

## MINUTES

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

TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, CONFERENCE ROOM 152, MAIN OFFICE BUILDING  
333 EAST CANAL DRIVE, TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA

9:00 a.m. Monday, May 15, 2017

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delhi County Water District, Stan Feathers  
Denair Community Services District, David Odom  
Hilmar County Water District, Curtis Jorritsma  
City of Hughson, Jaylen French  
Keyes Community Service District, Michelle Harris  
City of Modesto, Miguel Alvarez  
City of Turlock, Michael Cooke, Chair (arrived at 10:20 a.m.)  
City of Turlock, Garner Reynolds  
City of Turlock, Fallon Martin  
Turlock Irrigation District, Tou Her  
Turlock Irrigation District, Debbie Liebersbach, Chair Pro Tem  
Turlock Irrigation District, Bill Penney  
Tim O'Laughlin – Representing Special Counsel to the WTS GSA

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1) **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Pro Tem Debbie Liebersbach.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - None

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

4) **PRESENTATION BY CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE POLICY** and

5) **COORDINATION FOR DEVELOPING AGREEMENTS**

Stephanie Lucero, of the Center for Collaborative Policy, provided an overview of how a cooperating agreement between Groundwater Sustainability Agencies could be structured. Recommended provisions include background and standard provisions, decision-making, interagency communication, indemnification and litigation, and contracting, funding and allocation of cost. A cooperating agreement would include recitals, definitions, purpose, and to identify the authority for the coordination agreement. Other areas to consider include roles and responsibilities, a summary of GSA procedures, a process for joint decisions and addressing impasse. She said it is important to identify and be clear on how joint decisions will be made, and to establish a decision making strategy either jointly or via a consensus. An important part of the agreement will be how to address an impasse and to clarify when that occurs, and to outline the process to address differences and an impasse between GSA Boards. Other considerations include how GSAs will address challenges to GSP development, including cost-share allocations and how to obtain funding.

There was discussion about the timing of the agreement development between the GSAs, and that provisions already included in the existing JPAs could be combined into the MOU coordinating

agreement between the GSAs. It was suggested that a strawman proposal be drafted to use as a starting point for review by each GSA.

Stephanie Lucero outlined the next steps to be taken as follows:

- West Turlock will take the lead and have a strawman proposal drafted for both GSAs to consider.
- West Turlock shall identify staff to coordinate with East Turlock staff to confirm when the GSAs are ready to jointly discuss cooperation agreement considerations and identify next steps.
- Check-in in two weeks via conference call – Tuesday May 30 at 9:00 a.m.

*Michael Cooke, Chair, arrives.*

Stephanie Lucero concluded the CCP webinar.

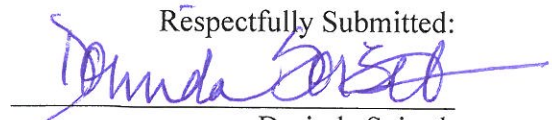
**DISCUSSION:** There was discussion about the two TACs working together; the possibility that there may not be agreement creating a need for two GSPs; the role of the CCP as a facilitator to help work through issues; CCP funding is available through June 30 so it will be good to identify any issues now. Valerie Kincaid of O’Laughlin & Paris can draft a strawman agreement prior to the May 25 West Turlock TAC meeting, and Tim O’Laughlin can have it distributed to the TAC by May 22 for their review.

6) **NEXT MEETING & FUTURE AGENDA** – The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

Denair Community Services District moved, Hilmar County Water District seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Dorinda Soiseth  
Interim Secretary to the WTS GSA