

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

**MAY 14, 2024 – 2:00PM
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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

**CORTEZ HALL
12937 N. CORTEZ AVENUE
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 April 16, 2024 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 April 16, 2024 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 April 16, 2024 Special Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

A. 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*

B. Informational update and discussion on the forecasted costs and budget for the WTS GSA and Turlock Subbasin for the period covering July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. *Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair*

6. GSP REVISIONS

Presentation by Todd Groundwater and Woodard Curran on the status of the GSP Revisions including well impact analysis, project and management actions, and schedule. *Liz Elliott, Todd Groundwater and Dominick Amador, Woodard Curran*

7. DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION PLAN

Overview of the draft Domestic Well Mitigation Plan and seeking direction on the preferred alternative. *Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair and Liz Elliott, Todd Groundwater*

Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Recommendation by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committee regarding the preferred direction of the draft Domestic Well Mitigation Plan

Recommended Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Recommendation by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committee regarding the preferred direction of the draft Domestic Well Mitigation Plan

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.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Joint Technical Advisory Committees is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 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**

APRIL 16, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

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

<https://turlockgroundwater.org/events/special-meeting-of-the-turlock-subbasin-gsas-technical-advisory-committees>

1. WELCOME / MEETING PROCEDURES

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke announced this is a Special 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)
Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Clipper, WTS GSA Treasurer Debbie Montalbano, Turlock Irrigation District Juan Ochoa, City of Modesto Mike Pitcock, Waterford for Hickman Ashlee Chan-Gonzalez, Merced County Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County Joshua Casas, City of Ceres <i>(arrived at approximately 2:03 p.m.)</i> Curtis Jorritsma, Hilmar County Water District <i>(arrived at approximately 2:17 p.m.)</i>	Sarah Woolf, ETS GSA TAC Chair Matt Beaman, Merced Irrigation District Dennis Yotsuya, Ballico Cortez Water District Ashlee Chan-Gonzalez, Merced County Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County
<i>Other WTS GSA TAC members may have arrived after the time roll was called.</i>	<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 March 12, 2024 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC was taken later in the meeting once there was a quorum of members.

Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Ballico Cortez Water District (Yotsuya), seconded by Stanislaus County (McKinnon), Approving Minutes of the March 12, 2024 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.

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke inquired about the status of invoices related to the revisions for the GSP, mentioning a budgeted amount of \$300,000. Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano replied that only a few invoices have been received, indicating there's still a lot of work to be done before July.

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf did not provide a budget update; however, she stated that an election for Proposition 218 in East Turlock occurred in early April and was successful. Therefore, they will now start assessing parcels in that area.

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

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano presented information regarding the task order for Todd Groundwater to review and analyze the Spring 2024 water level measurements. The data will be compared to sustainable management criteria and will be available as GSA's complete their GSP revisions. The cost for this work is consistent with previous events, covering data sets from fall 2023 and spring 2024.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC was taken later in the meeting once there was a quorum of members.

ETS GSA Coordinator Mike Tietze and ETS GSA Legal Counsel Kaitlin Harr commented that no action is required by the ETS GSA TAC due to the ETS GSA Board and TAC having previously approved this work as part of the budget process.

7. GSP REVISIONS

Todd Groundwater Liz Elliott presented the status of GSP Revisions, including an overview of the well impact analysis, project and management actions, and schedule.

- Ms. Elliot reported that Interim Milestones (IMs) that are below the Minimum (MTs) are mainly located within the eastern principal aquifer. There are three in the western upper and one in the western lower. Reported dry wells in the subbasin were located in the central part and along the river boundaries. Dry well reports reflect drought year 2013, 2015 and 2016.
- TAC member discussed Ms. Elliot's focus on groundwater elevations at specific locations without considering pumping. WTS GSA TAC Chair, Michael Cooke inquired about using this method to understand potential impacts on domestic wells due to lower groundwater levels. The analysis covers all water supply wells, including domestic, municipal, irrigation, and industrial ones, potentially leading to a mitigation program that may be more comprehensive than desired by DWR. Sarah Woolf mentioned Chowchilla has an operational plan pending approval, providing options for GSAs. Mike suggested contacting Derrick Williams from Salinas Valley for insights, noting potential differences due to the timing of their GSP development.

WTS GSA TAC MEMBER CURTIS JORRITSMA, HILMAR COUNTY JOINED THE MEETING AT 2:17 P.M. -- THERE WAS NOW A QUORUM OF THE WTS GSA TAC.

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

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Waterford for Hickman (Pitcock), seconded by Hilmar County Water District (Jorritsma), Approving Minutes of the March 12, 2024 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

ITEM 6 CONTINUED -- APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER FOR THE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS BY THE WTS GSA TAC

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 Spring 2024 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.

8. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN MANAGER

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke discussed the upcoming vacancy of the existing Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Manager for the Turlock Subbasin due to Debbie Montalbano's retirement from TID. He provided an overview of the requirement by DWR to have a Plan Manager, and noted that he and ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf and ETS GSA Coordinator Mike Tietze had a discussion about him (WTS GSA TAC Chair Cooke) maintaining this role for the Subbasin.

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf expressed thanks to Debbie Montalbano and noted she is grateful that Michael Cooke will be taking on this role.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (Jorritsma), seconded by City of Modesto (Ochoa), Recommending appointment of Michael Cooke, Turlock Irrigation District, as the new Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Manager for the Turlock Subbasin. All voted in favor with none opposed. The chair declared the motion carried.

Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Ballico Cortez Water District (Yotsuya), seconded by Stanislaus County (McKinnon), Recommending appointment of Michael Cooke, Turlock Irrigation District, as the new Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Manager for the Turlock Subbasin. All voted in favor with none opposed. The chair declared the motion carried.

ITEM 7 CONTINUED –GSP REVISIONS

ETS GSA TAC Coordinator Mike Tietze reported discussion recently had with Shane Edwards, DWR in regards to GSP revisions. Mr. Tietze also discussed ETS GSA's Overdraft Reduction Plan, modeling, and ensuring components are defined. The Demand Reduction Program and Groundwater Use Management Program were outlined. Development of the Subsidence and IM Exceedance Priority Action Plan was also discussed along with additional next steps.

9. SGMA RELATED UPDATES

- Grants

ETS GSA TAC Coordinator Mike Tietze reported on the upcoming NRCS Grant Program, which is a regional planning grant program set to release nationwide with a maximum grant of \$1.5 billion and up to \$25 million per grant. Further details will be provided as they become available. Additionally, the Domestic Well Mitigation Program round two is also forthcoming, and more information will be shared when it's released.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Joint Technical Advisory Committees is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

WTS GSA TAC Chair, Michael Cooke and ETS GSA TAC Chair, Sarah Woolf stated they would both like to adjourn the meeting in honor of WTS GSA TAC Member and former Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano.

Adjournment by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (Jorritsma), seconded by City of Ceres (Casas), to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 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 Merced Irrigation District (*Beaman*), seconded by Ballico Cortez Water District (*Yotsuya*), to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

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