



## **MINUTES**

### **Meeting of the**

#### **Technical Advisory Committee**

**Friday, March 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the  
Exeter Museum (upstairs)  
125 S. B Street, Exeter, CA 93221**

#### **Meeting Attendees:**

Tim Gobler – Wutchumna WC (Chair)  
Mike Hagman – EKGSA Executive Director  
Calvin Monreal – Lindmore ID  
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID  
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs  
Dale West – Stone Corral ID  
Mike Camarena – City of Lindsay  
Paul Buldo – Sentinel Butte MWC  
Mat Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Lead  
Members of the Public

#### **Members Absent:**

County of Tulare  
County of Tulare – Landowner  
EKGSA At Large

- 1. Call to Order** – Chair Gobler called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.
- 2. Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions
- 3. Public Comment** — No public comments were received.
- 4. Committee Administration**
  - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2019 Meeting – Committee Member West made a motion to approve the Minutes and was seconded by Committee Member Weddle. The motion passed.
- 5. Committee Business**
  - a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date – Mike Hagman updated the group on Subbasin-level efforts since the previous meeting.
    - i. Management Team – The Management Team meeting was held on February 20<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting the Management Team discussed supporting a new Assembly Bill (AB 417) that would fund a State-wide study for Economic and Social impacts of SGMA. There was also brief discussion on the status of the Coordination Agreement. It has been in legal review. GEI also presented on recent technical activities and



- upcoming tasks, such as separating the Water Budget into the “buckets” and upcoming GSP chapter development.
- ii. Sub-Basin Technical Efforts – The Subbasin technical staff had not met since the previous EKGSA TAC meeting.
- b. Discussion on Water Budget/Accounting Framework – Hagman reported back to the TAC that the GSA managers had worked with GEI to revise the Basin Setting and Water Budget based on the recommendations from the TAC. The GSA’s also agreed to using the 1997-2017 period as the current and planning period for moving forward. GEI and their team are working to revise the documents and it should be ready by March 15th. The TAC and members of the public discussed different concerns on the Water Budget, such as the overall overdraft for the Subbasin and the Sustainable and Safe Yields of the Subbasin. These numbers were not ready yet.
- c. Potential Policy Development –
- i. Minimum Thresholds – Hagman and Klinchuch discussed an approach to assist with establishing Minimum Thresholds. The approach is to develop trends from various well hydrographs for the Base Period (1997-2017), and periods with 90% and 80% of average precipitation. These trends would then be used to project to 2040 groundwater levels. These projected water levels would then be evaluated to determine the presence or absence of Undesirable Results. The TAC and members of the public discussed this process at length. Ultimately, the TAC authorized Klinchuch to develop hydrographs and trends to bring back at the next TAC.
  - ii. Groundwater Levels as Proxy for Undesirable Results – The TAC discussed the potential for using groundwater levels as a proxy for Undesirable Results in the East Kaweah. It was believed the proxy would work for most of the Undesirable Results, however, water quality would be difficult to relate to change in water levels. More develop and discussion was to be had at future meetings with the development of the hydrographs and projection analysis.
  - iii. Management Areas – Management Areas were not discussed due to time constraints.
- d. Review GSP Status and Schedule – Klinchuch briefly discussed the schedule. The EKGSA Introduction/Plan Area Chapter is ready for review and the EKGSA Basin Setting will be available for review shortly. Klinchuch also showed a summary table showing the approximate status for the remaining chapters, most of which are in the early stages.



- e. Potential Projects List & Project Prioritization – Klinchuch briefly discussed the prioritization spreadsheet sent to the TAC previously. Projects were being further developed to share and run through the matrix in the future.
  - 6. **New/Other Business** — No new/other business was discussed.
  - 7. **Announcements**
    - a. Next Meeting Date and Time: April 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
  - 8. **Closed Session** – The TAC adjourned to closed session at approximately 11:50 a.m.
- Government Code Section 54956.9 Anticipated Litigation  
Number of Potential Cases: One
- 9. **Closed Session Item**
    - a. Report action taken in Closed Session required by Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2) — No actions were taken in Closed Session.
  - 10. **Adjournment** – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary  
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee