

**MID-KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

May 30, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.
City of Visalia Wastewater Treatment Plant
7579 Ave 288 – Visalia, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Garcia, Ed Henry, Jessi Snyder, Blake Wilbur, Mike Lane, Mark Boyes, Sopac Mulholland, Irene Lemons

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Nichols, Eric Furtado

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Paul Hendrix – GSA Manager, Leslie Caviglia, Aaron Fukuda, Trisha Whitfield, Chris Petersen (GEI Consultants), Craig Moyle (Stantec)

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Bob Ludekens, Mike Hagman

1. **CALL TO REGULAR ORDER:**
The meeting was opened by Chairman Wilbur at 3:05 p.m.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
No public comment was presented.
3. **INTRODUCTIONS:**
Self-introductions of the Committee members, GSA member staff and general public were made.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
B. Wilbur brought to the Committee's attention the draft minutes of the April 6, 2018 committee meeting for review. With the motion of R. Garcia, second by E. Henry and unanimously carried by all members, the minutes of the meeting were approved for filing.
5. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**
P. Hendrix stated that Eric Charles has resigned from the Committee, and that announcements have been publicly posted soliciting new applicants. One such application has been received, and Mr. Hendrix indicated that a recommendation for appointment may be forthcoming at the next GSA board meeting.
6. **INTRA-BASIN COORDINATION:**
Website, DMS and Calendar Tool – C. Petersen next provided a summary of public outreach and data management tasks being worked on by GEI. He showed example graphs of water level changes that would be accessible to the general public, and the means by which stakeholders can indicate which sub-basin meetings they wish to be informed of. Discussions ensued regarding currently available water quality data and how the public, including those residing in smaller disadvantaged communities, would typically gain access to this information.

Geophysical Data Collection – Mr. Petersen described a proposed project to collect sub-surface data to shed light on the geology and aquifer characteristics in the Kaweah area. He then displayed a map depicting the proposed locations of helicopter flight lines over the sub-basin integral to this project. P. Hendrix then indicated that the funding mechanism has been worked out among the three GSAs, and that the final determination of flight lines will need approval by each of them.

Kaweah Sub-Basin Water Budget – Mr. Petersen then talked about the water budget discussions and summarized the six methods to address the disposition of conveyance losses within the sub-basin. Discussion then ensued among Committee members regarding the implications of some of these approaches.

Mr. Petersen lastly summarized the numerical modeling work underway and cited the three phases of this effort, namely an assessment of the existing model, update of existing model, and application of the model with proposed projects and management actions. He noted that \$50,000 has been budgeted as part of the Mid-Kaweah GSP cost for modeling exercises for this purpose. Discussions then revolved around the role of the computer model as a planning tool for the GSAs.

7. **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:**

NGO Prop 1 Grant Awards – P. Hendrix noted that several NGOs, namely Self-Help Enterprises, Community Water Center, and Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, were collectively awarded over \$2 million in state grant funding for SGMA outreach activities in the San Joaquin Valley. He added that Mid-Kaweah’s outreach efforts are intended to be coordinated with the work of these entities.

Communications & Engagement Plan – C. Moyle next gave an overview of the Communications and Engagement Plan that has been under review by the Committee. Comments were made regarding some of the maps in the document and specific outreach activities. J. Snyder indicated that more emphasis is needed on outreach to rural school districts and mutual water companies which provide service to DACs. Mr. Moyle added that language will be added to the Plan that speaks to coordination with NGOs in their outreach efforts and planned stakeholder surveys. Ms. Snyder also added that public education needs to continue regarding the significance of SGMA to the region. After further discussions, the Committee concluded that any additional comments/edits to the Plan from Committee members could be provided electronically via Drop Box and, provided these were minor in nature, the Plan would be presented to the GSA Board for approval at its June 12th board meeting.

Website Additions/Enhancements – C. Moyle lastly reviewed the elements added to the GSA website, including Advisory Committee activities and meeting minutes, sub-basin meetings, and other miscellaneous improvements. E. Henry brought up a recent survey of dairy operators and the surprisingly low level of interest/awareness of water supply as a key issue.

8. **REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE:**

B. Wilbur indicated that, now that the GSA board is planning on regular meetings every other month, the Advisory Committee meet the first Tuesday every other month, preceding the regular

meetings of the GSA board the week following. Meetings will be at 3:00 p.m. at the Visalia Wastewater Treatment Plant on Avenue 288.

9. ADJOURN:

There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Advisory Committee Chair

Attest:

Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Board Secretary

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