EAST KAWEAH
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, January 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Lindmore Conference Room
240 W. Lindmore Street, Lindsay, CA 93247

Remote Access – ZOOM Meeting ID: 835 8962 5871 and Passcode: 151807

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call by Secretary**
2. **Approve the Agenda**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Minutes:** The Board will review and consider adopting the minutes provided by the Secretary for the Special Board meeting on December 5, 2025.
6. **Administrative:**
   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. **Cottonwood Creek and Waterways cleanup:** Consider cleaning channel with other landowners
   c. **Prop 218 – Rate Study:** Update
   d. **Payments:** Consider Ratifying Payments made to meet the obligations of the EKGSA (Hagman/Bennett)
   e. **Financial Reports:** Consider accepting the Quarterly Reports (Hagman)
   f. **Flying Dragon (MLRP) Update:** Staff / Consultants to update Board (Hagman, Klinchuch)
7. **Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation:**
   a. Update on Status of the Kaweah Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plans (Hagman, Palys, Klinchuch)
   b. ET Analysis to date (Hagman)
   c. Work Plan – Update Board (Hagman/Klinchuch)
   d. LandIQ Daily Tool: Staff to provide update
   e. Legal Services – Consider the services of Kahn, Soares and Conway (Alex Dominguez)

8. **Closed Session**

   CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION: [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)] - Number of Potential Cases: Two

   CONFERENCE WITH LEAD NEGOTIATOR Michael Hagman – Water Purchases Terms: Purchase of property. [Government Code Section 54957.6]

9. **Schedule Next meeting** – Next regularly scheduled meeting April 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

10. **Adjournment**

EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 05, 2025

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EKGSA") Board of Directors duly met for a Special meeting on Friday, December 5, 2025.

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

1. **DIRECTORS PRESENT**: Buldo (remote), Crocker, Crosson, Hornung, Peltzer, Reynolds, Roberts, Wallace, Watson

   DIRECTORS ABSENT: Micari, Milanesio

   OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Hagman, Executive Director; Chris Hunter, Program Manager; Kathryn Bennett, Senior Analyst; Alex Dominguez, Counsel; Matt Klinchuch, Consulting Engineer; Kait Palys, Consulting Engineer; members of the public.

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

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**: None

5. **MINUTES**: The minutes provided by the Secretary from October 27, 2025, Regular 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:

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

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

   a. **Hearing: Executive Director's Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget:** The Hearing was opened at 1:05 p.m. Executive Director Hagman reviewed a few changes made since first presentation of the draft budget and the board addressed a couple budget items and augmented the budget for Dashboard support and the Blueprint activities, a motion was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Reynolds to adopt the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget as changed in the hearing, the motion carried with the following votes:

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

b. **Shared Resources Agreement (SRA):** Executive Director Hagman provided the background for the SRA including prior years' addendums. Directors Hornung and Reynolds discussed the results of discussions in the SRA Ad Hoc committee meeting. After considerable discussion on the upcoming annual compensation for 2026, 2027 & 2028, a motion was made by Director Hornung, seconded by Director Reynolds to approve Addendum #4 to the Agreement for Management and Administrative Services as presented with a 3.5% increase for the three years, the motion carried with the following votes:

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

7. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

a. **Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Status**: Executive Director Hagman and Consulting Engineer Klinchuch provided a short summary on the status of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan with the State Water Resources Control Board.

8. **CLOSED SESSION:** Chairman Roberts opened the closed session at 1:22 p.m. and after a short discussion, came out of closed session at 1:50 p.m. There was no reportable action.

9. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** Next regular Board meeting will be held on January 26, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman
Secretary, East Kaweah GSA

East Kaweah GSA
Check Register
For the Period From Oct 28, 2025 to Jan 26, 2026

Check #	Date	Payee	Amount
1833	11/12/25	Provost & Pritchard, Inc.	54,251.31
1834	11/12/25	Land IQ	7,431.22
1835	11/12/25	Mid-Kaweah Groundwater	18,725.17
1836	11/12/25	Southern California Edison	205.10
1837	11/12/25	Self-Help Enterprises	161.35
1838	11/12/25	Lindmore Irrigation District	154,418.29
1839	12/1/25	MK Election Services, LLC	3,000.00
1840	12/3/25	Provost & Pritchard, Inc.	37,846.47
1841	12/3/25	INTERA, Inc.	74,193.65
1842	12/3/25	Klein, DeNatale, Goldner	1,125.00
1843	12/3/25	Land IQ	7,586.22
1844	12/3/25	Gregory Liebau	1,615.00
1845	12/3/25	UNITED TRACKING SYSTEMS	67,800.00
1846	12/16/25	Southern California Edison	204.70
1847	1/9/26	Provost & Pritchard, Inc.	67,928.20
1848	1/9/26	Barnett Land Leveling Company, Inc.	11,900.00
1849	1/9/26	Cuttone & Mastro	500.00
1850	1/9/26	INTERA, Inc.	58,570.50
1851	1/9/26	Klein, DeNatale, Goldner	1,380.00
1852	1/9/26	Land IQ	9,565.23
1853	1/9/26	Octavio Lara	2,075.00
1854	1/9/26	Lindmore Irrigation District	144,500.00
1855	1/9/26	Southern California Edison	204.62
1856	1/9/26	Self-Help Enterprises	327.48
1857	1/9/26	Tulare County Tax Collector	1,922.26
Total			**727,436.77**

I, David Roberts **(Chair)** being appointed by the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA), have reviewed the payments annotated on this register and by a vote of the Board, do agree that such payments are for claims against the EKGSA for services or products provided to meet the needs of the EKGSA

Signed_____

Dated: January 26, 2026

I, Craig Hornung **(Vice-Chair)** being appointed by the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA), have reviewed the payments annotated on this register and by a vote of the Board, do agree that such payments are for claims against the EKGSA for services or products provided to meet the needs of the EKGSA

Signed_____

Dated: January 26, 2026

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East Kaweah GSA

Treasurer's Cash Report 4th Qtr 2025

January 21, 2026

Beginning Cash *	*October 1, 2025*		**$**	**1,190,625.44**
Deposits				
Bank of the Sierra Checking		923,660.94		
Total Deposits				**923,660.94**
Withdrawals				
Bank of the Sierra Checking		(779,087.61)		
Total Withdrawals				**(779,087.61)**
Net Increase/(reduction)				**144,573.33**
Ending Cash Balance	*December 31, 2025*		**$**	**1,335,198.77**

Balance by Account:

Bof Sierra General Checking		1,335,198.77		
Ending Cash Balance	*December 31, 2025*		**$**	**1,335,198.77**

* Beginning cash may be adjusted compared to prior Board meeting report

FOR MANAGEMENT PURPOSES ONLY

East Kaweah GSA
MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Kathryn Bennett KB

DATE: November 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Affidavit of Reconciliation

I inspected and reconciled the cash accounts of the East Kaweah GSA. The East Kaweah GSA maintains one cash account. For the month of **October 2025**, the district had the following accounts open and with balances:

Working Accounts –

General Checking (Bank of the Sierra)

During my reconciliation, I have found the following:

Working Accounts –

- No Variances.

After my reconciliation and inspection of the books, it is my opinion that the cash registers reflect the cash activity of the East Kaweah GSA. The East Kaweah GSA staff allowed me full access to the cash registers and ledgers of the Agency. The actual reconciling documents are stored in the Agency vault and can be viewed or copied upon request.

Kathryn Bennett

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East Kaweah GSA
MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Kathryn Bennett

DATE: December 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Affidavit of Reconciliation

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East Kaweah GSA
MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Kathryn Bennett

DATE: January 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Affidavit of Reconciliation

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East Kaweah GSA
Income Statement
Compared with Budget
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

