

## 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, September 27, 2018

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** City of Modesto, Miguel Alvarez  
City of Turlock, Michael Cooke (Chair)  
City of Turlock, Fallon Martin  
Denair Community Services District, Richard Lindo  
Delhi County Water District, Leandro Maldonado  
Merced County, Lacey Kiriakou (Vice Chair)  
Turlock Irrigation District, Michael Clipper (GSA Treasurer)  
Turlock Irrigation District, Brandon McMillan  
Turlock Irrigation District, Herb Smart  
Turlock Irrigation District, Debbie Liebersbach  
General Counsel, Valerie Kincaid  
City of Waterford, Karen Morgan  
Hilmar County Water District, Curtis Jorritsma

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City of Turlock, Tara Sykes  
City of Turlock, Allison Martin  
Todd Groundwater, Phyllis Stanin  
Sustainable Conservation, Joe Choperena  
Earth Genome, Glen Low  
Merced County, Matt Jackson

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1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 2:05 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:** Hilmar County Water District (C. Jorritsma) moved, Denair Community Services District (R. Lindo) seconded, that the minutes from the August 23, 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.

No budget information for the ETS GSA was provided.

5) **GROUNDWATER RECHARGE ASSESSMENT TOOL (GRAT) DISCUSSION**

Debbie Liebersbach (TID) provided background information on the GRAT proposals prepared by Sustainable Conservation and Earth Genome. Joe Choperena (Sustainable Conservation) and Glen Low (Earth Genome) presented the GRAT to the TAC and provided detailed information regarding the functionality and viable uses of the tool. Phyllis Stanin (Todd Groundwater) stated that the GRAT is not required by the GSP, however it could be useful for future planning in regards to GSP requirements and implementation of the GSP. Michael Clipper (TID, GSA Treasurer) provided the TAC with Exhibit D, a cost share analysis for the proportional funding of the GRAT for each of the member groups. Michael Cooke (City of Turlock, Chair) suggested the GRAT be placed on a future TAC agenda so that the TAC can make a recommendation to the board.

6) **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT REVIEW**

Phyllis Stanin (Todd Groundwater) informed the TAC that Todd Groundwater will be moving forward as planned with the GSP and will not be waiting on comments on the administrative draft versions. Valerie Kincaid (General Counsel) informed the TAC that the GSP requires consideration of land use. Debbie Liebersbach (TID) commented that the administrative draft sections contain a compilation of information gleaned from our various planning documents. Local agencies need to carefully review the draft to ensure the information describing their plans, conditions, authorities, programs, and/or requirements are characterized accurately. She provided a few examples, for illustrative purposes.

7) **SUBBASIN OUTREACH TOOLS**

Herb Smart (TID) presented the TAC with options for branding and outreach for the Turlock Subbasin. An action item will be added to the next agenda regarding authorizing the TAC to create a proposal to develop, implement, and fund tools for TAC outreach. After some discussion regarding a logo and website design, the TAC took the following action:

**MOTION:** Hilmar County Water District (C. Jorritsma) moved, City of Turlock (F. Martin) seconded, to authorize the TAC to create a proposal to develop, implement, and fund outreach tools, which will be presented at a future meeting of the TAC. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

**8) PROPOSED CHANGE TO STATEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN TURLOCK AND MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES**

Michael Cooke (City of Turlock, Chair) proposed changing the statement of cooperation between the Turlock and Merced Subbasins from a Resolution to a Memorandum of Intent, due to the non-binding nature of a resolution and the inability to do a joint resolution between the two agencies. Michael will speak with representatives from the Merced Subbasin and provide the TAC with direction at a future meeting of the TAC.

**9) NOVEMBER JOINT TAC MEETING – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

Debbie Liebersbach proposed cancelling the November 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled meetings of the TAC, and instead holding a special meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2018. After some discussion, the TAC took the following action:

**MOTION:** Denair CSD (R. Lindo) moved, City of Modesto (M. Alvarez) seconded, to cancel the November 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled meetings of the TAC, and hold a special meeting of the TAC on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

**10) DWR GENERAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES**

No discussion or action taken. This item will appear on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the TAC, scheduled for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**11) SGMA-RELATED UPDATES**

Debbie Liebersbach (TID) updated the TAC on the SGMA Grant kickoff meeting. Debbie informed the TAC that to provide one point of contact for DWR regarding the grant, she will be the point of contact for the GSAs, and Chris Montoya (DWR) will be the point of contact for DWR. Debbie also informed the TAC that invoices will be submitted quarterly. She also clarified that the grant does not require that the cost share dollars be expended prior to invoicing DWR for grant funding. However, it does require that we track the cost share dollars and document that they were expended. Debbie informed the TAC that records must be kept for the duration of the grant, plus three years.

**12) NEXT MEETING – The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2018.**

**13) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. All voted in favor with none opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Tara Sykes

Acting Secretary, West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC