

Meeting Minutes

Special Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

April 11, 2023, 12:00 p.m.

Held in person and made available to public on Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chairperson Sarah Woolf called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Members Present: Roll Call- Chair, Sarah Woolf (Eastside Water District), Matt Beaman (Merced Irrigation District), Lacey McBride (Merced County) (*arrived at 12:06 p.m. following the approval of the minutes*), Christy McKinnon (Stanislaus County) and Dennis Yotsuya (Ballico Cortez Water District).

Members Absent: None.

On-line Attendees: Steve Carlton, Jessica Johnson, Mark Osburn, Walt Ward, and Karen Whipp.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Member Christy McKinnon moved, seconded Member Matt Beaman to approve the March 21, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

4. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROP 218 FEE STUDY

Mike Tietze reviewed the final draft Request for Proposal for the Prop 218 Fee Study. There was discussion about when to release the RFP and the board wanting to have a special meeting for a final review and to release it. Mike asked the TAC to send recommendations of companies to send the RFP to.

5. 2023-2024 BUDGET

Mike Tietze gave an in-depth review of the 2023-2024 budget. There was discussion and input on the cost of the Management Actions and what items would be funded by grants.

6. OTHER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS

The committee discussed the following items:

- a. Working schedule for Implementation Support Activities through July 2023- was briefly reviewed.
- b. Grant Pursuit Status- the Multibenefit Land Repurposing grant application to the California Department of Conservation was submitted. Mike said other grant opportunities were being researched.
- c. Replenishment Water Update-There was nothing new to report.
- d. Status of the Groundwater Monitoring Program-Steve Carlton reported that 3 TSS wells are being installed. He said the next steps were to meet with land owners to see if they

were will to have DWR drill a well on their property. Mark Ausburn reported that a TSS well is being proposed in a transition area in ETS GSA close to the WTS/ETS GSA boundary.
e. Discussion of policies to promote surface water usage-There was nothing new to report.

These items were information only.

7. WATER ALLOCATIONS

Jessica Johnson, legal counsel, had nothing to report. **This item was information only.**

8. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case). There was no closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Sarah Woolf adjourned the April 11, 2023 meeting at 1:43 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a full and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency of Merced and Stanislaus Counties, California.

April 11, 2023

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