

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 22, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024, in person.

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

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari (3:35 pm), Milanesio E., Milanesio, S., Peltzer, Roberts

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Cerros, Watson

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Alex Dominguez, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer; Abhishek Singh, Consulting Engineer

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the “revised” agenda was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Cerros, Micari, Watson

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Geoff Vanden Heuvel (Milk Producers) commented support for providing some funding to the California Blueprint effort.

5. **MINUTES:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from the December 1, 2023, Special Board Meeting were included in the packets and a motion to adopt and ratify them, was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Cerros, Micari, 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 Ferrara, seconded by Director George, and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES:	None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Micari, 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 Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cerros, Micari, Watson

- c. **California Water Blue Print:** Executive Director introduced the discussion regarding the role of the Blue Print and the option for EKGSA to provide some support through a donation to the Blue Print education fund. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to provide a \$2,500 donation to the Blue Print education fund 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

- d. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director and Program Manager provided updates on activity for the grants.

- e. **2021 Unpaid Assessments:** Executive Director noted that this agenda item is to consider action to lien property or apply to taxes for unpaid assessments from 2021 and the material is not available to present to the board. This item was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting.

- f. **Consider Adoption of Resolution 2024-01:** Executive Director opened the discussion on adopting Resolution 2024-01: which would approve the acceptance of the Flying Dragon Property. After some discussion, the board determined to discuss this activity further in the upcoming closed session. After closed session, the board took action with a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-01: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of EKGSA Approving the Acceptance of Real Property by Director Micari, seconded by Director Buldo 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 draft timeline and review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program.

- b. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera provided updates and on the GSP rewrite efforts.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Kaitlin Palys' discussion on the above 7.a and 7.b included the subbasin report update.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 5:03 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:11 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

There is a special Board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:06 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Brownfield, Buldo (3:08pm), Caudillo, Ferrara, Tienken, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer.

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Caudillo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Brownfield, Caudillo, Ferrara, Tienken, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Buldo, Milanesio, S.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

5. **MINUTES:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from the January 22, 2024, Board Meeting were included in the packets and a motion to adopt and ratify them, was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Brownfield, Caudillo, Ferrara, Tienken, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Buldo, Milanesio, S.

Director Buldo arrived at 3:18 PM

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Land Purchase:** Executive Director provided an update on the purchase of fifty-eight acre “Flying Dragon” project. The land purchase is complete and the process of CEQA has started for the project which will be funded through a MLRP grant.

- b. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director and Program Manager provided updates on activity for the grants.
- c. **2021 Unpaid Assessments:** Executive Director provided an update on the 2021 unpaid assessments. A motion to set a hearing date for April 22, 2024 for the consideration of lien was made by Hornung and 2nd by Micari and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Brownfield, Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, Tienken, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. **Allocation Interpretation Variance:** Executive Director provide the board a detailed review of the Resolutions and Rules and Regulations that define the current implementation of the Pumping Cap. There was a lengthy discussion with the Board and members of the EKGSA TAC.
- b. **Mitigation Water:** Executive Director provided an update on the current accounting or 2024 Mitigation Water. The Board held discussions on the appropriate process to sale unclaimed mitigation credits. Board provided direct to staff to implement an appropriate process.
- c. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Intera provided an update on the Drat Mitigation Framework and Program
- d. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Intera provided an update on the GSP Effort, the coordination amongst the Kaweah Subbasin, and the meetings with the SWRCB.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 5:11 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:40 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

There is a regular Board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 22, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024, in person.

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

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer; Abhishek Singh, Consulting Engineer

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Milanesio E., seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

5. **MINUTES:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from the February 26, 2024, Special Board Meeting were included in the packets and a motion to adopt and ratify them, was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Committee Appointments:** The Executive Director provided the Board with the names and qualifications of proposed Advisory Committee members to fill vacancies. He noted the Board appoints committee members to the Advisory Committee.
- b. **Ratify Payments:** Executive Director provided the EKGSA check register. After some discussion on the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations

of the EKGSA was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E.,
Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Rescind vote on Payments: After more discussion on the payment sheet, a motion was made to rescind the action ratifying the payments for the EKGSA. A motion was made to rescind the payments action by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E.,
Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- c. **Financial Reports:** Executive Director presented financial reports and answered questions from the Board. There was discussion on the amount budgeted on the expense for “mitigation water purchases”. A motion was made to accept financial reports as presented by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Milanesio S.,
Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: George
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- d. **Flying Dragon:** Executive Director

- e. **Grant Updates:** Executive Director and Program Manager provided updates on activity for the grants.

