

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

**AUGUST 25, 2022 – 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.

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the July 28, 2022 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Approving Minutes of the July 28, 2022 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 July 28, 2022 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees

- 5. 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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 3, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS**

Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Resolution No. 2022-9: 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 September 4, 2022 through October 3, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions

- 6. DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR) PUBLIC REVIEW MEETING**
Presentation and public workshop regarding the Draft PEIR for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan currently available for public review and comment. Meredith Parkin and Kelley Sterle, Environmental Science Associates
- 7. BUDGET UPDATE**
Overview of revenues and expenditures for the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. *Michael Cooke, WTS GSATAC Chair and Sarah Woolf, ETS GSA TAC Chair*
- 8. TASK ORDER FOR ON-CALL SERVICES PERFORMED BY TODD GROUNDWATER**
Initiating a task order for Todd Groundwater to perform on-call services for the Turlock Subbasin. Debbie Montalbano, Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager

Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Authorizing the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC Chair to initiate a task order for Todd Groundwater to perform on-call consulting services for the Turlock Subbasin GSAs utilizing remaining funding in the amount of \$5,799.75

- 9. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH TODD GROUNDWATER FOR THE FINAL PEIR**
Recommending a contract amendment with Todd GW to develop the Final PEIR. Debbie Montalbano, Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager

Recommended Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion: Recommending a contract amendment with Todd GW to develop the Final PEIR utilizing Proposition 68 grant funding pursuant to the recently amended grant agreement, and that the GSA use funding budgeted for this purpose to augment the grant funding, if necessary, to complete the Final PEIR

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.

- Communication/Outreach
- GSP Implementation
- Grants

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022.

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**

JULY 28, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

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

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

1. WELCOME / MEETING PROCEDURES

The Regular 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.

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

2. CALL TO ORDER

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

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 TAC Treasurer Debbie Montalbano, Turlock Irrigation District Herb Smart, Turlock Irrigation District Orlando Gutierrez, City of Turlock Miguel Alvarez, City of Modesto David Odom, Denair Community Services District Leandro Maldonado, Delhi County Water District Adriel Ramirez, Merced County Curtis Jorritsma, Hilmar County Water District Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County <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 Christy McKinnon, Stanislaus County Adriel Ramirez, Merced County Dennis Yotsuya, Ballico Cortez Water District <i>Other ETS GSA TAC members may have arrived after the time roll was called.</i>

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke introduced Alyse Briody from the Department of Water Resources who will be serving as the point of contact for the Turlock Subbasin.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the June 23, 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 City of Turlock (*Gutierrez*), Approving Minutes of the June 23, 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 Chair declared the motion carried.

Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Merced Irrigation District (*Beaman*), seconded by Ballico Cortez Water District (*Yotsuya*), Approving Minutes of the June 23, 2022 Regular Joint Meeting of the West Turlock Subbasin and East Turlock Subbasin GSA Technical Advisory Committees. Roll call vote: Matt Beaman – yes, Dennis Yotsuya – yes, Christy McKinnon – yes, Adriel Ramirez – yes, and Sarah Woolf – yes. The Chair declared the motion carried.

5. 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 AUGUST 4, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

WTS GSA TAC Chair Michael Cooke provided a brief overview of this item, noting this is a subsequent action to allow for continued remote teleconference meetings for an additional 30 days (August 4, 2022 through September 3, 2022).

There was no public comment.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Resolution No. 2022-8: Moved by City of Modesto (*Alvarez*), seconded by City of Ceres (*Vice Chair Morgan*), 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 August 4, 2022 through September 3, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Upon roll call, the following vote was had:

Ayes: City of Modesto (*Alvarez*), City of Turlock (*Gutierrez*), Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), Stanislaus County (*McKinnon*), Denair Community Services District (*Odom*), Merced County (*Ramirez*), City of Hughson (*Velazquez*), City of Ceres (*Vice Chair Morgan*), and Turlock Irrigation District (*Chair Cooke*)

Noes: None

Absent: Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado – absent from vote*) and Waterford for Hickman

6. BUDGET UPDATE

WTS GSA Treasurer Michael Clipper provided an informational update regarding the account balances and expenditures for the West Turlock Subbasin as well as the Turlock Subbasin (basin-wide account), and noted that invoices will be circulated within the next week.

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf provided an informational update regarding the account balances and expenditures for the East Turlock Subbasin, and noted that the Eastside Water District has made their Prop 218 payment and that payments for the remaining members will be collected soon.

7. INITIATION OF GSP GROUNDWATER LEVEL REPORTING PROGRAM, SPRING 2022

Todd Groundwater Phyllis Stanin presented information regarding water levels recently reported to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) from the Spring 2022 monitoring event including an overview of the following:

- Spring 2022 monitoring event (first event associated with the GSP)
- Semi-annual monitoring reporting required by DWR (Spring due 7/1 and Fall due 1/1)
- Most water levels measured in March 2022
- Updated hydrographs for the Representative Monitoring Wells (RWMs) with respect to sustainable management criteria
- Spring 2022 Minimum Thresholds (MTs)
- Interim Milestones (IM) for Turlock RMWs
- Spring 2022 IM Exceedance Summary
- Definition of Undesirable Results
- Hydrographs (Western Upper Principal Aquifer and Eastern Principal Aquifer) with sample data regarding the MTs and IMs
- Hydrographs with Interconnected Surface Water data
- Water levels are below the MTs in more than half of the RWM, and are continuing to decline in response to drought conditions
- First monitoring event since GSP was submitted; projects and management actions need time to be implemented
- Undesirable results have not been triggered
- Only one well that appears to be below the IM, several are within a few feet
- TAC planning is developing an action plan for when MTs are exceeded
- Many of these wells have been installed and monitoring networks improved from funding through DWR (Prop 68 Grant)
- Implementation Support Activity (ISA 9.2) is well documented; the subbasin is looking at siting and designs for approximately 24 monitoring wells at 17 locations to address key data gaps
- The subbasin will be applying for SGM Round 2 GSP Implementation Grant funding from DWR in Fall 2022

There were no public comments.

8. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (SGM) PROGRAM – ROUND 2 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano presented information regarding the proposal received from Todd Groundwater to prepare the Round 2 Implementation Grant Application on behalf of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA and East Turlock Subbasin GSA for planning and implementation projects to help comply with SGMA, including an overview of the following:

- DWR to release grant solicitation in October 2022
- Competitive process; one application per subbasin
- Minimum award of \$1 million up to \$20 million
- Todd Groundwater prepared proposal to assist GSAs with the application preparation and submittal
- Todd Groundwater previously helped the GSAs secure the other two grants (\$2 million received to date)
- Recently contracted with Todd Groundwater for additional monitoring well work
- Estimated cost of the application process is \$59,800
- GSAs budgeted for consultant services to assist with the grant application submittal (proposal is \$3,200 above budgeted amount but will be jointly funded by both GSAs and other projects are expected to be under budget to offset)
- If approved by the TACs, the WTS GSA would contract for this work on behalf of the GSAs

ETS GSA Coordinator Mike Tietze spoke regarding this matter, noting that it was presented to the ETS GSA Board earlier today and that they are good to move forward. Mr. Tietze also noted that because we are not yet sure about the requirements of the PSP (proposal solicitation package), there may be some cost savings if the effort to prepare the application is pared back. ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf and Plan Manager Montalbano both indicated this is referenced in the time and materials section of the proposal.

There were no public comments.

Action by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), seconded by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), Recommending the West Turlock Subbasin GSA enter into an Agreement with Todd Groundwater for services related to the preparation and submittal of the DWR SGM Program – Round 2 Implementation Grant Application. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Action by the East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

ETS GSA TAC Chair Sarah Woolf clarified that this recommendation has been made by the ETS GSA TAC and approved by the ETS GSA Board and that they would provide the minutes memorializing this action/recommendation (ETS GSA TAC minutes are attached as Exhibit A, ETS GSA Board minutes will be provided when they are approved on August 25, 2022).

9. SGMA RELATED UPDATES

- Communication/Outreach

WTS GSA TAC Member Herb Smart provided updates regarding the Draft PEIR being available for public comment (through September 12 – information available on the Turlock Groundwater website) and that interbasin coordination related to facilitation support services is expected to start in the coming weeks.

- GSP Implementation

Turlock Subbasin Plan Manager Debbie Montalbano provided information regarding the new monitoring wells project (location and design work), noting the goal is to find locations that don't have wells adjacent to them.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2022.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment by the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC:

Motion by Hilmar County Water District (*Jorritsma*), seconded by Delhi County Water District (*Maldonado*), to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 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 Ballico Cortez Water District (*Yotsuya*), to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Matt Beaman – yes, Dennis Yotsuya – yes, Christy McKinnon – yes, Adriel Ramirez – yes, and Sarah Woolf – yes. The Chair declared the motion carried.

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

EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY



DATE: JULY 28, 2022
TO: JENNIFER LAND
FROM: KAREN WHIPP, BOARD SECRETARY
RE: EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTE ORDER

5g. APPROVAL OF TODD GROUNDWATER PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A DWR ROUND 3 GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$58,900

Member Matt Beam moved, seconded by Member Christy McKinnon to recommend the ETS GSA Board the East Turlock Subbasin GSA enter into an Agreement with Todd Groundwater for services related to the preparation and submittal of the DWR SGM Program – Round 2 Implementation Grant Application.

Roll Call Vote: Matt Beaman (Merced Irrigation District)-Yes, Christy McKinnon (Stanislaus County)-Yes, Adriel Ramirez (Merced County)-Yes, Dennis Yotsuya (Ballico Cortez Water District)-Yes Chair, and Sarah Woolf (Eastside Water District)-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

I hereby certify that this is a full and correct copy of the July 25, 2022 minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency of Merced and Stanislaus Counties, California.

July 25, 2022

Karen Whipp

KAREN L. WHIPP

EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD SECRETARY

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-9

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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 3, 2022 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 Resolutions on October 4, 2021, October 28, 2021, November 18, 2021, January 4, 2022, January 27, 2022, February 24, 2022, March 24, 2022, April 28, 2022, May 26, 2022, June 23, 2022, and July 28, 2022 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 September 4, 2022 through October 3, 2022, 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 regular meeting of said Technical Advisory Committee held the 25th day of August, 2022.

Michael I. Cooke, Chair
Technical Advisory Committee
West Turlock Subbasin GSA

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