

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, CONFERENCE ROOM 203, MAIN OFFICE BUILDING
333 EAST CANAL DRIVE, TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA

2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: City of Hughson, Jaylen French
City of Hughson, Katie Willett
City of Modesto, Miguel Alvarez
City of Turlock, Michael Cooke (Chair)
City of Turlock, Garner Reynolds
City of Waterford, Karen Morgan
Delhi County Water District, Stan Feathers
Denair Community Services District, Richard Lindo
Keyes Community Water District, Michael Jones
Merced County, Lacey Kiriakou (Vice Chair)
Stanislaus County, Walt Ward
Turlock Irrigation District, Debbie Liebersbach
Turlock Irrigation District, Herb Smart
WTS GSA Special Counsel, Valerie Kincaid
WTS GSA Treasurer, Michael Clipper

1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Turlock Irrigation District moved, Merced County seconded, that the minutes from the May 25, 2017 Regular Meeting be approved with corrections as noted by Debbie Liebersbach. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried.

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

4) **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY BOARD FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

A. Debbie Liebersbach stated that at last month's West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WTS GSA) Board meeting, the Board approved to submit

comments to the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Comments included prioritizing the subbasins that are adjacent to critically over-drafted subbasins. Michael Cooke reported the letter was drafted and sent out to DWR on Monday, June 19, 2017.

B. Debbie Liebersbach stated the WTS GSA Board authorized the West Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committee (WTS TAC) to work with Todd Groundwater and for the Turlock Groundwater Basin Agency (TGBA) to obtain the funding needed to pay Todd Groundwater for the Roadmap project and Grant Writing services. Phaedra Norton, WTS GSA General Counsel, is working on the Todd Groundwater agreement. The proposed roadmap will develop the timeline and scope for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and the grant application. There was discussion to create an ad hoc group that is less than a quorum to work with Todd Groundwater. Michael Cooke stated the WTS TAC needs to coordinate with the Eastside Turlock Subbasin (ETS) TAC to obtain volunteers to join the ad hoc group.

5) BUDGET

Michael Clipper sent out invoices to the agencies for this year's membership dues and put together a simple draft budget of \$141,000. Michael Cooke stated the budget will be approved during the WTS GSA September meeting.

6) COORDINATION MOU WITH EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN

Valerie Kincaid reviewed the draft coordination agreement. She sent the draft agreement to the WTS TAC and needs all final comments by next week. The agreement will then go to the WTS GSA Board in September for their approval. Once approved, the agreement will be sent to the ETS GSA for their review and comments.

7) ROADMAP PROJECT/GSP DEVELOPMENT

Debbie Liebersbach gave a brief update on the Roadmap project. During the last TGBA meeting, there was discussion regarding options for the Groundwater Model and Water Balance. The TGBA group chose an average-type groundwater model using monitoring wells. The State's model will be used as a guide during the development of the model.

8) PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS

Herb Smart showed a Public Outreach Efforts presentation regarding public outreach efforts pursuant to SGMA, including recent public outreach efforts by the TGBA. Outreach events included an October 2015 TGBA Workshop in Ceres and TGBA Workshops in Denair on May 31, 2017.

The next steps and discussions will be to compile a Master Interested Parties email list, involvement in TGBA's Draft General Engagement and Communications Plan, and the development of a website.

9) NEXT MEETING & FUTURE AGENDA

The next regular meeting date is scheduled for July 27, 2017.

10) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: City of Turlock moved, Delhi County Water District seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Joyce Medeiros
Alternate Secretary
West Turlock Subbasin TAC