

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, January 25, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: City of Hughson, Jaylen French
City of Modesto, Miguel Alvarez
City of Turlock, Allison Martin
City of Waterford, Karen Morgan
Delhi County Water District, Stan Feathers
Delhi County Water District, Leandro Maldonado
Denair Community Services District, David Odom
Denair Community Services District, Richard Lindo
Merced County, Lacey Kiriakou (Vice Chair)
Stanislaus County, Walt Ward
Turlock Irrigation District, Debbie Liebersbach
Turlock Irrigation District, Bill Penney
Turlock Irrigation District, Brandon McMillan
Turlock Irrigation District, Phil Govea
Turlock Irrigation District, Michael Clipper (GSA Treasurer)

OTHERS PRESENT: Special Counsel, Valerie Kincaid
Eastside Water District, Kevin Kauffman
Eastside Water District, Karen Whipp
Merced Irrigation District, Marco Bell

1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. Debbie Liebersbach, WTS TAC Acting Chair, asked for introductions of members present from both the West and East Turlock Subbasins.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Delhi County Water District (S. Feathers) moved, Denair Community Services District (D. Odom) seconded, that the minutes from the December 18, 2017 meeting be approved as submitted. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Acting Chair declared the motion carried.

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

4) BUDGET

Michael Clipper, WTS GSA Treasurer, provided a brief report on the current bank account balance and pending invoices. No action was taken.

5) FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) COMMENT LETTER

Debbie Liebersbach (TID) recommended the review and submittal of a joint comment letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on behalf of the Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. After some discussion the TAC took the following action:

MOTION: Delhi County Water District (S. Feathers) moved, Stanislaus County (W. Ward) seconded, to submit a joint comment letter as amended by the TAC to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on behalf of the Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

6) GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)

Debbie Liebersbach (TID) provided an update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and the agreement with Todd Groundwater. It was suggested to form a core group that would work with Todd Groundwater on the GSP and report back to the TAC.

7) AUDIT SERVICES

Michael Clipper (TID) reviewed the process for retaining audit services for the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Mr. Clipper recommended using the accounting firm KSJG and that the GSA Board Chair be given the authority to sign an Engagement Letter for audit services. Mr. Clipper recommended taking the matter to the GSA Board for approval at the March 2018 meeting. After some discussion, the TAC took the following action:

MOTION: Delhi County Water District (S. Feathers) moved, TID (B. Penney) seconded, to retain the firm KSJG for GSA Board approval at the March 2018 meeting. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

8) SGMA-RELATED UPDATES

Debbie Liebersbach (TID) reported the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is developing outreach to the subbasins. The WTS GSA point of contact is Chris Montoya (DWR). GSAs are being asked to work with their point of contact regarding any assistance that might be needed, or to seek answers to questions as they begin to develop their GSP.

Brandon McMillan (TID) reported the Communications Workgroup is working on a charter for the workgroup, and preparing a draft Communications Plan for the GSAs to consider. An initial website for the Turlock Subbasin GSAs is up and running (www.turlockgroundwater.org). It will be updated as more information becomes available. The workgroup is also preparing outreach for the first public workshop tentatively planned for March of 2018.

9) NEXT MEETING – The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2018.

10) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Allison Martin
Secretary, West Turlock Subbasin TAC