

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

MINUTES

September 3, 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, Soapy Mulholland

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Nichols

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

GSA MEMBER STAFF PRESENT: Paul Hendrix (GSA Manager), Aaron Fukuda, Trisha Whitfield

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Leo Schulz, Trent Sherman, Liesbet Olaerts

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 July 2 and special meeting held on July 25, 2019. There being none, upon the motion of M. Boyes and second by M. Lane, the minutes were approved for filing.

4. GSP OVERVIEW SESSIONS

Tulare ID Grower Meetings – A. Fukuda summarized the multiple meetings held with growers to review and discuss the draft GSP. He noted the key issues on the minds of growers, including dairy water usage, white areas, minimum thresholds and droughts, adjacent well fields, and state actions under probationary status. Mr. Fukuda added that there was good discussion regarding the need for meters and the role of pumping allocations and groundwater markets.

City Public Meetings – P. Hendrix noted the several meetings being held within the cities of Tulare and Visalia concerning the GSP. It was further noted by T. Whitfield that the cities are placing a notification in utility billings about the GSP and associated comment period.

Okieville-Highland Acres CSD Workshop – J. Snyder then announced an upcoming workshop scheduled for September 12th in Okieville concerning the GSP and its relevance to small community and domestic wells.

5. COMMENTS ON GSP

P. Hendrix stated that no substantive comments have been submitted thus far on the draft GSP. He added that Tulare County may be submitting some comments soon, and that their consultant's review of the Plan called attention to its description of county and city general plans and water rights issues.

6. OTHER GSP PUBLIC DRAFTS

P. Hendrix indicated that the Greater Kaweah and East Kaweah GSA public drafts will be available sometime in September.

7. REAPPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

P. Hendrix reviewed the GSA Board's action at its last meeting to reappoint the six members of the Committee whose terms have expired. The reappointments extend the term to the end of 2019, at which time the Board is to consider future reappointments such that a periodic stagger in terms will be instituted.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, UPDATES

M. Lane noted that he has been asked to provide a GSP overview presentation to the Visalia Industrial Group and to the Visalia Lions Club in the near future.

9. ADJOURN

There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Mr. Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Advisory Committee Chair

Attest:

GSA Board Secretary