

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

**MINUTES**

October 4, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.  
City of Visalia Wastewater Treatment Plant  
7579 Ave 288 – Visalia, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Garcia, Ed Henry, Blake Wilbur, Mike Lane, Eric Furtado,  
James Nichols

MEMBERS ABSENT: Soapy Mulholland, Jessi Snyder, Lee Johnson, Mark Boyes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

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

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Wayne Scott, Mike Wiley, Liesbet Olaerts, Tamara Kelly, Michael Tharpe

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 provided.

3. PUBLIC DRAFT GSP – REVIEW OF COMMENTS

P. Hendrix first discussed the ensuing process to consider comments and seek a Committee recommendation for their incorporation into the draft GSP. He brought up the need for one or two more Committee meetings in October, legal input and future work by GEI. J. Barroll next summarized his categorization of the comments submitted by topic. C. Moyle further elaborated on the comment groupings, noting that the specific DWR Regulation applicable to each would be identified. He also pointed out that comments applicable to Kaweah Subbasin issues would also be identified.

Two comment topics receiving considerable Committee and public attendee discussion were interconnected surface waters and water quality/access by small-system and domestic well owners. At the conclusion of Committee discussion, Mr. Moyle summarized the input, and it was agreed that all comments would be grouped into one of three headings – technical, editorial, and policy-related.

4. P. Hendrix summarized GSA Member processes in reviewing/critiquing the draft GSP as it was being written, making note of Visalia's consultant serving on the Technical Sub-Committee and Tulare ID's use of a consultant in reviewing the draft GSP. A. Fukuda then commenced to summarize his agency's review and pending discussion with GSA staff and GEI as to recommended modifications. He indicated that any such modifications would be brought before the Committee in its deliberations over GSP content.

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.

5. CONSIDERATION/INCORPORATION OF COMMENTS AND PROCESS

Matter adequately addressed under agenda item 3.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, UPDATES

M. Lane noted that he has been asked to provide a GSP overview presentation to the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of CA (CELSOC) and to the Visalia Lions Club in the near future.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Wilbur sought input on dates for the 3 next special meetings of the Committee, and it was concluded that such would be held at 3:00 pm on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Mr. Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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Advisory Committee Chair

Attest:

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GSA Board Secretary