- f. **Consider Adoption of Resolution 2024-02:** Executive Director opened the discussion on adopting Resolution 2024-02: which certifies to the County of Tulare the validity of the legal process used to place direct charges on the county secured tax role. In discussion he also noted that the 2021 unpaid assessments that were directly billed by EKGSA, would be added to the county tax role for 2025. The board took action with a motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-02: 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**, by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Caudillo and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Caudillo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E.,
Milanesio S., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Micari
ABSENT: None

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. **Mitigation Framework and Program:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera presented a draft timeline and review for the ongoing developments on the mitigation program.
- b. **GSP Rewrite Efforts:** Kaitlin Palys from Intera provided updates and on the GSP rewrite efforts.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Kaitlin Palys' discussion on the above 7.a and 7.b included the subbasin report update.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 6:11 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:55 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, July 22, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE JOINT KSB GSA BOD MEETING ON JUNE 13, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Monday, June 13, 2024, in person.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 1:00 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** E. Milanesio, Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson, Wallace 1:53 PM (LSID Alternate)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes-EKGSA Counsel, (remote); Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst (remote); Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comment from Mr. DeJong (attending online) was provided. Wallace arrived at 1:53 PM
4. **a. PUBLIC DRAFT OF THE EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY'S SECOND AMMENDED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY:** Technical consultants Kait Palys of INTERA Inc. and Derrik Williams of Montgomery and Associates provided a walkthrough of the 2nd Amended East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). A motion to release the Public Draft of the GSP for a thirty-day public comment period was made by Watson and 2nd by Hornung:

AYES: E. Milanesio, Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Wallace
ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

b. KAWEAH SUBBASIN MITIGATION PROGRAM: A motion to adopt the Kaweah Subbasin Mitigation Program was made by Ferrera and 2nd by Peltzer.

AYES: E. Milanesio, Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: Wallace
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

c. EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER AGENCY MITIGATION PLAN: A motion to adopt the East Kaweah Groundwater Mitigation Plan was made by Buldo and 2nd by E. Milanesio.

AYES: E. Milanesio, Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: Wallace

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 22, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, July 22, 2024.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:02 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Alex N. Dominguez, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst (3:25 pm); Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer; Abhishek Singh, Consulting Engineer

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

5. **MINUTES:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from the April 22, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and the June 13, 2024, Joint KSB GSA BOD meeting were included in the packets and a motion to adopt and ratify them, was made by Director George, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Ratify Payments:** Executive Director provided the EKGSA check register. After some discussion on the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations

of the EKGSA was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

- b. **Financial Reports:** Executive Director presented financial reports and answered questions from the Board. There was discussion on the amount budgeted for the expense “mitigation water purchases”. A motion was made to accept financial reports as presented by Director Micari, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S.

- c. **Implementation Grant Updates:** Program Manager Hunter provided grant updates on the two DWR Implementation Grant projects.

- d. **MLRP Grant:** Executive Director provided briefing on the MLRP grant and proposed agreement with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District. Gregory Liebau provided a walkthrough to of the contract language. A motion was made to approve the contract with the following modifications by Director Micari, seconded by Director Buldo:

- Article IV shall refer to the Scope of Work (Attachment A) which identifies and isolates the agreement to the Flying Dragon Project.
- Section IX shall remove the requirement of obligation of prior written consent.

- e. **Flying Dragon:** Executive Director opened the discussion on the proposed contract with Sequoia River Lands Trust for conservation work within the MLRP grant. Gregory Liebau provided a walkthrough of the contract language. Contract is still being reviewed and **no action taken**.

- f. **Agreement for Services:** Executive Director opened the discussion on the consideration of contract with Liebau Land Consulting for the MLRP project. A motion was made to approve the contract by Director Watson, seconded by Director Micari and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio S.

- g. **Self Help Enterprises – EKGSA Contract:** Executive Director opened the discussion on approval of the contract with Self Help Enterprises Dry Well Mitigation Services agreement. A motion was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Peltzer:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio S.

- h. **Landowner Protest (Section 7.03):** Management Analyst Maskell identified four landowners who brought Protest under Section 7.03 of the EKGSA Rules and Regulations. The following actions were taken:

- **Landowner 1:** A motion to approve the protest was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Hornung.

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio S.

- **Landowner 2:** A motion to deny the protest was made by Director George, seconded by Director Peltzer.

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio S.

- **Landowner 3:** A motion to approve the protest was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Buldo:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio S.

- **Landowner 4:** A motion to approve the protest was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Milanesio.

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio S.

