

**KAWEAH SUBBASIN  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 20, 2021**

The Kaweah Subbasin Management Committee duly met for a meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, via video/phone conference.

1. Called to Order at 9:00 AM.

2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**EKGSA:** Terry Peltzer, Michael Hagman

**GKGSA:** Mark Larsen, Denise England (9:40 AM), Eric Osterling

**MKGSA:** Steve Nelson, Dennis Mederos. Dave Martin

**Appointed Meeting Chair:** Aaron Fukuda

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Various members of the public.

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

4. **UPDATE ON KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION/PUMPING CAP:**

Reports were given by all three GSA on their respective efforts regarding and allocation and/or a pumping cap. EKGSA and MKGSA are going to begin an allocation/cap process effective immediately. GKGSA is looking to begin a public process to develop and prepare their landowners for these restrictions and implement an allocation/cap October 2022.

Concern was expressed that with two GSAs moving forward and one not, folks could take advantage of this condition. Eric Osterling reported that they are looking at an "emergency ordinance" process that may get them there sooner.

Concern was shared by public participants that this may be moving too fast.

5. **PROP 68 PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS:**

a. Planning Grant – Hagman reported that there are three activities in the grant. SkyTem is complete. Well Metering Evaluation (CWI/Fresno State) is near completion. Well videoing experiencing challenges as wells that need to be tested have been in use.

b. Implementation Grant: Fukuda presented a schedule and list of projects awarded in this grant.

6. **LAND IQ:**

GSAs reported that they have data going back to at least October 2020 with EKGSA having ground-truthed data back to June 2020. Osterling reported on the condition of data and how it might be disseminated. Public members asked who they can ask for data. Osterling and Fukuda said to email a request to them. Hagman noted that EKGSA will collecting the data into accounts and reports will be provided to the EKGSA landowners.

7. **USBR WATER MARKETING GRANT:**

Fukuda provided an update on the grant effort. He shared the timeline and members of the committee. Additionally he noted a public meeting was to be held October 27, 2021 from 6 PM – 8 PM via Zoom to give the public a look at the effort to date. A comment period would follow that public meeting.

**8. UPDATE ON RCIS:**

Hagman provided an update on the RCIS. Noting specifically that public meetings had been held and that the document had been submitted to the State for a completeness review. The State stated that the RCIS document passed their completeness review process. It is therefore ready for public review. The public review process will be sixty days and begin somewhere between November 5<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**9. SAN JOAQUIN COLLABORATIVE ACTION PLAN:**

Fukuda updated the committee on the status of this effort.

**10. PROJECTS / MANAGEMENT ACTIONS UPDATES AND FUTURE GRANT ROUNDS:**

GSA leads provided updates on projects and management actions. Fukuda noted several grant rounds coming up that can be accessed to assist us in our GSA sustainability plan efforts.

**11. NUMERIC MODEL, WATER BUDGET, WATER ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK, PUMPING RESTRICTIONS:**

Fukuda updated the committee regarding this effort. In particular a scope of work is being developed for Montgomery and Associates to do some additional modeling.

**12. COUNTY POLICIES AND PERMITTING COORDINATION:**

Osterling provided an update on Kings County's effort to develop an "on-line" permitting process. England, representing Tulare County, provided an update on the meetings she has been holding with GSAs to assist in this process.

**13. ANNUAL REPORT AND DWR REVIEW OF GSPs**

Fukuda provided a brief report on preparations and activities for the 2021 report (which will be submitted in March 2022).

**14. OTHER GSA UPDATES:**

Each GSA lead provided updates on their respective efforts.

**15. NEXT MEETING:**

Set for January 19, 2022

**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

Fukuda adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Eric Osterling, Interim Secretary