

**Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
Groundwater Lunch Hour: Overview of GSP Chapter 5: Water Budgets**

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Webinar

Thursday September 16, 2021

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Meeting Goals:

- Review Draft GSP Chapter 5.
- Answer audience questions.

Staff:

- Herb Smart, Debbie Montalbano, Michael Cooke, Turlock Irrigation District
- Karen Morgan, City of Ceres
- Lacey McBride, County of Merced
- Mike Tietze, Formation Environmental
- Lisa Beutler, Marisa Perez-Reyes, Stantec

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, Zoom Platform Overview

The Facilitators welcomed the attendees to the lunch hour, introduced the panelists, and reviewed the Agenda for today's meeting. They shared information about how participants can use the Zoom Webinar platform to submit questions.

Context Setting

Herb Smart (Turlock Irrigation District) provided background information on SGMA, the East Turlock and West Turlock GSAs, and their combined approach to the GSP.

Review of Draft Chapter 5: Water Budgets

Lacey McBride from the County of Merced provided a presentation on the Turlock Subbasin Water Budget.

Facilitated Question and Answer Session

The Facilitators engaged the audience to answer their questions. The following questions and answers were provided:

- Facilitators provided links to the website, including information about where materials from this meeting will be posted.
- Rhett Calkins, a farmer in the area, asked clarifying questions about the GSP and water budget.
- Staff answered a question about the expected release date for Draft Chapter 8 of the GSP.
- Kevin Kauffman asked for information about sources to support the information shared about the interconnection between depletion in groundwater and inflow to the subbasin from rivers and streams.
- Staff clarified what Lacey McBride meant when she referred to deep percolation.
- Staff provided information about how much overdraft the subbasin is experiencing on a per-acre basis.
- Staff provided information about the current sustainable yield in acre-inches per agricultural acre in the GSAs.
- Lisa shared that cooperation between two GSAs to complete a single GSP is not rare and is in line with DWR's original intention for SGMA.
- Rhett Calkins asked about conjunctive use and how the surface water curtailments affect Turlock Irrigation District's pumping plan. Staff shared that the District is pushing back on the curtailment order and establishing a conjunctive use program.

Closing

Herb Smart thanked the attendees and provided links to the Turlock Groundwater website. He provided information about how comments on the draft chapters can be submitted.

The Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

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