

WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

June 7, 2018 - 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting

Turlock Irrigation District, Board Room 105
333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock, California

AGENDA

BOARD MEMBERS

Joe Alamo, Turlock Irrigation District
Chair

Chris Vierra, City of Ceres
Dillard Worsham, Delhi County Water District
David Odom, Denair Community Services District
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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the regular meeting of March 1, 2018.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within the Agency's jurisdiction. No action may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Board may briefly respond to the comments, refer the matter to staff, or request it be placed on a future agenda.

E. STAFF UPDATES

- New Appointments to the Board – *Michael Cooke*
- Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Award – *Debbie Liebersbach*
- Current and Pending Public Outreach Efforts – *Herb Smart*
- Budget Update: An overview of current and future expenditures and revenues for the GSA – *Michael Clipper*
- Interbasin Coordination Update – *Lacey Kiriakou*
- Joint TAC Update – *Michael Cooke*

F. AGENDA ITEMS (INCLUDING consent, regular business items, action, reports, public hearings or closed session)

1. APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIR

Appoint a replacement Vice Chair.

- *Michael Cooke*

Recommended Action:

Motion: Appoint a Vice Chair for the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency pursuant to Section 8.1.4 of the Joint Powers Agreement.

2. UPDATES TO JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT EXHIBIT D

Revising Exhibit D of the Joint Powers Agreement to reflect the withdrawal of multiple associate member agencies and revisions to the basin boundaries by the Department of Water Resources.

- *Lacey Kiriakou*

Recommended Action:

Motion: Approve the updated JPA Exhibit D to reflect the amended acreage and production values to reflect the current data, including modifications resulting from DWR's boundary revision and the reassignment of associate member agencies acreage.

3. ADOPTION OF THE 2018-19 BUDGET

The Joint Powers Agreement forming the West Turlock Subbasin GSA states that no disbursement of collected funds shall be made unless approved by the Board. To cover future expenses related to the operation of the GSA and GSP, an annual budget has been prepared.

- *Michael Clipper*

Recommended Action:

Resolution: Approve the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency 2018-19 Operating Budget.

4. POLICY FOR COMMENTING ON CEQA DOCUMENTS OR OTHER PROCESSES

Authorize the West Turlock Groundwater Sustainability Agency Technical Advisory Committee to send SGMA-related CEQA comment letters on local projects that may affect groundwater resources or SGMA implementation.

- *Michael Cooke*

Recommended Action:

Motion: Approve the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to submit comment letters pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on behalf of the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency regarding projects that may impact groundwater resources.

5. DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE POLICY

The Department of Water Resources is required to obtain a Drug-Free Workplace Certificate from the West Turlock Subbasin GSA prior to executing the Prop 1 grant contract.

- *Valerie Kincaid*

Recommended Action:

Motion: Adopt the Drug-Free Workplace Statement of Policy, and authorizing the Chair of the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to execute the Drug-Free Workplace Certification.

6. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES GRANT AWARD CONTRACT

The Dept. of Water Resources has notified the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency that it was awarded a Prop 1 grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.

- *Valerie Kincaid*

Recommended Action:

Motion: Authorize the Chair to execute the grant award contract with the Department of Water Resources.

7. TODD GROUNDWATER CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

This is a request to approve the remaining phases of the Todd Groundwater contract based on confirmation of the Prop 1 grant award.

- *Valerie Kincaid*

Recommended Action:

Motion: Approve the remaining phases of the Todd Groundwater contract.

G. REPORTS

1. REVIEW OF THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PROJECT SCHEDULE

Staff will present an update on the task activities and workshop schedule for the Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. No action will be taken by the Board. - *Debbie Liebersbach*

H. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the Legislative Body.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on September 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM, TID Board Room 105, 333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock.