

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting materials and recording can be found at the following link:
<https://turlockgroundwater.org/events/special-meeting-of-the-west-turlock-subbasin-gsa-technical-advisory-committee-1>

1. WELCOME / MEETING PROCEDURES

The Special Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin (WTS) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held via remote teleconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and pursuant to AB 361 signed into law on September 16, 2021.

WTS GSA TAC Member Herb Smart provided a brief overview of the teleconference and public participation procedures.

2. CALL TO ORDER

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke and TAC Vice Chair Karen Morgan were not in attendance at the meeting.

WTS GSA TAC Member Debbie Montalbano called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

WTS GSA TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (AT THE TIME ROLL WAS CALLED)
Debbie Montalbano, Turlock Irrigation District Michael Clipper, Turlock Irrigation District, WTS GSA TAC Treasurer Herb Smart, Turlock Irrigation District Curtis Jorritsma, Hilmar County Water District Leandro Maldonado, Delhi County Water District Richard Lindo, Denair Community Services District Miguel Alvarez, City of Modesto Mike Pitcock, Waterford for Hickman Jaime Velazquez, City of Hughson Orlando Gutierrez, City of Turlock Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County
<i>Other WTS GSA TAC members may have arrived after the time roll was called.</i>

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

WTS GSA TAC Treasurer Michael Clipper provided an informational update regarding the account balances for the Turlock Subbasin (basin-wide account) and West Turlock Subbasin.

5. TASK ORDER FOR OPTI SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano presented information regarding the task order from Woodard & Curran to update the 2022 IRWMP OPTI Framework for the Turlock Subbasin GSP Projects including an overview of the following:

- Goal is to maintain an updatable list of GSP projects for SGMA implementation (for grant funding eligibility, etc.)
- Utilization of the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) lists
- Turlock Subbasin is located within two (2) IRWMs – East Stanislaus IRWM and Merced IRWM (two (2) different lists, systems, and boundary lines)
- OPTI database for the East Stanislaus IRWM is maintained by Woodard & Curran
- Modifications would be made to the system to enable projects to be tagged as part of the GSP
- Task order cost estimate is \$2,510 which will be jointly funded by the WTS GSA and ETS GSA; this is an implementation support activity for this year and has been included in the budget

There were no public comments.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), seconded by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), Authorizing the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC Chair to initiate a task order for Woodard & Curran to update the OPTI Framework for the Turlock Subbasin GSP Projects in the amount of \$2,510.00. All voted in favor with none opposed. TAC Member Montalbano declared the motion carried.

WTS GSA TAC Member Miguel Alvarez presented an overview of the steps to access, register, and add projects within the OPTI System (East Stanislaus IRWM database).

Plan Manager Montalbano noted that Woodard & Curran would be adding additional information to the OPTI System related to SGMA, but recommended project proponent agencies start adding projects now due to the timing of the upcoming grant application process.

6. ROUND 2 SGMA IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano provided information regarding the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Management Program (SGM) Round 2 Implementation Grant including an overview of the following:

- GSAs have contracted with Todd Groundwater to assist with the grant application process
- Looking to member agencies to identify potential projects to include in the grant application
- Recommended the WTS GSA TAC approve an Ad hoc Committee comprised of no more than six (6) agency representatives of the TAC to assist with the development of a grant application and associated tasks

There were no public comments.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Waterford for Hickman (*Pitcock*), seconded by City of Modesto (*Alvarez*), Approving an Ad hoc Committee comprised of no more than six (6) agency representatives of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC to assist with the development of a grant application and associated tasks for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Management Program (SGM) Round 2 Implementation Grant. All voted in favor with none opposed. TAC Member Montalbano declared the motion carried.

Plan Manager Montalbano requested interested members reach out to her, Jennifer Land, or Michael Cooke if they would like to participate on the Ad Hoc Committee.

7. TASK ORDER FOR ON-CALL SERVICES PERFORMED BY TODD GROUNDWATER

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano presented information regarding the task order from Todd Groundwater to perform on-call services related to GSP implementation and noted the task order will be jointly funded by the WTS GSA and ETS GSA with existing funding leftover from Annual Report work.

There were no public comments.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), seconded by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), Authorizing the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC Chair to initiate a task order for Todd Groundwater to perform on-call consulting services for the Turlock Subbasin GSAs utilizing remaining funding in the amount of \$5,799.75. All voted in favor with none opposed. TAC Member Montalbano declared the motion carried.

8. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH TODD GROUNDWATER FOR THE FINAL PEIR

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano provided information regarding the contract amendment with Todd Groundwater to develop the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and noted a majority of this work will be funded with remaining grant funds as well as GSA budgeted funds (if needed).

There were no public comments.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), seconded by City of Hughson (*Velazquez*), Recommending a contract amendment with Todd Groundwater to develop the Final PEIR utilizing Proposition 68 grant funding pursuant to the recently amended grant agreement, and that the GSA use funding budgeted for this purpose to augment the grant funding, if necessary, to complete the Final PEIR. All voted in favor with none opposed. TAC Member Montalbano declared the motion carried.

9. SGMA RELATED UPDATES

WTS GSA TAC Member Herb Smart commented that the information heard earlier in the meeting regarding the OPTI System has been placed on the website and noted that Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for submitting PEIR comments.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committees is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), seconded by Hilmar County Water District (*Leandro*), to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. TAC Member Montalbano declared the motion carried.



Jennifer Land, Acting Secretary
West Turlock Subbasin
Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Technical Advisory Committee