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Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
130 N. Garden Street, Visalia, CA 93291

Meeting Attendees:

Tim Gobler – Wutchumna WC (Chair)
Mike Hagman – Lindmore ID
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs
Aaron Bock – County of Tulare
Mike Camarena – City of Lindsay
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Consultant (Vice Chair)
Ravi Patel – EKGSA Legal Counsel
Mark Larsen – Greater Kaweah GSA
Paul Hendrix – Mid Kaweah GSA
Joe Ferrara – Stakeholder
Dan Dreyer – Stakeholder
Karen Yohannes – Stakeholder
Joan Fischer – Stakeholder
Tim Bailey – Tulare County
Don Wright – Water Wrights
Alex Peltzer – Attorney

Members Absent:

County of Tulare (Landowner)
EKGSA At Large
Sentinel Butte MWC
Stone Corral ID

- 1. Call to Order** – Committee Chair Gobler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- 2. Self-Introductions** – The members in attendance gave a brief self-introduction.
- 3. Public Comment** — Public comment was provided by two members of the public, Karen Yohannes and Alex Peltzer. Ms. Yohannes wanted to share with everyone that the State Water Resources Control Board was reviewing and discussing CV-SALTS on May 31st and June 1st which will added to more regulation and potential implications to the SGMA process. Mr. Peltzer introduced the thought of a potential 'Rock-Well Exemption' process or policy for landowners that can document their wells are in rock aquifers and not subject to SGMA. More information is to come on this topic.



4. Committee Administration

- a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2018 Meeting – a motion was made by Committee Member Hagman and seconded by Committee Member Wallace to approve the minutes from the May 4th meeting. The motion passes unanimously.

5. Committee Business

- a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date – Committee Member Hagman and Vice Chair Klinchuch updated the group on Subbasin level efforts since the previous EKGSA TAC meeting.
 - i. Management Team – Committee Member Hagman provided a review of the May 16 Management Team Meeting. The primary components discussed were the recommendation to remove the Subbasin TAC as a public meeting and the development of a central website for the Kaweah Subbasin. The rationale for eliminating the Subbasin TAC is to lessen the number of meetings within the Kaweah Subbasin and to allow more technical discussions amongst staff occur before taking information to the public. This takes a change to the MOU amongst the three Subbasin GSAs, which requires GSA Board approval. The EKGSA TAC did not have any concerns for the removal of this meeting. The reason for a central website for the Subbasin was to reduce the number of notices going out to stakeholders and also provide a central hub for a meeting calendar and contact lists. Tulare County has funds through a Distressed Counties Grant available to cover the GEI budget for development (\$17,000).
 - ii. Sub-Basin TAC – Vice Chair Klinchuch provided a quick update on Subbasin Technical activities. There had not been a meeting since the previous EKGSA TAC meeting. An update was provided on the SkyTEM flight lines. New lines had been developed and were shared with the Committee. The Committee suggested that an additional flight line in the southeastern portion of the Subbasin be added to analyze the hydrogeology as it goes into the Frazier Creek Valley. Klinchuch also updated that the GSP Grant was working through its process towards contracting with the State. Once a contract is in place reimbursement to the GSAs can be requested.
- b. Legal Presentation – EKGSA Counsel – Ravi Patel presented to the group a draft flowchart for accounting for seepage losses. The presentation introduced question to work through deciding if water is native, non-native, or other supply. The preliminary draft was based upon previous case studies for water law. The Committee and members of the Public discussed on the various points presented.



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- c. Update on Data Gathering and Next Steps – Vice Chair Klinchuch provided an update on the status of the data gathering for the EKGSA and entire Kaweah Subbasin. Klinchuch shared that discussions with GEI for data sharing are ongoing in an effort to compile data for discussion at the various GSA Board and Technical meetings. The goal is to have more data to discuss at the next TAC meeting. Additionally, Klinchuch shared that portions of chapters of the GSP are being developed that can be developed. These are also looking to be shared at meetings in the near future.
 - d. Potential Projects – Vice Chair Klinchuch reminded the group to continue thinking of project options for evaluation in the GSP, and to submit them to Klinchuch or his staff. Current projects to discuss are recharge basins, “micro” basins, and improved district surface water conveyance facilities. There are also Subbasin-level projects to consider, such as groundwater banks.
6. **New/Other Business** — Two items were discussed to be added to future meeting agendas. The two items were: 1) providing a schedule for GSP timeline for each meeting going forward, and 2) the potential Rock-Well Exemption process/policy.
7. **Announcements**
 - a. Next Meeting: July 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
8. **Adjournment** – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee