

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 22, 2018

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** City of Modesto, Miguel Alvarez  
City of Turlock, Michael Cooke (Chair)  
City of Turlock, Fallon Martin  
City of Turlock, Garner Reynolds  
Delhi County Water District, Stan Feathers  
Delhi County Water District, Leandro Maldonado  
Denair Community Services District, David Odom  
Denair Community Services District, Richard Lindo  
Hilmar County Water District, Curtis Jorritsma  
Merced County, Lacey Kiriakou (Vice Chair)  
Stanislaus County, Walt Ward  
Turlock Irrigation District, Debbie Liebersbach  
Turlock Irrigation District, Michael Clipper (GSA Treasurer)  
Turlock Irrigation District, Brandon McMillan  
Waterford (for Hickman), Peni Basalusalu  
Special Counsel, Valerie Kincaid

**OTHERS PRESENT:** DWR, Chris Montoya  
E-Pur, John Lambie  
CSU Stanislaus, Horatio Ferriz

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1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Michael Cooke, WTS GSA TAC Chair, asked for introductions of members present from both the West and East Turlock Subbasin GSAs.

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Stanislaus County (W. Ward) moved, Hilmar County Water District (C. Jorritsma) seconded, that the minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting be approved as submitted. All voted in favor with none opposed. The 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.

Karen Whipp, ETS GSA Secretary, provided a brief report on the current bank account balance and pending invoices. No action was taken.

5) **DR. HORATIO FERRIZ, CSU STANISLAUS COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, GEOLOGY**

Dr. Horatio Ferriz presented his proposal for using nuclear magnetic resonance to assist the Modesto and Turlock Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in monitoring the eastern reaches of their basins.

6) **TODD GROUNDWATER LIAISON**

Debbie Liebersbach (TID) initiated a discussion on the formation of a core-group of interested persons to act as liaisons between Todd Groundwater and the Technical Advisory Committees for the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. After some discussion, the TAC took the following action:

**MOTION:** Delhi County Water District (S. Feathers) moved, City of Turlock (G. Reynolds) seconded, to form a group that is open to all and makes only minor administrative decisions for the TAC in regards to Todd Groundwater's work on the GSP, and reports back to the TAC on actions and decisions. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

7) **TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP)**

Debbie Liebersbach (TID) distributed a memo from Todd Groundwater detailing the activities and work products for Phase 1 of the Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) from January 2018 through June 2018.

8) **PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE**

Brandon McMillan (TID) presented an update on the Ad-Hoc Communications Committee regarding outreach progress and next steps associated with DWR's Facilitation Support Services Program Assistance being conducted in collaboration with Sacramento State University's Center for Collaborative Policy. Brandon McMillan recommended making a formal recommendation to the GSA Board for the Board to affirm the Ad-Hoc Communication Committee Charter. After some discussion, the TAC took the following action:

**MOTION:** Delhi County Water District (S. Feathers) moved, TID (D. Liebersbach) seconded, that a formal recommendation is made to the GSA Board for the Board to affirm the Ad-Hoc Communication Committee Charter. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

**9) AUDIT SERVICES**

Michael Clipper (TID) provided an update on retaining the accounting firm KSJG for audit services and the inclusion of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

**10) STEVINSON WATER DISTRICT WITHDRAWL AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

Lacey Kiriakou (Merced County) initiated a discussion on the impending withdrawal of Stevinson Water District as an Associate Member of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA and developing a recommendation regarding the outstanding financial obligation of Stevinson Water District from the West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC for the West Turlock Subbasin GSA Board to take action on at the next Board meeting. After some discussion, the TAC took the following action:

**MOTION:** City of Modesto (M. Alvarez) moved, Hilmar County Water District (C. Jorritsma) seconded, to provide no recommendation but provide options to the West Turlock Subbasin GSA Board on the withdrawal of Stevinson Water District as an Associate Member of the West Turlock Subbasin GSA including outstanding financial obligations. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

**11) SGMA-RELATED UPDATES**

Debbie Liebersbach (TID) distributed a brochure on Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool (GRAT) and inquired if the TAC would like a presentation. Debbie Liebersbach will set up a special meeting for the presentation for those who are interested.

Lacey Kiriakou (Merced County) informed the TAC that Delta Mendota took FSS funding and is coordinating with other basins to fulfill the intra-basin outreach requirement.

Debbie Liebersbach (TID) informed that Merced County received a stressed basins grant and that includes funding to install equipment to monitor groundwater levels and electrical conductivity in wells. Merced County inquired on well locations in which to install instrumentation. If any of the agencies have suggestions for wells within Merced County, contact Kevin Kauffman or Debbie Liebersbach.

**15) NEXT MEETING** – The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2018.

**16) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Allison Martin  
Secretary, West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC