

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GSA TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
THE EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GSA TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 9, 2024 – 2:00PM
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
333 E. CANAL DRIVE
CANAL 203 CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
TURLOCK, CA 95380**

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

1. WELCOME / MEETING PROCEDURES

2. CALL TO ORDER

Seven (7) agency representatives from the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC are needed for a quorum.

Three (3) agency representatives from the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC are needed for a quorum.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – This is the time set aside for members of the public to directly address the Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committees on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Technical Advisory Committees and to address the Committees on any item on the posted agenda. Members of the public will be allowed five (5) minutes for comments. If you wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda, you may be asked to defer your remarks until the Technical Advisory Committees address the matter. No action or discussion may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.

4. **MEETING MINUTES**

A. **Minutes of the November 14, 2023 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees**

Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Approving Minutes of the November 14, 2023 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

Recommended Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Approving Minutes of the November 14, 2023 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

5. **BUDGET UPDATE**

Overview of revenues and expenditures for the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. *Michael Clipper, WTS GSA TAC Treasurer and Sarah Woolf, ETS GSA TAC Chair*

6. **2024 CALENDAR OF REGULAR JOINT MEETINGS FOR THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Review and discuss the proposed calendar of regular joint meeting dates for the Technical Advisory Committees. *Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair*

Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Approving the 2024 Calendar of Regular (Joint) Meeting dates for the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committees

Recommended Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Approving the 2024 Calendar of Regular (Joint) Meeting dates for the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committees

7. **WTS GSA TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OFFICER –VICE CHAIR**

Discussion and recommendations regarding appointment of the WTS GSA TAC Vice Chair due to an upcoming vacancy of the current Vice Chair. *Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair*

Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Recommending appointment of the WTS GSA TAC Vice Chair

8. **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

A. Consider recommending the West Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committee provide a letter of support for the City of Modesto’s Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Upgrades Proposal for the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Grant. *Juan Ochoa, WTS GSA TAC Member/City of Modesto*

Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Recommending the West Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committee provide a letter of support for the City of Modesto Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Upgrades Proposal for the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Grant

9. WATER LEVEL DATA

Presentation by Todd Groundwater on the Water Level Analysis for Water Year 2023 (October 2022-September 2023). *Liz Elliott, Todd Groundwater*

10. SGMA RELATED UPDATES

This is an opportunity for TAC members to discuss and provide updates on issues related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. A list of topics could include, but are not limited to, the items listed below. No action will be taken.

- GSP Implementation
- Annual Report – Ad Hoc Committee
- Grants

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Joint Technical Advisory Committees is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF THE
WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AND
EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

NOVEMBER 14, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting materials and recording can be found at the following link:

<https://turlockgroundwater.org/events/regular-meetings-of-the-turlock-subbasin-gsas-technical-advisory-committees-5>

1. WELCOME / MEETING PROCEDURES

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke announced this is a Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin (WTS) and East Turlock Subbasin (ETS) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Technical Advisory Committees (TAC).

2. CALL TO ORDER

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

There was not a quorum of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC at the time the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC called the meeting to order. Action items (of the WTS GSA TAC) would not be heard until another member agency from the West Turlock GSA TAC joined the meeting.

| WTS GSA TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (AT THE TIME ROLL WAS CALLED) | ETS GSA TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (AT THE TIME ROLL WAS CALLED) |
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| Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Clipper, WTS GSA Treasurer Mike Pitcock, Waterford for Hickman Leandro Maldonado, Delhi County Water District Debbie Montalbano, Turlock Irrigation District Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County Lacey McBride, Merced County Juan Ochoa, City of Modesto Curtis Jorritsma, Hilmar County Water District (arrived at approximately 2:08 p.m.) <i>Other WTS GSA TAC members may have arrived after the time roll was called.</i> | Sarah Woolf, ETS GSA TAC Chair Dennis Yotsuya, Ballico Cortez Water District Lacey McBride, Merced County Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County <i>Other ETS GSA TAC members may have arrived after the time roll was called.</i> |

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

4. MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Stanislaus County (*McKinnon*), seconded by Merced County (*McBride*), Approving Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

WTS GSA Treasurer Michael Clipper provided an informational update regarding the account balances for the West Turlock Subbasin and Turlock Subbasin (basin-wide) accounts.

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf provided an informational update regarding the account balance for the East Turlock Subbasin.

