# EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 28, 2025

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Board of Directors duly met for a Regular meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 3:01 p.m. with a quorum.

**1.** **DIRECTORS PRESENT**: Buldo, Ferrara, Hornung, Micari (3:08 p.m.), Milanesio, Peltzer, Reynolds, Roberts (3:04 p.m.), Wallace (alt LSID), Watson

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**: Soria

**OTHERS PRESENT**: Michael Hagman, Executive Director; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Scott Maskell, Management Analyst; Joe Hughes, Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kaitlin Palys, Consulting Engineer; members of the public.

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

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

**3.** **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4.** **PUBLIC COMMENT**: No comments

**5.** **MINUTES**: The minutes provided by the Secretary from March 24, 2025, Special Board Meeting were included in the packet. After discussion, a motion to adopt them was made by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Reynolds, and carried by the following vote:

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

**6.** **ADMINISTRATION:**

a. **Budget/Expense Report for KSB Work Plan**: No action and deferred to next meeting.

b. **Groundwater Analysis for Revenue:** Executive Director reviewed an analysis of the 2024 water revenues that ended September 30th and an overdraft analysis for AY2024 and answered questions.

c. **Ratify Payments:** Senior Analyst provided the EKGSA check register. After some discussion with the Executive Director on the payments, a motion to ratify payments

made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Micari, and carried by the following vote:

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

d. **Financial Reports:** Executive Director presented financial reports and answered questions from the Board. After reviewing, he noted the reports needed updating and didn't ask for approval.

e. **Consider Adoption of Resolution 2025-02:** Executive Director opened the discussion and Senior Analyst provided information on 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. After questions were raised and answered, the board took action with a motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-02: 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 Wallace, seconded by Director Buldo and carried by the following vote:

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

f. **Status of Modified Revenue Stream efforts:** The Management Analyst updated the board with the need to push out the close of 2024 two weeks further. After discussion and recommendations, a motion was made to extend invoicing out to May 16th, 2025 with payments due June 30th, 2025 by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Reynolds and carried by the following vote:

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

g. **Proposition 218 – Rate Study:** Executive Director provided background to the rate study and asked the board to consider engaging Provost & Pritchard to provide the rate study. After discussion and input from the Provost & Pritchard consulting engineer Klinchuch, a motion to approve the engagement of Provost & Pritchard to provide the Proposition 218 rate study was made by Director Ferrara, seconded by Director Watson and carried by the following vote:

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

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

a. **Groundwater Sustainability Plan Status**: Consulting Engineer Palys provided the update on the GSP and results of recent meetings with SWRCB. One suggestion was to upload the GSP onto the DWR portal as well as updates on implementation and mitigation. After questions and discussion, a motion was made to direct staff to upload the GSP to the DWR portal by Director Micari, seconded by Director Wallace, and carried by the following vote:

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

b. **Work Plan – Update:** Executive Director provided a brief update.

**8. CLOSED SESSION:**

The board went into closed session at 4:08 p.m. and after discussion, came out of closed session at 5:00 p.m. There was no reportable action.

**9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** Next regular Board meeting will be held on July 28, 2025.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

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