

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

MINUTES

June 4, 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, Mark Boyes, Soapy Mulholland, Mike Lane, Eric Furtado

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Nichols, Lee Johnson

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

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

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Tim Mendonca, Mike Wiley, Pedro Hernandez

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 special meeting held on May 22, 2019. There being none and upon the motion of J. Snyder and second by S. Mulholland, the minutes were approved for filing.

4. **GSA POWERS AND AUTHORITIES**

P. Hendrix noted that, during deliberations regarding what actions GSAs should be taking in the future to address undesirable results, a review of GSA powers and authorities would be informative. He proceeded to summarize SGMA §10725 and §10726 and highlighted general powers and authorities related to investigations, well registrations, extraction measurement, reports, validation, and additional powers regarding extraction restrictions. The overview engendered discussion about metering technology among Committee members.

5. **KAWEAH COMPUTER SIMULATION MODEL**

C. Petersen next reviewed preliminary base-case simulation runs of the model, noting that the base case was deemed to be a continuation of groundwater pumping out to 2040 absent SGMA regulatory limits. He presented graphical depictions of the results for the Mid-Kaweah and Greater Kaweah regions, and these were compared to the previously selected minimum thresholds. Discussion ensued regarding the base datum used and whether mean sea level or depth-to-water was more appropriate.

6. DRAFT GSP SECTION REVIEWS

P. Hendrix proceeded to review Section 8 of the draft GSP regarding periodic reporting to DWR. He summarized the information required for both annual data reports and periodic GSP evaluations. He made note of the emphasis DWR placed on the discussion of expansion and improvements to the GSA's monitoring network as part of the assessment report for each periodic evaluation.

7. GRANT FUNDING FOR SGMA COMPLIANCE

C. Petersen gave an overview of the various DWR and SWRCB grant programs for SGMA compliance and water quality projects. He noted that about \$57 million has been awarded over the last several years to communities in Tulare County for water quality and supply betterments, mostly from the SWRCB. Committee discussions ensued over upcoming projects and readiness for grant funding. L. Caviglia made note of the grant funds awarded to Visalia for its Eastside Regional Park, including the planned recharge basin. R. Garcia encouraged GSAs to consider projects on a subbasin-wide basis. E. Furtado inquired as to other funding sources that GSAs may turn to or otherwise rely on. GSA fee collection and assessment capabilities were then summarized. P. Hernandez noted that GSAs ought to indicate support for water quality improvements to better position themselves for grant dollars.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, UPDATES

E. Henry asked about the estimated irrigation demand that would be met from groundwater this year, to which A. Fukuda said it's in the range of 10 percent.

9. ADJOURN

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