

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2025

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“EKGSA”) Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, January 27, 2025.

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

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Soria (remote), Ferrara, Wallace (alt LSID), Hornung, Peltzer, Reynolds, Roberts, Watson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Buldo, Micari, Milanesio

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Alex Dominguez, Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; members of the public.

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

AYES: Soria, Ferrara, Wallace, Hornung, Peltzer, Reynolds, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Buldo, Micari, Milanesio

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Emily from Sequoia Riverlands Trust introduced herself

5. **MINUTES:** The minutes provided by the Secretary from December 6, 2024, Special Board Meeting were included in the packet. After discussion, a motion to adopt them was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Hornung, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soria, Ferrara, Wallace, Hornung, Peltzer, Reynolds, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Roberts
ABSENT: Buldo, Micari, Milanesio

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. **Ratify Payments:** Senior Analyst 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 Wallace, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soria, Ferrara, Wallace, Hornung, Peltzer, Reynolds, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Buldo, Micari, Milanesio

- b. **Financial Reports:** Senior Analyst 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 Soria, seconded by Director Wallace, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soria, Ferrara, Wallace, Hornung, Peltzer, Reynolds, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Buldo, Micari, Milanesio

- c. **Unpaid WY 2023 Water bills:** Management Analyst reported on collecting unpaid water charges and fines for WY 2023 water bills. There was discussion on the WY2022 unpaid charges going to lien and/or the County tax bill.

After discussion, a motion was made to place the unpaid AY2023 charges by account less than \$10,000 onto the 2026 county tax roll by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Wallace and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soria, Ferrara, Wallace, Hornung, Peltzer, Reynolds, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Buldo, Micari, Milanesio

After further discussion, a motion was made to send a past due letter by Certified mail for accounts with balances greater than \$10,000. After 30-days of sending and no response, place a lien on the APN by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Watson, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Soria, Ferrara, Wallace, Hornung, Peltzer, Reynolds, Roberts, Watson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Buldo, Micari, Milanesio

- d. **Implementation Grant Updates:** Program Manager and Consulting Engineer provided updates to the two DWR Implementation grant projects.
- e. **MLRP Grant:** Consulting Engineer provided briefing on the MLRP grant noting the CEQA is out for public review. At an upcoming Special Board meeting on March 24, 2025, the board will consider approval for project.

7. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. **Subbasin Report:** Consulting Engineer provided the update from TAC and the upcoming activities in 2025.

8. **CLOSED SESSION:**

The board went into closed session at 3:52 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 4:01 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** Special Board meeting set for March 24, 2025. Next regular Board meeting will be held on April 28, 2025.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA