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.

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Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA