed by Counsel Hughes for the Board’s consideration. A motion to adopt Resolution No.2022-04: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Adopting Groundwater Allocations for Groundwater Allocation Year 2023 was made by Director George, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Ramirez, Watson

NOES: Buldo, Micari, Milanesio, S.

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

c. Rules and Regulations presentation: Director George and Counsel Hughes presented the draft Rules and Regulations that the Ad Hoc Committee has provided. There was considerable discussion and a few revisions.

b. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2022-05: Establishing Rules and Regulations for the EKGSA Groundwater. The resolution developed by Counsel Hughes for the Board's consideration was provided, a motion to adopt Resolution No.2022-05: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Certifying Adopting Rules and Regulations for Sustainable Groundwater Management, as modified, was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director George, and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**8. CLOSED SESSION:** Board went into closed session at 3:05 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 4:21 p.m. There was no reportable action.

**9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The Executive Director reported that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on October 24, 2022.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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