- i. **AY2023 Billing Timeline:** Management Analyst Maskell proposed a billing timeline for the AY2023 Billing. A motion to approve the timeline with one date modification for “End of Year – Invoice Due” to October 1, 2024, was made by Director George, seconded by Director Milanesio, E.:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio S.

j. **AY2024 Billing Timeline:** No action taken

k. **Modification to “Order of Use” (6.02/6.03):** Management Analyst Maskell a change to the Order of Use and to auto-mitigate overdraft fees on behalf of landowners. Each request was generated by landowner feedback to EKGSA staff. A motion to approve the change to the order of use was made by Director George, seconded by Director Peltzer:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio S.

A motion to approve the auto-mitigation of overdraft fees, however a grower can apply credits in the order they choose instead of auto-mitigation was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Ferrara.

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio S.

l. **Delinquent Accounts:** Management Analyst Maskell addressed the remaining AY2023 accounts that have not paid overdraft fees. Staff recommended applying a permanent 1:1 acre-foot loss to all acre-feet over unpaid overdraft. Upon payment, any credits that may exist will be moved to the current open allocation year. A motion to approve the change to the order of use was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Ferrara.

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Milanesio S.

m. **Agreement for Kaweah River water:** Executive Director provided an introduction on a potential agreement to purchase Kaweah River surface water. The Board held a robust discussion. A motion to approve the Executive Director to purchase up to 2,000 acre-feet at a \$225 cap an acre-foot was made by Director Micari, seconded by Director Peltzer:

AYES: Buldo, Micari, Peltzer, Roberts, Watson, (Roberts)

NOES: Ferrara, Milanesio, Ed., George, Hornung

ABSTAIN: Serna

ABSENT: Milanesio S.

n. **Set the AY2025 Precipitation Credits:** Executive Director provided the staff and Technical Advisory Committee recommendation to base the AY2025 Precipitation Credit on 80% of the 25-year rolling average. The rolling average is 11.1 inches,

making the Precipitation Credit .73 acre-feet per acre for AY2025. A motion to approve the Precipitation Credit was made by Director George and seconded by Director Hornung:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Serna

ABSENT: Milanesio S.

- o. **Set the AY2025 Native Allocation:** Executive Director provided the staff and Technical Advisory Committee recommendation to adjust the AY2025 Native Allocation to .82 acre-feet per acre. A motion to approve the Precipitation Credit was made by Hornung, seconded by Ferrara.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Serna

ABSENT: Milanesio S.

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. **Interconnected Surface Supply / Groundwater Quality Sustainability Management Criteria:** Abhishek Singh provided an update on the water board regarding addressing the two deficiencies added by SWRCB staff in their review of the 2022 KSB GSP.
- b. **GSP Update:** Executive Director Hagman provided an update on the schedule required to produce a revised 2024 Draft GSP in time for SWRCB staff to review and comment on before the SWRCB KSB hearing. Staff committed to providing EKGSA TAC and Board a draft version of the ISW/GWQ chapters by mid-October.
- c. **Subbasin Report:** Update on the subbasin was included in the above discussion for 7.a and 7.b.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 6:20 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 6:55 p.m. There was no reportable action.

- 9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** Next regular Board meeting will be held on October 28, 2024.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON AUGUST 1, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Crosson, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, E., Peltzer, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Serna

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Alex Domingues, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Members of the public

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director George, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Crosson, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, E., Peltzer, Roberts,
Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Serna

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

5. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Resolution 2024-03: Consider adoption of resolution directing staff to place uncollected Allocation Year 2022 overdraft fines on the Tulare County 2024/2024 Tax Roll:** Executive Director opened the discussion on adopting Resolution 2024-03: which certifies to the County of Tulare the validity of the legal process used to place uncollected overdraft fines, from Allocation Year 2022, on the county secured tax role. In discussion he noted the board approved adding the uncollected fines that were under \$10,000 to the county secured tax role at their July 22, 2024 meeting. The board took action with a motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-03: Resolution Certifying to the County of Tulare the Validity of the Legal Process Used to Place Groundwater Extraction Fees on the Secured Tax Roll**, by Director Buldo, seconded by Director George and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Crosson, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, E., Peltzer, Roberts,
Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Serna

6. CLOSED SESSION: No Closed Session.

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

There is a regular Board meeting scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 2, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2024.

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

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo (remote), Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Serna (remote), Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Milanesio, E., Milanesio, S., Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Alex Domingues, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer; Abhishek Singh, Consulting Engineer; members of the public

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Watson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Buldo, Serna
ABSENT:	Milanesio, E., Milanesio, S., Roberts

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

5. **Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation**

- a. **Public Draft of Groundwater Sustainability Plan:** Kaitlin Palys, Intera reviewed with the board the revisions to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan since the June 2024 draft GSP was released. After a thorough review and discussion, a motion was made to release the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency’s 2nd further Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan for a 30-day Public Comment period October 3, 2024 to November 3, 2024 by Director George, seconded by Director Ferrara and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Peltzer, Watson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Buldo, Serna
ABSENT:	Milanesio, E., Milanesio S. Roberts

6. **CLOSED SESSION:**

The board went into closed session at 4:16 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:26 p.m. There was no reportable action.