	October - December Actual	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Year to Date % Variance
Revenues				
Call for Funds - Governance	$ 61,250.00	$ 245,000.00	$ 245,000.00	100%
Call for Funds - Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Call for Funds-Implementation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Penalties on Delinquent Accts	0.00	2,083.56	0.00	0%
Em Call Outs/Fines Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Assessment Revenues	(0.01)	1,029,363.17	1,015,843.00	101%
Assessmenmt Penalty Revenue	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0%
GWPumpingFees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
GW.T1.Penalty	(4,150.00)	(71,615.00)	1,500,000.00	-5%
GW.T2.Penalty	0.00	0.00	4,000,000.00	0%
GW.Overdraft.Fine	0.00	(119,950.00)	0.00	0%
Mitigation Supply	0.00	240,042.50	475,321.00	51%
Interest Revenue	225.53	2,014.33	0.00	0%
Other Misc Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Reimbursement Other Govt's	183,495.92	423,642.38	122,500.00	346%
Grant: Plan Grant (P68)	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0%
Grant: WCB-RCIS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Grant: MLRP 2024	8,810.90	98,878.15	1,500,000.00	7%
Total Revenues	**249,632.34**	**1,849,459.09**	**8,881,164.00**	**21%**
Expenses				
GOVERNANCE & ADMIN				
Admin Staff Exp	35,680.00	142,720.00	142,720.00	100%
Office Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Copying	0.00	1,304.35	0.00	0%
Postage	0.00	1,597.41	22,500.00	7%
Bank Fees	0.00	15.00	0.00	0%
Audit	500.00	14,475.00	11,500.00	126%
Legal Postings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Other	0.00	2,540.00	2,500.00	102%
Meeting Expense	0.00	1,001.78	0.00	0%
Liability Ins	0.00	10,082.00	10,780.00	94%
LEGAL				
General Counsel	3,067.50	12,262.50	45,000.00	27%
ENGINEERING				
General Engineering Expense	617.50	3,120.51	10,000.00	31%
Prop 218 - FY2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Prop 218 - Water Rate 2025	3,000.00	3,000.00	45,000.00	7%
FEES - OTHER GOVT'S				
SWRCB Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
IMPLEMENTATION STAFF				
Agreement Services	108,820.00	435,280.00	435,280.00	100%
Policy Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%

East Kaweah GSA
Income Statement
Compared with Budget
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

	October - December Actual	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Year to Date % Variance
Basin Setting Coordination	221,320.51	406,198.01	20,000.00	2031%
IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING				
Demand Metering	24,427.67	91,308.65	90,000.00	101%
Water Quality Monitoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Subsidence Monitoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Reporting	0.00	70,800.00	75,000.00	94%
Other Implementation	16,997.09	19,910.30	5,250.00	379%
Contract Engineering Spprt	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	0%
Customer Data System	112,483.47	168,615.27	110,000.00	153%
Customer Data System-Basin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Customer Outreach	15,104.24	82,798.05	0.00	0%
Mon. Syst and Projects	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	0%
GROUNDWATER PLAN				
Consultant GW Plan	110,123.50	336,901.88	350,000.00	96%
Basin Setting Consulting	0.00	93,948.33	0.00	0%
Grant: Plan Grant (P68)	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0%
Grant: WCB-RCIS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Plan Update Collection	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0%
Well Mitigation Program	0.00	2,558.23	1,375,000.00	0%
Mitigation Water Purch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
PROJECTS				
Flying Dragon Grant	0.00	0.00	2,125,000.00	0%
Flying Dragon Program	2,092.28	10,806.83	0.00	0%
Total Expenses	**654,233.76**	**1,911,244.10**	**5,220,530.00**	**37%**
Net Income	**($ 404,601.42)**	**($ 61,785.01)**	**$ 3,660,634.00**	**-2%**

East Kaweah GSA
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets			
Sierra Checking - XXX1619	$	1,335,198.77	
Assessments Due		445,270.71	
Water Fees Receivables		246,253.00	
Grant MLRP 2024		937.10	
Misc Accts Receivable		64,843.15	
Liens - Amount Sold		63,990.00	
Assessments Delinquent		33,232.02	
Total Current Assets			**2,189,724.75**
Property and Equipment			
Property/Land/Easments		901,418.32	
Construction In Progress		171,591.50	
Total Property and Equipment			**1,073,009.82**
Total Assets			**$ 3,262,734.57**

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	$	287,240.19	
Unearned Revenues		807,505.84	
Total Current Liabilities			**1,094,746.03**
Long-Term Liabilities			
FY2020 Member Loan		854,960.00	
Total Long-Term Liabilities			**854,960.00**
Total Liabilities			**1,949,706.03**
Capital			
FB Assigned to Governance		(15,042.99)	
FB-Assigned to Plan		(500,517.41)	
FB-Assigned to Implementation		1,548,333.21	
Net Income Governance (2024)		52,237.15	
Net Income Plan (2024)		(1,415,644.30)	
Net Income Implementation (2024)		1,649,376.24	
Inv in Property - Cont Capital (2024)		56,071.65	
Net Income Governance (2025)		55,881.45	
Net Income Plan (2025)		(430,850.21)	
Net Income Implementation (2025)		313,183.75	
			1,313,028.54
Total Liabilities & Capital			**$ 3,262,734.57**

	Fiscal Year 2025 Approved Budget	2025 Activity Through Dec 31
GOVERNANCE ACTIVITY		
Expenditures		
Executive/Admin Agreement	$ 142,720	$ 142,720
Legal	45,000	12,263
Legal Postings	-	-
Engineering	10,000	3,121
Auditing	11,500	14,475
Insurance	10,780	10,082
Postage	22,500	1,597
Miscellaneous	2,500	4,861
Total Fixed Expenditures	**$ 245,000**	**$ 189,119**
REVENUES		
Call for Funds Reconciled	$ -	$ -
Call for Funds #1	61,250	61,250
Call for Funds #2	61,250	61,250
Call for Funds #3	61,250	61,250
Call for Funds #4	61,250	61,250
Total Revenue	**$ 245,000**	**$ 245,000**
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	**$ -**	**$ -**
Governance Fund - Gain/(Loss)	**$ -**	**$ 55,881**
PLAN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY		
Plan Development	350,000	336,902
Basin Setting Consulting	-	93,948
Other	-	-
Total GSA Plan Development Cost	**350,000**	**430,850**
REVENUE		
Plan	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	**-**	**-**
Plan Fund - Net Gain/(Loss)	**$ (350,000)**	**$ (430,850)**

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITY

Annual Recurring Implementation Expenses		
Executive/Admin Agreement	$ 435,280	$ 435,280
Annual Report	75,000	70,800
Basin Setting Coordination	20,000	406,198
Demand Metering	90,000	91,309
Contract Engineering Support	75,000	-
Plan Policy Development	-	-
Customer Data System/Outreach	110,000	168,615
Customer Outreach	-	82,798
Miscellaneous (Customer Data System)	5,250	19,910
Total GSA Annual Recurring Cost	**$ 810,530**	**$ 1,274,910**
One Time Implementation Expenses		
Proposition 218	$ 45,000	$ 3,000
Grant - Planning Work Prop 68	20,000	-
Grant - WCB-RCIS	-	-
Monitoring System Projects/Assets	200,000	-
GSP Rewrite	-	-
Water Recharge Projects	2,125,000	10,807
Management Actions	-	-
Well Mitigation	1,375,000	2,558.23
Mitigation Water Purch	-	-
Total GSA Plan Implementation Cost	**3,765,000**	**16,365**
Plan Update Collection	**50,000**	**-**
Total Implementation Costs	**$ 4,625,530**	**$ 1,291,275**
REVENUE		
Assessment - Land Owners	$ 1,002,322	$ 1,015,843
Assessment - City of Lindsay	13,521	13,520
Assessment - Fines & Interest	2,500	2,014
Other Misc Revenue	-	-
Assessment Penalty	-	2,084
Ground Water Pumping Fees	5,500,000	(191,565)
Mitigation Supply	475,321	240,043
Fines	-	-
Grant - Implentation	20,000	-
Grant - RCIS (WCB P68)	-	-
Grant - MLRP	1,500,000	98,878

Other - Govt's (Annual Report)	47,500	423,642
Other - Govt's (Dashboard)	75,000	-
Total Revenue	**$ 8,636,164**	**$ 1,604,459**
Implementation Fund - Net Gain/(Loss)	**4,010,634**	**313,184**
Total GSA	**$ 3,660,634**	**$ (61,785)**