

WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

February 4, 2021 – 5:00PM
Regular Meeting

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AGENDA

BOARD MEMBERS

Joe Alamo, Turlock Irrigation District

Chair

Curtis Jorritsma, Hilmar County Water District

Vice Chair

Javier Lopez, City of Ceres

Leandro Maldonado, Delhi County Water District

David Odom, Denair Community Services District

Michael Buck, City of Hughson

Rodrigo Espinoza, Merced County

Miguel Alvarez, City of Modesto

Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County

Andrew Nosrati, City of Turlock

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AGENDA PACKETS: Prior to the meeting, an agenda packet is available for review online at: www.turlockgroundwater.org.

- A. **CALL TO ORDER / CHAIR'S WELCOME**
- B. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS / PARTICIPANT LIST INTRODUCTIONS**
- C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the regular meeting of November 5, 2020.

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

- Joint TAC Update – *Michael Cooke*
- Interbasin Coordination – *Michael Cooke*
- GSP Update – *Debbie Montalbano*
- Public Outreach Update – *Herb Smart*
- Budget Update – *Michael Clipper*

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

1. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS -

Article 4, Section 4.2 of the Bylaws for the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency calls for election of officers every two (2) years. On February 7, 2019, the most recent election of officers was held. The officers that must be elected include the Chair and Vice Chair, and appointment of the Secretary and Treasurer.

- *Michael Cooke*

ACTION: Motion electing a Chair, and a Vice Chair for a period of two (2) years.

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2. APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) OFFICERS

On February 7, 2019, the Board appointed Michael Cooke, City of Turlock, to serve as TAC Chair, and Lacey Kiriakou, Merced County, to serve as TAC Vice Chair, for a period of two years. Since the 2-year period is nearing its end, the Board must take action to appoint these two positions.

- *Valerie Kincaid*

ACTION: Motion re-appointing the Chair and Vice Chair of the West Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committee for a period of two (2) years.

3. FORMS 700's

The Federal Political Practices Commission requires each elected official or public employee that influences government decisions to fill out a Form 700 form to disclose financial interests and identify potential conflicts of interest.

- *Valerie Kincaid*

4. LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR GRAT

The Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool (GRAT) funded through the most recent grant requires the grantee (WTS GSA) to execute a license agreement to use the GRAT tool. - *Valerie Kincaid*

Recommended Action:

Motion to Authorize the Board Chair to sign the Agreement on behalf of the GSA

5. GSP UPDATE

Presentation by Consultant Team on the recent Baseline Modeling Scenario completed as a part of the GSP development process. The scenario is a modeling run that represents future conditions within the subbasin that might be expected without additional actions. - *Phyllis Stanin*

6. WELL ACCESS AGREEMENT

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) requires each GSA to have a well access agreement with landowners who own land upon which a GSA monitoring well is located to ensure continued access and maintenance. - *Valerie Kincaid*

Recommended Action:

Motion to Approve the draft Agreement as to form and Authorize the Board Chair to sign the Agreement on behalf of the GSA when the well locations have been identified, and specifics included into the form.

G. 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.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled regular meeting is planned to be held May 6, 2021. Additional details about time and location will be provided as the meeting date nears.