

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

**MINUTES**

July 2, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.  
City of Visalia Wastewater Treatment Plant  
7579 Ave 288 – Visalia, CA

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessi Snyder, Soapy Mulholland, Mark Boyes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Paul Hendrix (GSA Manager), Leslie Caviglia, Aaron Fukuda, Chris Petersen (GEI Consultants, via tele. conf.)

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Tim Mendonca, Wayne Scott

1. CALL TO REGULAR ORDER

The meeting was opened by Chairman Wilbur at 3:06 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 June 4, 2019. E. Henry brought up one needed correction. Upon the motion of E. Henry and second by M. Lane, the minutes were approved for filing as corrected.

4. SUBBASIN SUSTAINABILITY GOAL, UNDESIRABLE RESULTS

P. Hendrix indicated that the goal as previously worded has been made more concise with the input of the Greater Kaweah and East Kaweah GSA managers. He added that the more detailed language developed by the Committee will remain in the Mid-Kaweah GSP and be identified as objectives in furtherance of the Subbasin goal. In regards to those objectives, the Committee decided to add a reference to small-scale water treatment systems, both public and private, where effluent discharges reach underlying groundwater.

5. DRAFT GSP SECTION REVIEWS

Section 1 – P. Hendrix summarized the key elements of this section, noting that its main purpose is to provide a general description of the GSA. He listed the executive summary, descriptive location maps, city/county general plan summaries, and Plan implementation cost estimates.

Section 5 – C. Petersen proceeded to summarize the establishment of minimum thresholds and measurable objectives, noting that these determine SGMA compliance as implementation continues through 2040. He reviewed the general approach, minimum thresholds, and measurable

objectives for each sustainability indicator and a discussion of mutual influences across GSA boundaries. He presented graphs for selected monitoring sites depicting empirical water-level data, simulation model correlations, historical trend projections to 2040, and the selected thresholds and objectives for each site. Mr. Petersen next described the regional correlations used for subsidence minimum thresholds and graphical results of those analyses. He lastly outlined the water quality criteria, identifying MCLs where applicable, and intended collaboration with existing regulatory agencies.

6. OUTREACH PROGRAM, GSP CONTENT

P. Hendrix opened a discussion on what the Committee sees as important to communicate to the public as the draft GSP is made available for review. Committee members discussed the need for an executive summary of the Plan, tailoring presentations to ag v. urban audiences, descriptions of existing data gaps, data management challenges, and the planned management actions which could be activated during implementation. The Committee was desirous of holding a special meeting with its outreach consultant in late July to formulate an outreach plan in anticipation of a draft GSP becoming a public document around that time.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, UPDATES

None provided.

8. ADJOURN

There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Mr. Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

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Advisory Committee Chair

Attest:

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GSA Board Secretary