

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

MINUTES

July 25, 2019 – 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, Eric Furtado, Mark Boyes, Lee Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Soapy Mulholland, Jim Nichols

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

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

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Tim Mendonca, Wayne Scott, Mike Wiley, Pedro Hernandez

1. CALL TO REGULAR ORDER

The meeting was opened by Chairman Wilbur at 3:10 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. PUBLIC DRAFT GSP

Document Availability and Dissemination – P. Hendrix indicated that an administrative draft of the Plan is to be provided to the GSA Board and management staff on July 23rd. Pending board review and deliberations of the document, a public draft is to then be made available on July 31st. He said the Plan would be accessible via the GSA’s website, and that hard copies would be viewable at a county library in Visalia, Tulare’s city library, and at Tulare ID.

Public Comment Management and Summary – C. Moyle presented materials regarding the required process to be followed leading to a final GSP for adoption and submittal to DWR. He then described the comment collection and organization effort to be conducted by Tulare ID staff. Following the end of the comment period on September 16th, Mr. Moyle summarized the comment assessment process involving the Advisory Committee and Board. He indicated that a summary of all comments is to be presented to the Board at its November 12th meeting, to be followed by a public hearing and potential adoption of the Plan at the December 10th meeting.

Public Review and Adoption Outreach – C. Moyle then sought input from the Committee regarding future meetings at which the GSP’s content would be presented. Discussion ensued, and A. Fukuda noted the planned grower meetings to be held at Tulare ID in August. J. Snyder inquired as to outreach to domestic well owners and small communities, and Mr. Fukuda noted that these stakeholders would be notified of the meetings to be held at Tulare ID and be invited to attend. A presentation at the Okieville-Highland Acres CSD was suggested as well. L. Caviglia and T. Whitfield mentioned the intent to place announcement of the GSP in utility bills

and arrangements for public meetings highlighting the key Plan elements within both cities. P. Hendrix then reviewed the makings of the GSP fact sheet to be made available at outreach meetings.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, UPDATES

None provided.

5. ADJOURN

There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Mr. Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Advisory Committee Chair

Attest:

GSA Board Secretary