

## Meeting Minutes

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

October 17, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Held via ZOOM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chairperson Sarah Woolf called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Members Present: Roll Call-** Chair, Sarah Woolf (Eastside Water District), Matt Beaman (Merced Irrigation District), Adriel Ramirez (Merced County) (*Adriel arrived at 10:04 after the minutes were approved*), Christy McKinnon (Stanislaus County), and Dennis Yotsuya (Ballico Cortez Water District).

**Members Absent:** None.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

#### 3. AUGUST MINUTES 2022 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Member Christy McKinnon moved, seconded Member Dennis Yotsuya to approve the August 15, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee minutes. **Roll Call Vote: Matt Beaman (Merced Irrigation District)-Yes, Christy McKinnon (Stanislaus County)-Yes, Dennis Yotsuya (Ballico Cortez Water District)-Yes Chair, and Sarah Woolf (Eastside Water District)-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### 4. GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROPOSALS

Following the review and discussion of the two Groundwater Monitoring Proposals: 1) Provost and Pritchard and 2) GeoSystems Analysis and Bachand & Associates, Member Matt Beaman moved, seconded by Member Christy McKinnon to recommend the board approve the Provost and Pritchard proposal, with the caveat that Mike Tietze, General Manager would follow up with Provost and Pritchard to discuss and verify their proposal bid. **Roll Call Vote: Matt Beaman (Merced Irrigation District)-Yes, Adriel Ramirez (Merced County)-Yes, Christy McKinnon (Stanislaus County)-Yes, Dennis Yotsuya (Ballico Cortez Water District)-Yes, Chair, Sarah Woolf (Eastside Water District)-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### 5. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Julianne Phillips stated she is still waiting for the Prop 1 Round 2 grant information to be released. Mike Tietze gave an update on the Proposition 68 Round 2 grant. The PSP (Proposal Solicitation Package) was released, with a November 30 submittal deadline. Mike said there is \$20 million available and DWR recommends applying for the entire amount. The Ad Hoc Committee has created the list of projects and put them under four components: 1) Recharge Master Plan, 2) Monitoring and Installation, 3) Implementation Support Activities, and 4) Turlock Dam Rehabilitation Project. **This item was information only.**

#### 6. PROJECTS

Sarah Woolf provided an update on the Highline Canal Project that Wood Rodgers is conducting. In the last 30 days Wood Rodgers staff has sent out a letter and survey to landowners to historical

recipients of water from the Highline Canal. They have received five surveys. TID staff has been very helpful in providing historical landowner information to Wood Rodgers. Wood Rodgers will be in town on Wednesday, October 19 to meet with the Ballico Cortez Water District board and Thursday, October 20 to meet with the Eastside Water District board and landowners. **This item was information only.**

## 7. OUTREACH

Julianne Phillips gave an update on outreach activities in preparation for the upcoming workshop in October. Postcards were mailed out to landowners. Flyers were emailed to the farm bureaus, Cortez Growers list, Eastside Water District's lists, Ballico Cortez Water District list, and the ETS GSA Workshop list. It was also posted on the GSA's website. An op ed produced for Tim Johnson, EWD and Dirk Ulrich, Ballico Cortez to sign encouraging landowners to attend the workshop, was published in the Turlock Journal. The op ed was also sent to the Modesto Bee and the Merced Sun-Star, but they chose not to publish it. **This item was information only.**

## 8. WATER ALLOCATIONS

Jessica Johnson, legal counsel, provided a brief update stating the Ad Hoc Committee met to resolve a couple of issues. They agreed to accept the legal rules in draft form. They also agreed to work on a plan for data gathering and analysis for water allocations. **This item was information only.**

## 9. OTHER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS

The committee discussed the following items:

- a. Working schedule for Implementation Support Activities through March 2023-there was a brief review.
- b. The Management Action Workshop October 18<sup>th</sup> will cover; water use accounting, groundwater extraction fees and use of ET Data – there was a review of the agenda.
- c. Subbasin groundwater model update proposal – The proposal is from Woodward and Curran for \$105,000 for the subbasin groundwater model update. TID sees this proposal as helpful. The process continues to unfold, and staff will come back with a proposal that is more appropriate. the ETS GSA prefers a more minimal approach, while the WTS GSA has broader goals. The ETS GSA needs to continue to engage as a full partner, see how the use of the model fits the purposes of the ETS GSA, and is involved in the review and refinement of the proposal.
- d. MT Exceedance Management Action development proposal – This proposal is \$20,000 less than originally budgeted for (\$10,00 less for the ETS GSA). Everything in the proposal is appropriate.
- e. Annual Report preparation proposal – The proposal is reasonable. The cost is \$27,000 above our budget, but there are other items that are below budget. The \$27,000 does include more meetings. The General Manager recommends moving forward with the proposal as presented. **Member Matt Beaman moved, seconded by Member Dennis Yotsuya to recommend the board move forward with the Annual Report Preparation Proposal as presented. Roll Call Vote: Matt Beaman (Merced Irrigation District)-Yes, Adriel Ramirez (Merced County)-Yes, Christy McKinnon (Stanislaus County)-Yes, Dennis Yotsuya (Ballico Cortez Water District)-Yes, Chair, Sarah Woolf (Eastside Water District)-Yes. The motion passed unanimously.**
- f. Call regarding coordination on vadose zone infiltration wells. – the group agreed to continue to work together going forward and schedule a call in November and to make the calls quarterly.

**10. 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). No action was taken.

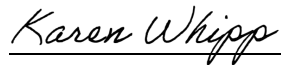
There was no Closed Session.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Sarah Woolf to adjourn the October 17, 2022 meeting at 11:02 a.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.

October 17, 2022



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BOARD SECRETARY