

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TURLOCK CITY HALL, YOSEMITE CONFERENCE ROOM  
156 SOUTH BROADWAY, TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA

2:00 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2017

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** City of Ceres, Jeremy Damas  
City of Modesto, Miguel Alvarez  
City of Turlock, Michael Cooke (Chair)  
City of Turlock, Garner Reynolds  
City of Turlock, Fallon Martin  
City of Waterford, Karen Morgan  
City of Waterford, Peni Basalusalu  
Delhi County Water District, Stan Feathers  
Denair Community Services District, David Odom  
Denair Community Services District, Richard Lindo  
Hilmar County Water District, Curtis Jorritsma  
Keyes Community Services District, Michelle Harris  
Keyes Community Services District, Mike Jones  
Merced County, Lacey Kiriakou (Vice Chair)  
Stanislaus County, Walt Ward  
Turlock Irrigation District, Debbie Liebersbach  
Turlock Irrigation District, Bill Penney  
Turlock Irrigation District, Phil Govea  
Special Counsel, Valerie Kincaid

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Michael Cooke, WTS TAC Chair.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. November 16, 2017
  - B. December 4, 2017
  - C. December 7, 2017

**MOTION:** City of Turlock (G. Reynolds) moved, City of Waterford (K. Morgan) seconded, that the minutes from the November 16, December 4 and December 7 meetings be approved as submitted. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

- 3) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – There was none.

**4) INTERVIEW WITH TODD GROUNDWATER CONCERNING THEIR PROPOSAL FOR THE PREPARATION OF A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) FOR THE TURLOCK SUBBASIN**

Michael Cooke, TAC Chair, introduced Phyllis Stanin, Principal Geologist of Todd Groundwater. Ms. Stanin provided an outline of the work required to prepare a GSP for the Turlock Subbasin and said that the Dept. of Water Resources requires a detailed hydro and geological analysis of the over 5,000 wells and 400,000 feet of groundwater in this basin. She reviewed the noticing and communications requirements, and said the tasks outlined on their work plan follow GSP requirements. She reviewed possible funding scenarios and provided a copy of a draft fiscal plan of the Turlock Subbasin GSP to each of the TAC members, and identified three potential tasks that could be modified depending on the grant award. She noted that the first column of the fiscal plan, in the amount of \$210,270, is Phase 1 and said the tasks in this column target the first six months of work and present a reasonable approach. She noted that Phase 2 of the work plan would include technical and hydrogeological work.

There was much discussion about the phasing of the work plan and potential volatility of increased costs, the availability of statewide data sets, coordination efforts with other subbasins, model selection including the DWR C2VCM model, interbasin analysis possibilities, and ways to write the contract based on funding awarded. Valerie Kincaid suggested the contract could be written and executed in phases.

**5) RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSAL FROM TODD GROUNDWATER TO PREPARE A GSP FOR THE TURLOCK SUBBASIN**

After this discussion, the TAC took the following action:

**MOTION:** Delhi County Water District (S. Feathers) moved, City of Modesto (M. Alvarez) seconded, that the TAC recommends that the West Turlock Subbasin GSA 1) award the contract for the preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Turlock Subbasin to Todd Groundwater; 2) approve the entire contract of \$1.6mil but execute it in phases based on funding awarded; and 3) execute Phase 1 of the contract in the amount of \$210,270.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

**6) SGMA RELATED UPDATES**

Debbie Liebersbach reported that she will be preparing a letter of support to FERC and will provide draft comments for the TAC to consider.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Dorinda Soiseth  
Secretary, West Turlock Subbasin TAC