

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017, AT 2:00 PM
TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, CONFERENCE ROOM 203, MAIN OFFICE BUILDING
333 East Canal Drive, Turlock, California**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Three agency representatives are needed for a quorum. *Present were:*
Eastside Water District, Kevin Kauffman
Ballico-Cortez Water District, Dennis Yotsuya
County of Merced, Lacey Kiriakou

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM, and note that this meeting occurred jointly with the West Turlock Subbasin GSA JPA TAC.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kevin Kauffman presented the draft minutes of the September 28, 2017 TAC meeting. After discussion, Dennis Yotsuya moved, seconded by Lacey Kiriakou to approve these minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This is the time set aside for members of the public to directly address the Technical Advisory Committee on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Technical Advisory Committee and to address the Technical Advisory Committee on any item on the posted agenda. You will be allowed five (5) minutes for your comments. If you wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda, you may be asked to defer your remarks until the Technical Advisory Committee addresses the matter. No action or discussion may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.

No public members were present; therefore, there was no public comment.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Action to appoint members to the Communications Ad Hoc Committee.

After a brief presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Dennis Yotsuya, and seconded by Lacey Kiriakou to appoint Brad, Herb, and Kevin to this subcommittee of TAC. The motion passed unanimously.

5. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Review and approve letters of support prepared in response to requests from Modesto and the Delta Mendota subbasins.

Debbie Liebersbach confirmed that this was a shared action being taken by all adjoining subbasins. ETS GSA JPA members were asked to confirm that their letters had been sent.

6. GROUNDWATER REGULATION COMPLIANCE

Presentation by Parry Klassen of the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition on the upcoming regulatory requirements being considered by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, as part of the CV SALTS process, to address salt and nutrient levels in the Turlock subbasin.

Mr. Klassen provided a history for the ESJWQC since its formation in 2003. He has been the Executive Director since 2004. Reuse of treated municipal wastewater became a requirement in 2001, with TDS levels less than 700 ppm. The

Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV SALTS) effort began in 2006, and the plan to meet these standards was released in January of 2017. The TAC was provided with a handout showing the schedule for implementation of this plan.

In 2014, nitrate management became the focus of this plan, now known as the comprehensive salt and nitrate management plan, or SNMP. The Kaweah, Turlock, Chowchilla, Tule, Modesto, and Kings subbasins are the five (5) most impacted subbasins for nitrate contamination.

The ESJWQC Board has designated that \$200,000 be made available to impacted subbasins to begin assembling a plan to clean-up and manage for salts and nitrates. Subbasins can receive an exemption from these regulations if they have a SNMP in place for their zone.

ESJWQC will take the lead on assembling a SNMP for a zone, but needs a GSA's cooperation in order to meet the requirements of these regulations.

Mr. Klassen said that he will be available to meet with the WTS and ETS GSA's if they were interested in pursuing this partnership. Both TACs confirmed that they were interested and would be in touch with Mr. Klassen to pursue such a partnership.

7. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO RETAIN A CONSULTANT TO PREPARE A GSP

Review and approve the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) to enable the GSAs to obtain proposals from consultant teams to assist the Subbasin in developing a GSP.

WTS representatives presented this draft and asked for any input. The City of Turlock has some minor suggestions. The majority of the discussion occurred on the schedule for reviewing the responses to the RFP. The following schedule resulted from these discussions:

October 27: RFP sent to list of consultants

November 9: Pre-submittal meeting

November 28: Proposal are due

December 7 at 1 pm: TACs review proposal together

December 18: TACs conduct interviews of consultants

January 11 at 6 pm: WTS GSA JPA to meet and consider TAC recommendation

Consultants would be provided with the full application for this grant with summaries only in the RFP. ETS GSA JPA would schedule a meeting in the vicinity of January 11, 2018. Work on the awarded contract would begin on January 29, 2018.

A motion by Dennis Yotsuya was made, seconded by Lacey Kiriakou to approve this schedule. The motion passed unanimously

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. No action will be taken.

No TAC members provided comments.

9. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2017.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Yotsuya moved that this meeting be adjourned at 3:50 PM.

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