

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

**OCTOBER 28, 2021 – 2:00PM  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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**MEETING MATERIALS:** Prior to the meeting, an agenda packet is available for review online at: [www.turlockgroundwater.org](http://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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Minutes of the September 16, 2021 Special Joint Meeting**

**Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:**

**Motion:** Approving Minutes of the September 16, 2021 Special Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

**Recommended Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:**

**Motion:** Approving Minutes of the September 16, 2021 Special Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

**B. Minutes of the September 23, 2021 Regular Joint Meeting**

**Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:**

**Motion:** Approving Minutes of the September 23, 2021 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

**Recommended Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:**

**Motion:** Approving Minutes of the September 23, 2021 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

4. **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.
  
5. **BUDGET UPDATE**
  - A. Overview of revenues and expenditures for the West Turlock Subbasin GSA. (*Michael Clipper, WTS GSA Treasurer*)
  
  - B. Overview of revenues and expenditures for the East Turlock Subbasin GSA. (*Sarah Woolf, ETS GSA TAC Chair*)
  
6. **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 OCTOBER 28, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 27, 2021 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS**

**Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:**

**Resolution No. 2021-2:** 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, 2021 which remains in effect and reauthorizing remote teleconference meetings of the WTS GSA TAC for the period October 28, 2021 through November 27, 2021 pursuant to Brown Act provisions

7. **PROJECTS, MANAGEMENT ACTIONS, AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS**  
Review and discuss progress on the draft Projects and Management Actions and Roadmap to Sustainability chapters. *Presented by Woodard & Curran*

**Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:**

**Motion:** Approving updates to the draft Projects and Management Actions and Roadmap to Sustainability chapters and recommend inclusion in the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan

**Recommended Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:**

**Motion:** Approving updates to the draft Projects and Management Actions and Roadmap to Sustainability chapters and recommend inclusion in the draft Groundwater Sustainability 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.

- Communication/Outreach
- GSP Schedule
- Grants

**9. NEXT MEETING**

Due to the Veterans and Thanksgiving holidays, the special meeting of November 11, 2021 and the regular meeting of November 25, 2021 will not be held.

The next special meetings are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2021 and/or Thursday, November 18, 2021. Additional details will follow.

**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**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2021, 2:00 p.m.**

Meeting materials and recording can be found at the following link:  
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**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 conference call due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20.

WTS GSA TAC Member Herb Smart provided a brief overview of the conference call and public participation procedures.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

<b>WTS GSA TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (AT THE TIME ROLL WAS CALLED)</b>	<b>ETS GSA TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (AT THE TIME ROLL WAS CALLED)</b>
Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair Karen Morgan, WTS GSA TAC Vice Chair Michael Clipper, WTS GSA TAC Treasurer David Odom, Denair Community Services District Leandro Maldonado, Delhi County Water District Walt Ward, Stanislaus County Mike Pitcock, Waterford for Hickman Miguel Alvarez, City of Modesto Debbie Montalbano, Turlock Irrigation District Herb Smart, 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 Dennis Yotsuya, Ballico Cortez Water District Walt Ward, Stanislaus County  <i>Other ETS GSA TAC members may have arrived after the time roll was called.</i>

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Matt Brody addressed the Technical Advisory Committees.

TAC members and Todd Groundwater provided brief comment in response to public comments.

**4. PROJECT MODELING SCENARIO RESULTS**

Ali Taghavi and Dominick Amador (*Woodard & Curran*) presented information regarding the draft project modeling scenario results including an overview of the following:

- Progress/background to date including review of historical and projected conditions of the basin: hydrology, rainfall, land and water use conditions, cropping, and water supply conditions, sustainable management criteria, sustainable yield conditions, and water supply projects.
- High probability urban and municipal projects (reviewed and discussed in greater detail at previous TAC meetings).
- Water supply scenarios for WTSGSA, ETSGSA, and Subbasin projects including modeling approach & assumptions, land & water use budget, groundwater budget, SGMA sustainability indicators, and groundwater hydrographs.

Discussion included groundwater/water level impacts associated with the projects and projections for growth such as increased water demand based on changes in population and per capita water use.

- Change in groundwater storage by scenario and projects impacts.
- Interconnected surface water system: model simulations for Tuolumne River, San Joaquin River, and Merced River (groundwater discharge to river and stream seepage to groundwater).
- Next steps of the GSP development (to be performed by Woodard Curran) including compliance with SMC6 (Sustainable Management Criteria #6) and demand management scenario #5.

Discussion included review of the baseline, historical, and minimum thresholds for interconnected surface water. It was clarified that minimum thresholds (MTs), as decided upon by the TAC, are based on the 2015 groundwater levels with the exception that the MTs around the Merced River are based on the 2014 groundwater levels due to continued depletion and decline beyond historical conditions.

A member of the public addressed the Technical Advisory Committees.

Additional discussion included weather patterns, predictions near the Merced River stated to stabilize due to groundwater and surface water interactions, and changes in historical conditions based on cropping patterns and demands which reflect increases in groundwater production.

Further discussion included concerns with the model being too general and not focused enough on balancing the basin as a whole. It was clarified that the model has the capability of capturing major components (through the level of calibration and ability to measure groundwater levels and stream flow) and that it is being used as a tool to help set MTs, determine water level criteria and sources, and manage the basin in the future. It was further stated that the model and management processes will continue to be monitored and updated (adaptive management) as additional data and water supply projects become available.

## **5. MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS**

Ali Taghavi (*Woodard & Curran*) spoke about having previously provided a high level summary of the draft management actions (MAs) and implementation actions (IAs) and indicated the goal is to bring more detail regarding these items to the next TAC meeting.

The TACs noted any applicable comments (for the MAs and IAs) will be provided to Woodard & Curran for review.

**6. SGMA RELATED UPDATES**

- Communication/Outreach

WTS GSA TAC Member Herb Smart reminded that chapters 1, 2, 4, & 5 of the draft GSP are available on the website (for review and comments), spoke regarding the Groundwater Lunch Hour held earlier in the day (best attendance yet), and expressed thanks to the agencies that have submitted a letter of support for the Ceres Main Regulating Reservoir project.

- GSP Schedule

WTS GSA TAC Member Debbie Montalbano provided an update on the status (review, comments, and updates) of the draft monitoring network chapter, sustainable management criteria section including recommendations on the interim milestones and monitoring network revisions, and the draft demand management modeling scenarios.

- Grants

WTS GSA TAC Member Debbie Montalbano provided an update on the Prop 68 Grant and three (3) related projects: Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool (GRAT), Monitoring Wells, and the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). Ms. Montalbano also noted that an item will be agendaized for consideration at the next TAC meeting to establish an ad hoc committee to assist with the PEIR.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2021.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

***Adjournment by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:***

Motion by City of Modesto (*Alvarez*), seconded by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 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 Irrigation District (*Beaman*), to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. Jessica Johnson declared the motion carried.

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Jennifer Land, Acting Secretary  
West Turlock Subbasin  
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WTS GSA TAC Member Herb Smart provided a brief overview of the conference call and public participation procedures.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

<b>WTS GSA TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (AT THE TIME ROLL WAS CALLED)</b>	<b>ETS GSA TAC MEMBERS PRESENT (AT THE TIME ROLL WAS CALLED)</b>
Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Clipper, WTS GSA TAC Treasurer Debbie Montalbano, Turlock Irrigation District Herb Smart, Turlock Irrigation District Leandro Maldonado, Delhi County Water District Walt Ward, Stanislaus County Mike Pitcock, Waterford for Hickman Miguel Alvarez, City of Modesto Richard Lindo, Denair Community Services District  <i>Other WTS GSA TAC members may have arrived after the time roll was called.</i>	Sarah Woolf, ETS GSA TAC Chair Matt Beaman, Merced Irrigation District Walt Ward, Stanislaus County Dennis Yotsuya, Ballico Cortez Water District  <i>Other ETS GSA TAC members may have arrived after the time roll was called.</i>

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke spoke regarding the TAC secretary having sent out revised minutes earlier in the day (corrections primarily related to monitoring by the Tuolumne River and adoption of meeting minute dates).

***Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:***

Motion by City of Modesto (*Alvarez*), seconded by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), Approving Minutes of the August 26, 2021 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees as amended. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

***Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:***

Motion by Stanislaus County (*Ward*), seconded by Merced Irrigation District (*Beaman*), Approving Minutes of the August 26, 2021 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees as amended. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke announced that Agenda Items 7 and 8 will not be heard or discussed during the meeting. Chair Cooke further clarified that during an ad hoc meeting held earlier in the week, it was determined that additional modeling work was needed by Woodard Curan before a full presentation could be provided to the TACs.

There was no public participation.

**5. BUDGET**

**A. Overview of revenues and expenditures for the West Turlock Subbasin GSA.**

WTS GSA TAC Treasurer Michael Clipper provided an informational update regarding account balances, revenues, and expenditures for the West Turlock Subbasin GSA as well as the Turlock Subbasin (basin-wide) account.

**B. Overview of revenues and expenditures for the East Turlock Subbasin GSA.**

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf stated there were no changes since the last budget update.

**6. AD HOC COMMITTEE**

WTS GSA TAC Member Debbie Montalbano provided information regarding the Prop 68 grant (awarded by the state to both GSAs) to implement three projects, one of which is the development of a draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). In order to move the project forward as well as provide quicker input to the team (GSAs and consultant) developing the PEIR, Ms. Montalbano recommended the establishment of an ad hoc committee comprised of members from both TACs to work with the technical team. Ms. Montalbano also noted that all of the information associated with the development of the PEIR will be brought back to the TACs for approval.

Discussion included participation aspects and timelines associated with the ad hoc committee.

Member of the public Aracely Gonzalez addressed the Technical Advisory Committees.

Additional discussion included selection and participation processes of the ad hoc committee, opportunities for public involvement/feedback (public comment during TAC meetings and the CEQA process), and clarification that names of the proposed ad hoc committee members can be provided at a later date.

***Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:***

Motion by City of Ceres (*Morgan*), seconded by City of Modesto (*Alvarez*), Approving an Ad hoc Committee comprised of members of the Joint TACs to assist with the development of a



Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke clarified that Debbie Montalbano will follow-up with members individually to form the committee for the WTS GSA.

**Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:**

Motion by Ballico Cortez Water District (*Yotsuya*), seconded by Stanislaus County (*Ward*), Approving an Ad hoc Committee comprised of members of the Joint TACs to assist with the development of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). Roll call vote: Dennis Yotsuya – yes, Walt Ward – yes, Matt Beaman – yes, and Sarah Woolf – yes. The Chair declared the motion carried.

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf clarified she will follow-up with Debbie Montalbano to provide information regarding formation of the committee for the ETS GSA.

**7. ITEM REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

**DEMAND MANAGEMENT MODELING RESULTS** – Item will be brought back at a later date once additional modeling work and analysis are completed.

**8. ITEM REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

**MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS** – Item will be brought back at a later date once additional modeling work and analysis are completed.

**9. SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA, INTERIM MILESTONES, AND MONITORING NETWORK**

Phyllis Stanin (*Todd Groundwater*) presented information regarding updates to the draft Sustainable Management Criteria chapter, development and recommendations of Interim Milestones, and revisions to the draft Monitoring Network.

Ms. Stanin provided the following technical recommendation for land subsidence criteria and monitoring:

- Expand GSP land subsidence monitoring program to include the Eastern Principal Aquifer.
- Use water levels as a proxy for monitoring potential future impacts from land subsidence.
- Adopt chronic lowering of water levels sustainable management criteria for expanded monitoring.
- Continue to use InSAR data for screening and reporting data in the GSP Annual Reports.
- Re-evaluate monitoring and screening data in the 5-year GSP report to continue prevention of undesirable results.

Member of the public Aracely Gonzalez addressed the Technical Advisory Committees.

Discussion included previous evaluations of domestic well failures and adverse impacts to public supply wells caused by lowering water levels which resulted in minimum thresholds (MTs) set at 2015 levels to avoid further impacts/failures in the future.

Clarification was provided that the basin is not seeing an issue with subsidence, but it is being monitored.

Additional discussion was had to confirm the proposed monitoring network for the East Turlock area would be sufficient for the land subsidence sustainable management criteria.

