

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2020

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

<https://turlockgroundwater.org/events/turlock-subbasin-technical-advisory-committee-special-meeting>

IMPORTANT NOTICE: DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 CRISIS AND PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL WITHOUT A PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHED TO PROVIDE COMMENT OR OBSERVE THE MEETING WERE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THE CONFERENCE CALL.

1) **WELCOME / MEETING PROCEDURES** – Herb Smart (TID) provided a brief presentation and explanation regarding conference call procedures.

2) **IDENTIFICATION OF PARTICIPANTS** – Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair, took a roll call of meeting participants to include members and the public.

3) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair and 2:05 p.m. by Kevin Kauffman, ETS GSA TAC Chair.

4) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Milt Treiweiler shared information regarding La Niña and other extreme weather events.

5) ROUND 3 GRANT UPDATE

Debbie Liebersbach (TID) updated the TACs on Round 3 Grant progress to date, and next steps for the Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool (GRAT), Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), and monitoring wells funded through the Grant. An agreement has been executed with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to facilitate the Grant process. The agreement with Todd Groundwater has been amended to include the GRAT, the technical work for the monitoring wells, and the project administration work for the grant. Todd Groundwater has subcontracted with Sustainable Conservation, Earth Genome, and Blue Raster to collaborate on customizing the GRAT for the Turlock Subbasin. A GRAT Kickoff meeting has been scheduled for September 18th at 2:00 p.m.

There was discussion amongst the group regarding the best approach to managing the work of the GRAT while maintaining compliance with the Brown Act. It was suggested that the initial GRAT kickoff meeting be held as a workshop with no action items, allowing for a determination as to the level of interest amongst the group. The TAC may consider forming a workgroup or Ad-Hoc committee at a future meeting to help with the day to day development of the tool. That group would report back to the TAC to ensure the TAC remains apprised of the process as it moves forward.

Debbie is working with the TID Purchasing Department to develop an amendment to the agreement with Todd Groundwater to allow for facilitation of the Draft PEIR, which was authorized at the last WTSGSA Board meeting. Todd Groundwater is also in contract to begin design for the monitoring wells in collaboration with subcontractor Wood Rodgers. More information will be shared in the coming months regarding the next steps for the monitoring wells, such as monitoring wells location, and driller selection.

6) ADVERSE IMPACTS TO WELLS AND POTENTIAL FOR UNDESIRABLE RESULTS

Phyllis Stanin (Todd Groundwater) led a review of the Chronic Lowering of Water Levels Sustainability Indicator. There was discussion regarding the beneficial uses of wells, Adverse Impacts to water supply wells, Management Actions to mitigate well problems in the Turlock Subbasin, and considerations for the selection of Minimum Thresholds.

7) UNDESIRABLE RESULTS FRAMEWORK MEMORANDUM

Phyllis Stanin (Todd Groundwater) led a discussion regarding the definition of Undesirable Results and the framework for identifying Undesirable Results with Sustainable Management Criteria. Undesirable Results have been defined broadly due to the requirement that they be defined consistently for the entire Subbasin.

There was discussion amongst the group concerning many of the working definitions, and recommendations for the best approach for developing a collaborative Undesirable Results Framework that allows for a balance of clarity and flexibility.

Next steps include:

- Projected Water Budgets – September/October
- Continue consideration of Preliminary Sustainable Management Criteria
 - Input on Undesirable Results definitions
 - Input on Undesirable Results framework
- Projects and Management Actions – Begin in October

8) SGMA RELATED UPDATES

- Herb Smart (TID) provided the TACs with a public outreach update to include a review of the July 8th Virtual Community Workshops. The next Virtual Community Workshop is scheduled for September 16th, 2020, with sessions at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; registration is available at www.turlockgroundwater.org. The Stakeholder Assessment Survey is still available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/TurlockSGMA.

9) NEXT MEETING

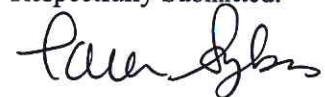
The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2020.

10) ADJOURNMENT

WTS GSA MOTION: City of Ceres (K. Morgan) moved, Delhi County Water District (Leandro Maldonado) seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:07 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

ETS GSA MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Tara Sykes
Acting Secretary, West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC