

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

**MARCH 21, 2023 – 2:00PM
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
333 E. CANAL DRIVE
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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 February 14, 2023 Special 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 February 14, 2023 Special 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 February 14, 2023 Special 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. GSP SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

Review and discuss the GSP Second Annual Report (for Water Year 2022) for submittal to the Department of Water Resources (DWR). *Todd Groundwater and Woodard & Curran*

Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Approving the GSP Second Annual Report (for Water Year 2022) and recommending submittal to the Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Recommended Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Approving the GSP Second Annual Report (for Water Year 2022) and recommending submittal to the Department of Water Resources (DWR)

7. ROUND 2 MULTIBENEFIT LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM GRANT

Briefing regarding the East Turlock Subbasin GSA Grant Application for the California Department of Conservation for the Round 2 Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program. *Mike Tietze, ETS GSA Coordinator and Debbie Montalbano, Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager*

8. 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.

- Communication/Outreach
- Consolidated Final PEIR Implementation
- Spring Monitoring Event
- Grants

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Joint Technical Advisory Committees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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

<https://turlockgroundwater.org/events/regular-meeting-of-the-west-turlock-subbasin-gsa-and-east-turlock-subbasin-gsa-technical-advisory-committees>

1. WELCOME / MEETING PROCEDURES

The Special Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin (WTS) and East Turlock Subbasin (ETS) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) was held via remote teleconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and pursuant to AB 361 signed into law on September 16, 2021.

2. CALL TO ORDER

WTS GSA TAC Vice Chair Karen Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

WTS GSA TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (AT THE TIME ROLL WAS CALLED)	ETS GSA TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (AT THE TIME ROLL WAS CALLED)
Karen Morgan, WTS GSA TAC Vice Chair Michael Clipper, WTS GSA TAC Treasurer Jaime Velazquez, City of Hughson Juan Ochoa, City of Modesto Mike Pitcock, Waterford for Hickman Richard Lindo, Denair Community Services District Curtis Jorritsma, Hilmar County Water District Michelle Harris, Keyes Community Services District Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County Lacey McBride, Merced County Debbie Montalbano, Turlock Irrigation District <i>Other WTS GSA TAC members may have arrived after the time roll was called.</i>	Sarah Woolf, ETS GSA TAC Chair Lacey McBride, ETS GSA TAC Vice Chair Matt Beaman, Merced Irrigation District Dennis Yotsuya, Ballico Cortez Water District Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County <i>Other ETS GSA TAC members may have arrived after the time roll was called.</i>

3. RESOLUTION OF THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (WTS GSA) TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) RECOGNIZING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAIMED BY THE GOVERNOR ON MARCH 4, 2020 WHICH REMAINS IN EFFECT AND REAUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE WTS GSA TAC FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 14, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2023 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

WTS GSA TAC Vice Chair Karen Morgan provided a brief overview of this item, to allow for continued remote teleconference meetings (February 14, 2023 through February 28, 2023).

There was no public comment.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Resolution No. 2023-01: Moved by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), seconded by Denair Community Services District (*Lindo*), Adopting a Resolution of the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WTS GSA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recognizing the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 which remains in effect and reauthorizing remote teleconference meetings of the WTS GSA TAC for the period February 14, 2023 through February 28, 2023 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Upon roll call, the following vote was had:

Ayes: Keyes Community Services District (*Harris*), Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), Denair Community Services District (*Lindo*), Stanislaus County (*McKinnon*), Merced County (*McBride*), Turlock Irrigation District (*Montalbano*), Waterford for Hickman (*Pitcock*), City of Modesto (*Ochoa*), City of Hughson (*Velazquez*), and City of Ceres (*Vice Chair Morgan*)

Noes: None

Absent: City of Turlock and Delhi County Water District

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf noted the ETS GSA Technical Advisory Committee took a similar action earlier today to extend remote teleconference meetings.

WTS GSA TAC VICE CHAIR KAREN MORGAN ANNOUNCED THAT ITEMS 4A & 4B WERE PREVIOUSLY AGENDIZED DURING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN (WTS) GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2023. UPON CONCLUSION OF THAT MEETING, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS HAD NOT BEEN EXTENDED WITHIN THE NECESSARY TIMEFRAME. THEREFORE, OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REINTRODUCED FOR CONSIDERATION (FORMAL ACTION) AT THIS MEETING.

4. AFFIRMATION OF ACTIONS FROM JANUARY 31, 2023 WTS GSA TAC SPECIAL MEETING

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the October 13, 2022 Special Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committee

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), seconded by Turlock Irrigation District (*Montalbano*), Approving Minutes of the October 13, 2022 Special Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committee. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

B. LETTER OF SUPPORT

Letter of support from the West Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committee to the California Department of Water Resources for the City of Modesto's grant application for the 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Waterford for Hickman (*Pitcock*), seconded by Delhi County Water District (*Jorritsma*), Ratifying the letter of support from the West Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committee to the California Department of Water Resources for the City of Modesto's grant application for the 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the October 27, 2022 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), seconded by Denair Community Services District (*Lindo*), Approving Minutes of the October 27, 2022 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Stanislaus County (*McKinnon*), seconded by Merced Irrigation District (*Beaman*), Approving Minutes of the October 27, 2022 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees. Roll call vote: Christy McKinnon – yes, Matt Beaman – yes, Dennis Yotsuya – absent, Lacey McBride – yes, and Sarah Woolf – yes. The Chair declared the motion carried.

7. BUDGET UPDATE

WTS GSA Treasurer Michael Clipper provided an informational update regarding the account balances and expenditures 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.

