

**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.
December 13, 2018

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Director Alvarez moved, seconded by Director Ward, that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 2018 be approved as submitted. All voted in favor with none opposed. Directors Vierra, Young and Esquer 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 the proposed Memorandum of Intent between the Turlock and Merced Subbasins.
- **Joint TAC and Technical Services Agreement Update** - Michael Cooke, TAC Chair, advised that the Joint TAC has agreed to submit an application for Proposition 1 funds to the Department of Water Resources for technical support services to improve groundwater modeling for the area.
- **Election of Officers** – Michael Cooke advised the Board that election of officers will be scheduled as an action item at the next meeting.
- **GSP Update:** Michael Cooke, TAC Chair, reported that the first invoice for grant reimbursement would be submitted to the State soon.
- **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. Mr. Clipper noted that dues have been collected

from all members except one. As of November 30, 2018, approximately \$257,000 has been spent on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

F. AGENDA ITEMS

1. MEMORANDUM OF INTENT WITH THE MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES

Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel to the West Turlock Subbasin, advised that the Memorandum (MOI) is a short document that states the parties from the Merced basins and the Turlock basins are working together as required by SGMA. Ms. Kincaid noted that the Technical Advisory Committees from the East and West Subbasins have approved the MOI and are recommending their Boards do the same with a minor amendment to the signature line.

Motion: Director Pareira moved, Director Jorritsma seconded, approving a Memorandum of Intent with an amended signature page removing the Joint Powers Authority notation on the Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA signature line, and Authorizing the Chair of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA to execute said memorandum. All voted in favor with none opposed. Directors Vierra, Young and Esquer were absent. The Chair declared the motion carried.

G. REPORTS

1. UPDATE ON THE TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

Phyllis Stanin of Todd Groundwater provided an overview of the status and progress of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the West Turlock Subbasin. Ms. Stanin reviewed the process and timeline; the technical, policy and management / plan components; the Plan Area GSP requirements, agency and jurisdictional boundaries; existing land uses and land use planning; surface water supply and infrastructure, well density maps; a hydrogeologic conceptual model of GSP requirements; ground surface elevation; a plan area geologic map; plan area soils and restrictive layers; vegetation mapping by The Nature Conservancy; texture data and cross section transects; regional cross sections; groundwater conditions; water levels in the wester subbasin; groundwater elevation contours; subsidence south of the Turlock Subbasin; and the scheduled work to be done in early 2019.

There was discussion about the impacts of subsidence and how the Memorandum of Intent could address the issue.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments from the Board.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.



Agency Secretary