7. **Next Meeting:** October 28, 2024
8. **Adjournment:** 5:26 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 28, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, October 28, 2024.

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

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer (4:30 pm)

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Serna, and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Milanesio, S., Roberts

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

5. **MINUTES:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from the July 22, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and the August 1, 2024 and October 2, 2024 Special BOD meetings were included in the packets. After discussion on the July 22, 2024 minutes, a motion to adopt them with one modification to item #6 k: add that a grower can apply credits in the order they choose instead of using the auto-mitigation, was made by Director George, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Milanesio, S., Roberts

The minutes provided by the Secretary from the August 1, 2024 Special BOD meeting had no suggested corrections and a motion to adopt them was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Buldo, Serna, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson
NOES:	None

ABSTAIN: Ferrara
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts

The minutes provided by the Secretary from the December 6, 2024 Special BOD meeting had no suggested corrections and a motion to adopt them was made by Director E. Milanesio, seconded by Director Ferrara, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, Serna, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts

6. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. **Ratify Payments:** Executive Director provided the EKGSA check register. After some discussion on the payments, a motion to ratify payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts

- b. **Financial Reports:** Executive Director presented financial reports and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and answering questions, a motion was made to accept financial reports as presented by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts

- c. **EKGSA Revenue Programs:** Executive Director presented a revenue analysis, that was developed and recommended to the Board by the TAC, to potentially fund ongoing projects, programs and actions in the EKGSA. After considerable discussion and questions, a motion was made to accept the TAC recommendation as presented (attached) by Director George, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts

- d. **FY 2025 Annual Budget:** Executive Director reviewed the draft Proposed FY2025 Budget with the Board and after discussion on various activities, a motion was made

to set a Budget Hearing date of December 6th, 2024 by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts

- e. **Set Hearing date for Unpaid WY 2023 Water bills:** Executive Director asked the Board to consider setting a Hearing Date on December 6, 2024 for unpaid WY 2023 water bills. A motion was made to set a Hearing Date for unpaid WY 2023 water bills on December 6, 2024 by Director George, seconded by Director E. Milanesio, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts

- f. **Implementation Grant Updates:** Executive Director provided updates to the two DWR Implementation grant projects.

- g. **MLRP Grant:** Executive Director provided briefing on the MLRP grant and the agreement with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District.

- h. **Landowner Protest:** Management Analyst Maskell noted at this time there are no landowner protests pending.

- i. **AY2024 Billing Timeline:** Management Analyst Maskell proposed a billing timeline for the AY2024 Billing. He noted the need to move the timeline out a month starting with “Mailer” being moved to January 1, 2025 and all other items on the timeline be one month later through to “Payment Due”. The Board was in agreement with the proposed timeline.

- j. **Resolution 2024-04:** Matt Klinchuch provided the description and project background for the Resolution 2024-02 to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Negative Declaration for the Sentinel Butte Mutual Water Company Flood Capture Basin Project. After discussion, a motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-02: Resolution for Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Negative Declaration for the Sentinel Butte Mutual Water Company Flood Capture Basin Project**, was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director George:

AYES: Serna, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio E., Peltzer, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Buldo
ABSENT: Milanesio S., Roberts

7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

- a. **2nd Amended GSP:** Matt Klinchuch provided an update on the status of the updated Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- b. **Subbasin Report:** Hagman updated the Board on the subbasin issues.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 4:35 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:17 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Special Board meeting set for November 13, 2024 and December 6, 2024. Next regular Board meeting will be held on January 27, 2024.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Vice-Chair Hornung adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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Modifications to Fees

October 28, 2024 Board Meeting

November 4, 2024

Allocation Year 2022 Groundwater Pumping Allocations

	<u>Current Rate (AF)</u>	<u>Approved Rate (AF)</u>	Notes
Tier 1 Pumping	\$0	\$125	Option to landowners to extend life of credit thru September 30, 2030
Tier 2 Pumping	\$0	\$250	Option to landowners to extend life of credit thru September 30, 2030

Allocation Year 2023 Groundwater Pumping Allocations

	<u>Current Rate (AF)</u>	<u>Approved Rate (AF)</u>	
Tier 1 Pumping	\$500	\$250	Option to landowners to pay \$250 AF for credits on their account before February 28, 2024. Extend life of the credit to September 30, 2030. Landowners prepurchasing the credits (at the \$500 AF rate) that havent used them as of October 1, 2023, will be given an additional AF of overdraft.

Allocation Year 2024 Groundwater Pumping Allocations

	<u>Current Rate (AF)</u>	<u>Approved Rate (AF)</u>	
Unauthorized Pumping	\$500	No Change	No Change. Landowner exceeds allocation/pumping limit, EKGSA will apply a \$500 AF charge per acre foot in excess and reduce the subsequent year on a 1:1 basis.
Mitigation Tier	\$500	No Change	Purchase of the credit will be from water placed in the ground by EKGSA. Can be used to reduce the 1:1 unauthorized penalty transaction

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:10 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, E., Peltzer, Serna

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts, Watson

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer; Abhishek Singh, Consulting Engineer; members of the public

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, E., Peltzer, Serna
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Milanesio, S., Roberts, Watson

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was made regarding who is able to represent public agencies at the EKGSA board meetings.

5. **Minutes:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from the October 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting were included in the packets and a motion to adopt and ratify them, was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Serna, and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, E., Peltzer, Serna
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Milanesio, S., Roberts, Watson

6. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

- a. **Consider Adoption of the Amended 2024 GSP:** Kaitlin Palys, Intera reviewed with the board the public comments received on the October 2024 draft GSP and revisions to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan since the October 2024 draft GSP was released. She also commented on the revisions and updates in the 2024 Second amended Kaweah Subbasin Coordination Agreement. After discussion, a motion was made to sign and adopt the 2024 Second amended Kaweah Subbasin Coordination Agreement by Director George, seconded by Director Micari and carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, E., Peltzer, Serna
NOES:	None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts, Watson

A motion was made to adopt the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Final November 2024 Groundwater Sustainability Plan by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Peltzer and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Ferrara, George, Hornung, Micari, Milanesio, E., Peltzer, Serna
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio S. Roberts, Watson

7. CLOSED SESSION:

The board went into closed session at 3:42 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 3:47 p.m. There was no reportable action.

8. Next Meeting: Special Meeting December 6, 2024, the next regularly scheduled meeting is January 27, 2024

9. Adjournment: 3:48 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

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

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 6, 2024

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Friday, December 6, 2024.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 3:06 p.m. with a quorum.

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Buldo, Ferrara (3:33pm), Wallace (alternate), Hornung, Milanesio, E., Serna, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts, Peltzer, Micari

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlyn Palys, Consulting Engineer; Joe Mastro, Cuttone and Mastro; members of the public

2. **APPROVE THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Serna, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Wallace, Hornung, Milanesio, E., Serna, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts, Peltzer, Micari, Ferrara

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was made regarding who is able to represent public agencies at the EKGSA board meetings.

5. **Minutes:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from the November 13, 2024 Special Board Meeting were included in the packets and a motion to adopt and ratify them, was made by Director Buldo, seconded by Director Wallace, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Wallace, Hornung, Milanesio, E., Serna, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts, Peltzer, Micari, Ferrara

6. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

- a. **FY2023 Audited Financial Statements:** Joe Mastro, Cuttone and Mastro Certified Public Accounts provided a review of the FY2023 audit. A motion to adopt the FY2023 budget as presented was made by Director Watson, seconded by Director Buldo, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Wallace, Hornung, Milanesio, E., Serna, Watson, Ferrara
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts, Peltzer, Micari

- b. HEARING: Executive Director’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget** – Executive Director provided a brief of the proposed budget which was reviewed in detail at previous Board meeting. A motion to adopt the FY2025 budget with the addition of \$15,000.00 additional dollars to the “218 Review” was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Milanesio, E., and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Wallace, Hornung, Milanesio, E., Serna, Watson, Ferrara
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts, Peltzer, Micari

- c. 2025 Meeting Schedule:** Executive Director Hagman reviewed the proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule A motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule as presented was made by Director Wallace, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Buldo, Wallace, Hornung, Milanesio, E., Serna, Watson, Ferrara
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Milanesio, S., Roberts, Peltzer, Micari

- d. Grant Updates:** No updates provided

7. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation:

- a. GSP Status Report:** Kait Palys of INTERA provided a briefing of the 2nd Amended 2024 GSP and the SWRCB decision to cancel the January 7, 2025, hearing for the Kaweah Basin.
b. Subbasin Report: No Report Provided

8. CLOSED SESSION:

No Closed Session

- 9. Next Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 27, 2025

- 10. Adjournment: 3:52 p.m.**

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA