



Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency

**Advisory Committee Meeting**

April 2, 2019 – 3:00 pm

City of Visalia Wastewater Treatment Plant– 7579 Ave 288  
Visalia, CA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 5, 2019
4. Outreach Activities – Status Report
5. GSP Review & Approval Process
6. Draft GSP Review
  - a. Section 2 – Basin Setting
  - b. Section 4 – Monitoring Networks
  - c. Section 7 – Projects & Management Actions
7. Measurable Objectives v. Optimal Objectives – Revised Approach
8. Committee Member Reports, Updates or Other Items of Interest
9. Adjourn: Next Regular Meeting – May 7, 2019

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

**MINUTES**

March 5, 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, Eric Furtado, Lee Johnson, Jim Nichols, Soapy Mulholland, Mark Boyes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** None

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

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** Tim Mendonca, 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 regular meeting held on February 5, 2019. There being none and upon the motion of E. Henry and second by S. Mulholland, the minutes were approved for filing.

**4. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

P. Hendrix presented the Engagement Index as prepared by Stantec, which document lists scheduled and planned outreach presentations. Discussion ensued as to the references to Rotary Club meetings as listed and possible omissions. The listing of Speakers Bureau members was amended, now to include Soapy Mulholland, Ed Henry, Mike Lane, Lee Johnson, Eric Furtado, Blake Wilbur, James Nichols and Jessi Snyder. It was commented that future presentations would be well served by having a note taker in attendance. Mr. Hendrix then mentioned a planned joint outreach meeting to include the grower community within all three Subbasin GSAs to be scheduled soon.

**5. GSP REVIEW PROCESS**

P. Hendrix discussed the internal process to reach the point of GSP adoption by the Board in December. Individual GSP sections are to receive committee reviews in April/May, next is Board approval to release a public draft in July along with a 45-day public review period followed by Board notice to adopt given in September, and finally GSP adoption at the

December GSA meeting. He then focused on the schedule for sections to be reviewed by the Committee.

6. KAWEAH BASIN SETTING

Draft Document – P. Hendrix stated that the final Basin Setting report should be completed by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Shortly thereafter, a three-way segregation of the water budget as identified in the report will be undertaken. He noted that the segregation will be made per the methodology as explained to the Committee and Board at previous meetings.

7. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

P. Hendrix first reviewed the GSA joint powers agreement and policy regarding Committee membership and representation. He inquired as to interest in the inclusion of bios for Committee members on the GSA website, and members were in support of this. Discussion then ensued as to the policy and its implications regarding Committee member selections by the Board. E. Henry and M. Lane indicated a desire to fill the recent Committee vacancy with another agricultural representative and Mr. Henry further suggested a requirement that Committee members be property owners within the greater GSA region; R. Garcia commented that the environmental/DAC combined category is limiting and that the maximum number of members could be increased beyond 11; S. Mulholland added that the policy be kept general in specific qualifications so that knowledgeable individuals may be considered by the Board.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, UPDATES

P. Hendrix made mention of recent proposed legislation by Assembly Member Arambula (AB 417) which, among other things, calls for an economic analysis of the impacts of SGMA on the state’s agricultural sector and surrounding rural communities. He noted that the opportunity exists for adding to and shaping the bill’s content by Kaweah Subbasin representatives.

9. ADJOURN

Chairman Wilbur noted that the next regularly scheduled committee meeting is set to be held on March 5, 2019. There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Mr. Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

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Advisory Committee Chair

Attest:

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GSA Board Secretary