Ms. Stanin provided the following technical recommendation for interim milestones:

- Recognize that implementation of projects will take time to elicit an aquifer response.
- Include 2027 interim milestones below the minimum threshold in the draft GSP for wells that continue to experience groundwater level declines (in the Western Upper Principal Aquifer and the Eastern Principal Aquifer).
- Provide a glide path toward sustainable groundwater management.
- Recognize that interim milestones will not be used to defer GSP implementation, projects, or management actions.
- Groundwater levels will need to recover to minimum thresholds regardless of interim milestone elevation.

**Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:**

Motion by Turlock Irrigation District (*Montalbano*), seconded by Waterford for Hickman (*Pitcock*), Approving updates to the draft Sustainable Management Criteria chapter, development and recommendations of Interim Milestones, and revisions to the draft Monitoring Network and recommend inclusion in the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

**Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:**

Motion by Stanislaus County (*Ward*), seconded by Ballico Cortez Water District (*Yotsuya*), Approving updates to the draft Sustainable Management Criteria chapter, development and recommendations of Interim Milestones, and revisions to the draft Monitoring Network and recommend inclusion in the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Roll call vote: Walt Ward – yes, Dennis Yotsuya – yes, Matt Beaman – yes, and Sarah Woolf – yes. The Chair declared the motion carried.

**10. SGMA RELATED UPDATES**

- Communication/Outreach

WTS GSA TAC Member Herb Smart spoke regarding the virtual Groundwater Lunch Hour held on September 16, 2021, the Notice of Intent to Adopt a GSP that was mailed to cities and counties on September 10, 2021 with a follow-up notice sent to interested parties earlier today, chapter 5 of the draft GSP available on the website for review and comments, continued development of the notice and outreach chapter of the GSP, and AB 361 recently signed into state law.

- GSP Schedule – No update provided.
- Grants – No update provided.

ETS GSA Coordinator Mike Tietze spoke regarding recent discussions related to ongoing review of chapters of the draft GSP of which their technical consultant recommended that

surface water gaging stations be added to chapter 7 and possibly as a supplemental monitoring network. WTS GSA Chair Michael Cooke commented he would follow up with the District's Hydrologist regarding this information.

ETS GSA Coordinator Mike Tietze also spoke regarding recent discussions related to interconnected surface water on the Merced River of which they've been considering adding additional monitoring wells (located at additional distance from the river) to allow a more robust monitoring program.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

NOTE: The special meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021 was canceled.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2021.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

***Adjournment by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:***

Motion by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), seconded by City of Modesto (*Alvarez*), to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 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 Stanislaus County (*Ward*), to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m. Roll call vote: Dennis Yotsuya – yes, Walt Ward – yes, Matt Beaman – yes, and Sarah Woolf – yes. The Chair declared the motion carried.

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Jennifer Land, Acting Secretary  
West Turlock Subbasin  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2**

**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 OCTOBER 28, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 27, 2021 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, the West Turlock Subbasin GSA is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA bodies, including the WTS GSA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the GSA bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the GSA boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 for the entire state of California, including the boundaries of the GSA; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the Governor's proclamation of emergency and the Stanislaus and Merced County Health Services Agencies recommendations to promote social distancing , the Technical Advisory Committee adopted Resolution No. 2021-1 on October 4, 2021 finding that the TAC shall conduct meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions found in section 54953(e), the Technical Advisory Committee must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists in the District, and the TAC has done so; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee meetings will continue to be made available to the public via Zoom or telephone, and posted pursuant to the Brown Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Technical Advisory Committee of the WTS GSA that:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Proclamation of Emergency. The TAC hereby acknowledges and observes the statewide proclamation of a state of emergency dated March 4, 2020 which remains in effect; the TAC further acknowledges and observes the social distancing recommendations of its local health officials.

Section 3. Social Distancing Recommendation. As of the date of this Resolution, the Stanislaus and Merced County Health Services Agencies continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The staff and the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective October 28, 2021 through November 27, 2021, or such time the Technical Advisory Committee adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

Moved by Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call, the following vote was had:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

The Chair declared the resolution adopted.

I, Michael Cooke, Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee of the WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a special meeting of said Technical Advisory Committee held the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

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Michael Cooke, Chair  
Technical Advisory Committee  
West Turlock Subbasin GSA

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ATTEST: Jennifer Land, Acting Secretary  
Technical Advisory Committee  
West Turlock Subbasin GSA