

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

Turlock Irrigation District Office
Board Room 105
333 E. Canal Drive, Turlock, CA

6:00 p.m.
May 2, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Alamo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Directors Alves (City of Modesto), Ward (Stanislaus County), Jorritsma (Hilmar CWD), Espinoza (Merced County), Esquer (City of Turlock), Kline (City of Ceres), Lindo (Denair CSD), Maldonado (Delhi CWD) and Alamo (TID)

ABSENT: Director Young (City of Hughson)

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: *Motion* by Director Ward, seconded by Director Kline, that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 2019 be approved as submitted. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried. Director Young was absent.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Milt Trieweiler addressed the Board concerning the importance of the decisions that the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies will be making concerning the sustainability of water in California.

E. STAFF UPDATES

- **Joint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update** - Michael Cooke, Technical Advisory Committee Chair, reported that the East and West Turlock Subbasin TACs continue to meet jointly. Their activities include review of the GSP, creation of a standardized logo for the Turlock Subbasin, receiving updates of the SED and Don Pedro relicensing efforts, tracking the CV salts efforts to reduce nitrates and other nutrients in groundwater, and coordination work with the Merced Subbasin.
- **Public Outreach Update** – Herb Smart, Technical Advisory Committee Member, provided an overview of the recent public workshop held in Denair. Mr. Smart advised that Technical Workshop #3 is scheduled for May 23, and the next community workshop will be held in July. He reported that there are 245 members of the Interested Parties email group who receive notifications of all meetings and workshops. The website address is turlockgroundwater.org.
- **Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update** - Debbie Liebersbach, Technical Advisory Committee Member, provided information on the progress of the GSP. She reported that work continues on model development, and that at the TAC technical workshop, the consultant team will be unveiling the model. A basin setting

draft has been provided to the TAC for comments which addresses topography, boundaries, aquifers, levels, quality, water balance and sustainability.

- **Interbasin Coordination Update** – Lacey Kiriakou, Technical Advisory Committee Vice Chair, reported on coordination efforts between the Turlock and Merced Subbasins. A meeting has been scheduled for May 28 for representatives from both subbasins to discuss their coordination efforts. There are no new updates from the Modesto or Delta-Mendota basins.
- **Budget Update:** Michael Clipper, Treasurer of the WTS GSA, gave an overview of expenditures and revenues for the GSA, and provided information about the fund balances in the GSA and Basin accounts. Mr. Clipper noted that a draft version of the annual audit for the West Turlock Subbasin had been received, and will be available for the TAC to review at their next meeting. Once filed with the State, it will be brought back to the Board for acceptance.

F. AGENDA ITEMS

1. ADOPTON OF THE 2019-20 BUDGET

Michael Clipper, Treasurer of the WTS GSA, presented the annual budget for the next year, including the annual membership fees. Mr. Clipper noted that membership fee invoices will go out in July. The Board took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02

RESOLUTION OF THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY APPROVING THE 2019-20 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency has been formed via a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA); and

WHEREAS, the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WTS GSA) shall approve a budget as per Article 16. Budget and Expenses of the JPA; and

WHEREAS the Treasurer of the JPA has prepared a 2019-20 Operating Budget for approval by the Board of Directors of the WTS GSA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the WTSGSA that the 2019-20 Operating Budget (Exhibit A) be approved.

EXHIBIT A

**West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Budget
July 2019 to June 2020**

Membership Dues 2019 - 2020	104,000.00
Cash Call	0.00
	<u>104,000.00</u>
Expenditures	
General Administration	
Legal	72,000.00
Labor	15,000.00
	<u>87,000.00</u>
Miscellaneous	
Auditors	11,000.00
Meeting Costs & Incidental Fees	2,000.00
	<u>13,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>100,000.00</u>
Revenue Over Expenditures	4,000.00

Annual Membership Fees

Agency Name	Membership Status	Annual Fees
City of Ceres	Member	\$10,000
City of Hughson	Member	\$10,000
City of Modesto	Member	\$10,000
City of Turlock	Member	\$10,000
Delhi County Water District	Member	\$10,000
Denair Community Services District	Member	\$10,000
Hilmar County Water District	Member	\$10,000
Merced County	Member	\$10,000
Stanislaus County	Member	\$10,000
Turlock Irrigation District	Member	\$10,000
City of Waterford for Hickman	Associate Member	\$2,000
Keyes Community Services District	Associate Member	\$2,000
TOTAL INITIAL BUDGET		\$104,000

Moved by Director Espinoza, seconded by Director Jorritsma, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

The following vote was had:

Ayes: Directors Alves, Ward, Jorritsma, Espinoza, Esquer, Kline, Lindo, Maldonado
and Alamo
Noes: Directors None
Absent: Director Young

The President declared the resolution adopted.

2. TURLOCK SUBBASIN LOGO

Herb Smart, Technical Advisory Committee Member, advised the Board of the process used to develop a logo for the Turlock Subbasin. He provided a picture of the logo variations selected by the Joint TACs and examples of how the logo will be used.

ACTION: *Motion* by Director Jorritsma, seconded by Director Esquer, affirming the decision of the Joint Technical Advisory Committees concerning the selection of a standardized logo to represent the Turlock Subbasin. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Chair declared the motion carried. Director Young was absent.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments from the Board.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Dorinda Soiseth
Secretary