

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

MINUTES

January 3, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.
City of Visalia Waste Water Treatment Plant
7579 Ave 288 – Visalia, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Garcia, Ed Henry, Jessi Snyder, Blake Wilbur, Mike Lane, Eric Furtado, Mark Boyes, Lee Johnson, Jim Nichols

MEMBERS ABSENT: Irene Lemons, Soapy Mulholland

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Paul Hendrix (GSA Manager), Aaron Fukuda, Trisha Whitfield, Leslie Caviglia, Chris Petersen (GEI Consultants), Valerie Kincaid (via teleconference)

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Liesbet Olaerts, Eric Osterling

1. **CALL TO REGULAR ORDER**

The meeting was opened by Chairman Wilbur at 3:05 p.m. Self-introductions of the Committee members, GSA member staff and general public were made.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments from any members of the public were given.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

B. Wilbur asked if any Committee members had changes to submit regarding the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 4, 2018. None were offered and upon the motion of M. Boyes and second by M. Lane, the minutes of those meetings were approved for filing.

4. **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

Schedule of Activities – P. Hendrix indicated that civic club presentations are being scheduled, with the league of Women Voters and Visalia EDC being some of the latest. E. Henry made mention of the recent CV Salts workshop held in Tulare and the implications for GSAs to potentially get involved in this regulatory process.

5. **SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA**

Sustainability Goal and Undesirable Results – P. Hendrix made reference to a handout “Sustainable Management Criteria: Sustainability Goal & Undesirable Results” which now reflects comments of the Committee as of its last meeting. Considerable discussion ensued on the language, particularly in regards to the water quality and the role of the GSA. Some members felt that GSA commitments regarding water quality improvements are not to be a part of the GSP; some members felt that the GSA could state aspirational goals with respect to such improvements. Mr. Hendrix stated that he would work further with GSA Counsel to develop

language that attempts to strike a balance in this regard and yet does not impose obligations which are not codified in SGMA.

Measurable Objectives and Minimum Thresholds – C. Petersen presented a compilation of public and small community wells, as well as rural school district wells, within the Mid-Kaweah area. Discussion ensued over the map depicting well locations and its imputed level of accuracy. Further discussion was held regarding Minimum Thresholds and mitigation for further water-level drawdowns during GSP implementation out to 2040.

6. PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Initial Review and Screening – P. Hendrix presented a series of slides summarizing the role of the Projects & Management Actions chapter of a GSP. He reviewed GSA authorities per SGMA and the DWR Regulations covering the subject, water supply availability considerations, and a preliminary listing of Projects & Management Actions. B. Wilbur asked about the role of the SkyTEM geophysical data collection project in aiding the project scoping process, and A. Fukuda said more work at shallower depths below grade needs to be conducted. Discussion then ensued regarding available data on soil types to help in siting recharge projects.

Numeric Model Simulations – C. Petersen next reviewed the three applications to be employed for the sub-basin numeric model now developed, to wit (1) existing trend absent SGMA, (2) determination of safe yield, and (3) incorporation of all three GSAs' Projects & Management Actions. He further reviewed some of the key features of the model and its characterization of the aquifer system. Mr. Petersen further inquired as to any suggested ideas from the Committee as to the locations for monitoring well selections. Upon discussion, it was concluded that the existing network of CASGEM wells would be initially chosen, including any city monitoring wells for the GSP submittal in January 2020, with an intent to add new dedicated monitoring wells over time.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, UPDATES

None provided.

8. ADJOURN

Chairman Wilbur noted that the next regularly scheduled committee meeting is set to be held on February 5, 2019. There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Mr. Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Advisory Committee Chair

Attest:

GSA Board Secretary