

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

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

6:00 p.m.
September 6, 2018

A. CALL TO ORDER

GSA Chair Joe Alamo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Directors Alvarez (City of Modesto), Chiesa (Stanislaus County), Espinoza (Merced County), Jorritsma (Hilmar CWD), Esquer (City of Turlock), Lindo (Denair CSD), Worsham (Delhi CWD) and Alamo (TID)

ABSENT: Directors Vierra (City of Ceres) and Young (City of Hughson)

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: *Motion* by Director Espinoza, seconded by Director Jorritsma, that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2018 be approved as submitted. All voted in favor with none opposed. Directors Vierra and Young were absent. The Chair declared the motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

E. STAFF UPDATES

- **Interbasin Coordination Update:** Michael Cooke, TAC Chair, updated the Board on meetings held with the Merced Subbasin GSAs and the Delta Mendota GSA. A big challenge in the Merced subbasin is the groundwater movement between the basins under the Merced River. A resolution of coordination/understanding between the basins is being drafted that will be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee and legal counsel, and brought to the Board at the next meeting. Staff is working towards data collaboration with the Delta Mendota Subbasin.
- **Joint TAC Update:** Michael Cooke, TAC Chair, reported that the Joint TAC has been meeting regularly and have provided a letter of support to the Merced Subbasin. A joint letter signed by the Board Presidents of seven GSAs was submitted in opposition to the SWRCB's proposed Bay-Delta Plan. A joint technical workshop between the East and West Turlock TACs was held on August 23 in Denair.
- **GSP Update:** Debbie Liebersbach, TAC member, reported that the consultant is working on a locally appropriate model and initial information is expected as early as

November. She reported on data that will be used in the first two chapters of the GSP, and noted that an administrative draft will be submitted to the Joint TAC for their initial review.

- **Current and Pending Public Outreach Efforts:** Herb Smart, TAC Member, reported on the August Technical Workshop, and noted that the workshop presentation has been posted on the Turlock Groundwater web page. The interested parties list has grown to 248 stakeholders. Upcoming meetings in November include a community workshop and subbasin coordination meetings. Mr. Smart advised that staff is working to develop “community ambassadors” to help with public outreach efforts, and is updating the GSA fact sheets.
- **Budget Update:** Michael Clipper, Treasurer of the WTS GSA, gave an overview of expenditures and revenues for the GSA, and provided information about the fund balances in the GSA accounts.

F. AGENDA ITEMS

1. ADOPTION OF MEETING DATES FOR 2019

Michael Cooke advised that Article 3.1 of the Agency’s Bylaws requires the Board to meet on a quarterly basis. The recommendation is for the Board to adopt the resolution of meeting dates for 2019.

ACTION: **Resolution 2018-04:** Establishing Regular Meeting Dates for 2019 for the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Moved by Director Chiesa, seconded by Director Jorritsma, that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Upon roll call, the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Directors Alvarez, Chiesa, Jorritsma, Espinoza, Esquer, Lindo, Worsham and Alamo
Noes:	None
Absent:	Directors Vierra and Young

The Chair declared the resolution adopted.

2. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT

Valerie Kincaid, WTS GSA, reported on the status of the grant award process. She advised that the action of the Board is to authorize Chair Alamo to sign the grant agreement, and for he or his designee to sign future work orders.

ACTION: **Resolution 2018-05:** Authorizing the Chair of the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, or his/her designee as the Official Authorized to Enter into an Agreement with the Department of Water Resources for Proposition 1 Funding. Moved by Director Espinoza, seconded by Director Jorritsma, that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Upon roll call, the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Directors Alvarez, Chiesa, Jorritsma, Espinoza, Esquer, Vierra, Young, Odom, Worsham and Alamo
Noes:	None
Absent:	Directors Vierra and Young

The Chair declared the resolution adopted.

G. REPORTS

There were no reports.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Director Chiesa asked if the November water bond included funding for SGMA efforts. Chris Montoya, Dept. of Water Resources, responded that this bond includes significant funds for SGMA related projects.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.


Interim Agency Secretary