

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

MINUTES

April 2, 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, Lee Johnson, Mark Boyes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Soapy Mulholland, Eric Furtado, Jim Nichols

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

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

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Pedro Hernandez, Trent Sherman, Wayne Scott, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Eric Osterling, John Gailey, Tim Mendonca

1. **CALL TO REGULAR ORDER**

The meeting was opened by Chairman Wilbur at 3:08 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 March 5, 2019. There being none and upon the motion of M. Boyes and second by M. Lane, the minutes were approved for filing.

4. **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

P. Hendrix reviewed a listing of past and future outreach presentations given, now approaching 30 in number. J. Snyder asked if any presentations at rural school districts were in the queue, and Mr. Hendrix noted that he will inquire with Stantec as to the status of communications with these entities regarding this.

5. **GSP REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS**

P. Hendrix displayed the schedule for reviews of the GSP sections before the GSA committees and board, with the objective of releasing a public draft of the document in July. He noted that the public release would be followed by a 45-day comment period.

6. **DRAFT GSP REVIEW**

Section 2 (Basin Setting) – C. Petersen reviewed the contents of the Basin Setting document, noting that the five modifications thereto asked for by the Subbasin Management Team had been

completed. He then displayed graphical information depicting the water budget time periods under consideration, verification analyses comparing inventory v. specific yield comparisons of change in storage, and then groundwater budget components indicating an average annual overdraft of 78,000 AF for the selected current period of 1997-2017. Mr. Petersen then addressed the considerations given to developing the projected Subbasin water budget and the water accounting allocation to segregate the current-period water budget across the three GSAs.

Section 4 (Monitoring Networks) – Mr. Petersen then presented materials regarding the monitoring network section, stressing the importance of monitoring as it relates to gauging compliance with minimum thresholds and measurable objectives. He then addressed the several monitoring components, including groundwater levels and quality, water quality, surface water and land subsidence. Mr. Petersen next discussed monitoring objectives, representative monitoring concepts, and he then displayed maps of initially-selected monitoring sites, including those new sites for which DWR funds may be available for their construction. R. Garcia suggested that rural school district wells be utilized if possible as part of the selected sites. P. Hernandez expressed a desire for further details as to which entities are now collecting water quality data and if domestic well data has been assembled by GEI.

Section 7 (Projects and Management Actions) – P. Hendrix next reviewed the projects and management actions (PMA) section of the GSP, noting first the objectives in identifying the various elements thereof. He then reviewed what DWR expects to see addressed per the GSP Regulations, the types of PMA, implementation schedule and implementation criteria. Mr. Hendrix explained the application of a surplus water availability analysis as applied to each relevant project and the anticipated accomplishments in the aggregate of the projects. He expressed the desire for comments on this section and other sections from Committee members, draft copies of which to be provided via E-mail or upload links.

7. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES V. OPTIMAL OBJECTIVE

P. Hendrix displayed a conceptual graph of a Measurable Objective and Interim Milestones over time to 2040, both parameters being required by DWR. He contrasted these with what is to be used as an Optimal Objective, which depicts a more optimistic of the recharge accomplishments of the projects identified in Section 7 of the GSP. G. Vanden Heuvel commented on the Subbasin overdraft estimates and availability of TID surplus water to tackle the shortfall. He cautioned the GSAs to consider the mutual influences of PMA within and outside of the Subbasin on water levels over time. There ensued a Committee discussion of the water supply shortfalls within the greater San Joaquin Valley and possible solutions towards solving for the deficit on a regional basis.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, UPDATES

A brief update was provided on the status of AB 417 and its co-authors.

9. ADJOURN

Chairman Wilbur noted that the next regularly scheduled committee meeting is set to be held on May 7, 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