6. TASK ORDER TO PREPARE THE ANNUAL REPORT

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano provided information regarding a task order for Todd Groundwater to prepare the Annual Report due April 1, 2024 (covering the previous water year; October 2022–September 2023) for the Turlock Subbasin and to submit the required documentation to the Department of Water Resources on behalf of the GSAs. Ms. Montalbano also noted some minor changes to the scope of work, including contracting/budgeting separately for the water level measurements analysis and that some of the planning meetings have been reduced to help conserve funds.

WTS GSA TAC CHAIR MICHAEL COOKE ANNOUNCED THAT WTS GSA TAC MEMBER CURTIS JORRITMSA, HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT HAS JOINED THE MEETING VIA REMOTE TELECONFERENCE AND THERE IS NOW A QUORUM OF THE WTS GSA TAC.

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke and Ms. Montalbano discussed the cost for this task order, noting the estimate is slightly over what was initially budgeted; however, there are additional funds available within the budget.

There were no public comments.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), seconded by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), Authorizing the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC Chair to initiate a task order for Todd Groundwater to prepare the Annual Report due April 1, 2024 (covering the previous water year) for the Turlock Subbasin and submit the required documentation to the Department of Water Resources on behalf of the GSAs in the amount of \$135,410. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf clarified for the record that this expenditure was previously approved by the ETS GSA as part of the budget at the beginning of the year, and that their Board is aware the estimate is coming in a little above and that reserves will likely be used to cover the additional cost.

ITEM 4 CONTINUED -- APPROVAL OF MINUTES BY THE WTS GSA TAC

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), seconded by Waterford for Hickman (*Pitcock*), Approving Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

7. TASK ORDER FOR THE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano provided information regarding a task order for Todd Groundwater to review and analyze the Fall 2023 water level measurements, noting the data will be incorporated/analyzed as part of the Annual Report.

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke spoke regarding the timelines for completing the measurements (first two weeks of November) and noted TID has completed their measurements. ETS GSA Coordinator Mike Tietze noted their measurements are also complete, with the exception of one farm that needs follow-up.

There were no public comments.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), seconded by Waterford for Hickman (*Pitcock*), Authorizing the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC Chair to initiate a task order for Todd Groundwater to review and analyze the Fall 2023 water level measurements on behalf of the GSAs in the estimated amount of \$17,500. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf clarified for the record that this expenditure was previously approved by the ETS GSA as part of the budget at the beginning of the year.

8. SGMA RELATED UPDATES

- GSP Implementation

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano informed TAC members that we are still awaiting GSP review and that we will likely hear from DWR in January 2024.

Ms. Montalbano also noted that data requests will be circulated for the Annual Report.

- Grants

ETS GSA Coordinator Mike Tietze noted we are awaiting review of the joint (ETS & WTS GSAs) grant application for the Domestic Well Mitigation Plan, and also spoke about the ETS GSA having submitted letters of support to UC Davis and the ILRP Coalitions related to an on-farm conservation and innovation grant.

ETS GSA Coordinator Mike Tietze and WTS/ETS GSA TAC Member Lacey McBride provided information regarding a legislative tour related to the MLRP grant, to provide examples of projects/activities that could be supported/funded by this program.

ETS GSA Coordinator Mike Tietze also spoke about a forthcoming field trip to Carpinteria Creek to look at an example site and provided information regarding an RFP to retain a consultant to manage the planned development.

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke provided an update regarding the next set of dedicated monitoring wells to be installed, which will likely be put out to bid in the new year, and also noted that some assistance will be needed from the cities and counties for access agreements, etc. TAC members discussed the types of monitoring wells to be installed.

WTS GSA TAC Secretary Jennifer Land spoke about teleconference procedures related to WTS GSA TAC Member Jorritsma's remote participation, clarifying that since we did not notice (agendize) his remote participation/location, there are emergency or just-cause reasons that provide the ability for remote participation. TAC Member Jorritsma announced that he will provide email justification for his remote participation to Secretary Land later today.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Joint Technical Advisory Committees is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the WTS GSA Board scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023 has been canceled.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), seconded by Waterford for Hickman (*Pitcock*), to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Adjournment by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Ballico Cortez Water District (*Yotsuya*), seconded by Merced County (*McBride*), to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Jennifer Land, Secretary
West Turlock Subbasin
Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Technical Advisory Committee

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Proposed Regular Meeting Dates

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10, 2024
2:00 p.m.

All regular joint meetings of the
West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committees
will be held at the following location, unless agendized otherwise:
Turlock Irrigation District
333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock CA 95380
Canal 203 Conference Room(s)