

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 October 26, 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. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Receive an update on the final wording of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the West Turlock and East Turlock Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and cost distribution for the GSP, and take action to recommend the WTS GSA approve the agreement. Valerie Kincaid

A concern over in the event of member departure and resolving assets was discussed and not felt to be applicable or resolvable at this time. The ETS GSA JPA members reported that the language was acceptable and because there were no substantive changes since the draft was approved by its Board of Directors, that this version will be sign next week.

5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING (GSP) FUNDING

Consider and take action to recommend that the GSA establish a budget amendment for the GSP, and a working fund through a cash call for contributions from GSA member agencies, to enable payment of invoices while waiting for reimbursement from the State and to pay GSAs' portion of the project expenses. – Michael Clipper and Debbie Liebersbach

A proposed solution to cash flow challenges was offered to the members of the joint TAC prior to this meeting. The WTS GSA JPA will be managing the payments for the GSP contract payments. Because this group has no reserve funds to tap, cash flow challenges for making payments is likely. A number of alternatives in addition to the proposed method were discussed. Members of the either JPA are welcome and encouraged to pay their share in advance to prevent expected cash flow challenges. Both JPA's plan to propose to their Board of Directors:

- 1. Budget amendment for the 2017-18 year to cover the expected GSP costs*
- 2. Incorporate their GSP costs in the subsequent budget years*
- 3. Authorize payments of the needed and proposed funds for payment by January 31, 2018*

Lacey made a motion to propose these actions to the ETS GSA JPA Board of Directors at their December 14, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dennis, and passed unanimously.

Lacey and Dennis also suggested doing the EWD annexation acreage adjustment with this cost share discussion.

6. GSP INVOICE PAYMENT PROCESS

Consider and take action to approve a process to pay invoices for GSP work completed by consultants on behalf of both the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. – Michael Clipper and Debbie Liebersbach

Michael Clipper proposed a straight forward method of making payments under the GSP contract, requiring a multi-level approval process and signatures by the WTS GSA JPA Board. This method was approved by both JPA TACs present. Michael Cooke and Kevin will be the responsible representatives for their respective TAC, and they may delegate review responsibility of these payments within their TAC. Motion by Dennis and seconded by Lacey, and passed unanimously.

7. NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)

Consider and take action to recommend that the GSA file a notice with DWR indicating that they will be developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Lacey Kiriakou

Lacey presented this notice requirement, and suggested that it be addresses by each JPA at their next meeting. This notice would be sent to DWR after the GSP contract is awarded. A motion by Dennis, seconded by Lacey to present this recommendation to the ETS GSA JPA at their scheduled January 11, 2018 Special Meeting. This motion passed unanimously.

8. PROPOSAL REVIEW & PRESENTATIONS PROCESS – AD HOC VS CLOSED SESSION

Consider and take action to approve a process for the Technical Advisory Committee to review proposals to prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and to interview respondents. – Michael Cooke

The December 7 joint-meeting of the TACs to review the proposals, and the December 18 joint-meeting of the TACs to interview the selected teams will be closed session meetings.

9. PROPOSAL REVIEW GRADING PROCESS

Review and take action to approve the criteria for evaluating proposals to prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. – Debbie Liebersbach and Alison Bryson Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2017.

Debbie explained the scoring proposal and the proposed interview questions. With one minor change of weighting the criteria equally, the scoring sheet was acceptable to both TACs.

10. GSP AD HOC COMMITTEE

Consider and take action on the process for TAC members to interact and provide direction to the consultant preparing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), and evaluate the necessity of establishing a GSP Ad Hoc Committee. The TAC may take action to appoint members to this Committee. Michael Cooke

After significant discussion, general support for a joint-TAC ad-hoc committee was provided. The Brown Act laws require that such a committee must consist of less than seven (7) members from the WTS and less than three (3) members of the ETS.

11. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Consider and take action on the request to sign a letter of funding support for the Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability – Delhi, Merced County. Michael Cooke

WTS TAC supported this letter.

12. 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.

Michael Cooke noted that the CV SALTS meeting between the joint TACs and Perry Klausen will happen on December 4 from 3 to 5 pm here at TID.

Valerie provided comments on her review of the latest suggested BMPs from DWR on GSP issues (thresholds and determination of significant degradation). She plans to share the final summary of her review with this group and her other clients.

Herb explained that DWR will be funding the Communication Committee work through June of 2018.

13. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2017.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Yotsuya moved that this meeting be adjourned at 3:55 PM.

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