8. 2023 CALENDAR OF REGULAR JOINT MEETINGS FOR THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

WTS GSA TAC Vice Chair Karen Morgan and Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano provided a brief overview of this item, noting regular meetings of the joint TACs would be held once per month (on the second Tuesday, with the exception of March). ETS GSA

TAC Chair Sarah Woolf added that these meetings would be held in-person at TID offices starting in March.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), seconded by Waterford for Hickman (*Pitcock*), Approving the 2023 Calendar of Regular (Joint) Meetings for the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committees. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Ballico Cortez Water District (*Yotsuya*), seconded by Merced irrigation District (*Beaman*), Approving the 2023 Calendar of Regular (Joint) Meetings for the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committees. Roll call vote: Dennis Yotsuya – yes, Matt Beaman – yes, Christy McKinnon – yes, Lacey McBride – yes, and Sarah Woolf – yes. The Chair declared the motion carried.

9. CONSOLIDATED FINAL PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR)

WTS GSA TAC Vice Chair Karen Morgan introduced Kelley Sterle, Environmental Science Associates who presented information regarding the Consolidated Final PEIR for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan including an overview of the following:

- Funding for this work – Proposition 68
- CEQA is not required for the development or adoption of a GSP; however, it is required for implementation of GSP projects and management actions. A program-level CEQA document is the most appropriate to streamline these activities.
- PEIR development timeline
- Scope of PEIR
- Contents of Consolidated Final PEIR, including appendices
- Environmental analysis
- Public comments received
- Document changes stemming from public comments
- Next steps of the CEQA process, including certification of the Consolidated Final PEIR by WTS GSA (as the lead agency) and ETS GSA (as the responsible agency) in March
- Consolidated Final PEIR will be available on the Turlock Groundwater website and the Turlock, Merced County, and Stanislaus County libraries
- Workshop at the joint TAC meeting in April to review Appendix F – Project and Management Action-Specific Checklist

There were no public comments.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), seconded by Keyes Community Services District (*Harris*), Recommending certification of the Consolidated Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan by the WTS GSA Board. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Merced County (*McBride*), seconded by Stanislaus County (*McKinnon*), Recommending certification of the Consolidated Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan by the ETS GSA Board. Roll call vote: Lacey McBride – yes, Christy McKinnon – yes, Dennis Yotsuya – yes, Matt Beaman – yes, and Sarah Woolf – yes. The Chair declared the motion carried.

10. AD HOC COMMITTEE - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano spoke regarding the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to assist with the Annual Report development process, comprised of no more than six (6) agency representatives of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC, and provided names of the individuals who expressed interest in assisting (Michael Cooke, Miguel Alvarez, Karen Morgan, Herb Smart, as well as herself).

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Turlock Irrigation District (*Cooke*), seconded by City of Modesto (*Ochoa*), Forming an Ad hoc Committee comprised of Michael Cooke, Miguel Alvarez, Karen Morgan, Herb Smart, and Debbie Montalbano (no more than six (6) agency representatives of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC) to assist with the development process for the 2023 Annual Report. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

11. AD HOC COMMITTEE - ACTION PLAN FOR EXCEEDANCE OF MINIMUM THRESHOLDS WHICH MAY RESULT IN UNDESIREABLE RESULTS

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano spoke regarding the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to assist with the development of the Minimum Threshold Exceedance Plan and provided names of the individuals who expressed interest in assisting (Michael Cooke, Miguel Alvarez, Karen Morgan, Herb Smart, Christy McKinnon, as well as herself).

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Turlock Irrigation District (*Cooke*), seconded by City of Modesto (*Ochoa*), Forming an Ad hoc Committee comprised of Michael Cooke, Miguel Alvarez, Karen Morgan, Herb Smart, Christy McKinnon, and Debbie Montalbano (no more than six (6) agency representatives of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC) to assist with the drafting process of an action plan for exceedance of Minimum Thresholds (MT) which may result in undesirable results. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

12. SGMA RELATED UPDATES

- Communication/Outreach

WTS GSA TAC Member Herb Smart provided an informational update about items he introduced at the last WTS GSA TAC and Board meetings regarding translation services for the website of which he will be presenting solutions to the TAC, as well as continued coordination with the DWR regarding a translation services pilot project for meetings.

- Spring Monitoring Event

WTS GSA Vice Chair Karen Morgan announced the Spring monitoring event will be held the week of March 13.

- GSP Implementation

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano presented information about the Second Annual Report including an overview of the following:

- Reporting period of October 2021 through September 2022
- Analyses (process) includes:
 - Model update for 2022
 - Developing hydrographs for water level elevations data for Spring
 - Developing groundwater elevation contour maps for Fall and Spring
 - Water quality analysis
 - Subsidence data
 - Review of activities for GSP implementation

ETS GSA Coordinator Mike Tietze spoke regarding land use and cropping patterns, noting there are some discrepancies in the land use data sets that will be addressed going forward.

- Next steps
- Annual Report schedule
- Grants

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie provided an informational update regarding the status of the final grant reporting, noting these grants will be tentatively finalized in June.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Joint Technical Advisory Committees is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Turlock Irrigation District (*Montalbano*), seconded by Denair Community Services District (*Lindo*), to adjourn the meeting at 2:54 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

Adjournment by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Merced Irrigation District (*Beaman*), seconded by Merced County (*McBride*), to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Matt Beaman – yes, Lacey McBride – yes, Dennis Yotsuya – yes, Christy McKinnon – yes, and Sarah Woolf – yes. The Chair declared the motion carried.

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