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Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee

Friday April 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Held via Teleconference

Meeting Attendees:

Paul Buldo – Sentinel Butte MWC (Chair)
Mike Hagman – EKGSA Executive Director
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Aaron Bock – County of Tulare and County of Tulare - Landowner
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs
Michael Camarena – City of Lindsay
Dale West – Stone Corral ID
Craig Hornung – Wutchumna WC
Cruz Romero – Lindmore ID
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Lead
Nick Keller – Consultant

Public participants:

- Stacie Ann Silva – NewCurrent
- Dyson Schneider – Limoneira
- Joe Ferrara – Board Member
- Mayor Ramona Caudillo – Board Member
- Rex Faubel – Stakeholder
- John Gaugel - Wonderful
- Karen Yohannes – Stakeholder
- Andrew Hart – Stakeholder

Members Absent:

EKGSA At Large (Vacant)

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Buldo called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions.
3. **Public Comment** – One public comment was received.
 - a. Karen Yohannes requested that any policy considerations related to allocations, fees, glidepath reductions allow for public comment from stakeholders.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes March 5, 2021 Meeting – Committee Member West made a motion to approve the Minutes and Committee Member Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. **Committee Business**
 - a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date – Mike Hagman and Matt Klinchuch updated the TAC on Subbasin-level efforts since the previous meeting.



- i. Management Team– There had not been a Subbasin Management Team meeting since the previous TAC. The next meeting is scheduled for mid-April.
 - ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts
 1. Subbasin Data Management System – Hagman shared that the GSA Managers are continuing discussions with Montgomery Associates for a potential DMS option in addition to evaluating other programs and providers.
 2. Annual Monitoring Report – Klinchuch provided summary of the Water Year 2020 Annual Monitoring Report submitted on April 1. Much of the submitted report information was similar to that shared at the previous TAC. He noted more investigation was to be had at the Subbasin level between the data outputs between the Davids and LandIQ data sets on ET demand.
- b. GSP Implementation Items**
- i. EKGSA Policy Framework Review – Mr. Hagman provided overview of the EKGSA Board’s talking points view following three (3) recent workshops and the considerations needed for a potential allocation of the Native, Foreign, and Salvaged supplies currently attributed to the EKGSA. It is understood there are challenges for assignments of some different water types and several items for consideration. Additionally, there was discussion related on whether to incorporate transitional pumping and how that number would be developed. Considerations related to the Glidepath from GSP or starting from historical groundwater pumping demand that is then reduced over time. Various other talking points related to marketing various water types and where groundwater could go was discussed. A draft mock bill was shared showing some of the water accounting information and potential billing. Mr. Hagman intends to send a PDF version for comments and questions ahead of the next TAC. In the discussion a question was raised by Karen Yohannes to consider tiered pumping instead of formal allocation at this point to ease transition into SGMA while ground-truthing data and investigating allocation options. Mr. Hagman said this could be a consideration by the EKGSA Board.

No further consideration or discussion was had on the specific policies listed below.

1. Policy Stating Overlying Right to Water and Legal Right to Regulate Overlying Supply (GW|01-2020)
 2. Policy Directing that the EKGSA will Allocate GW Supply (GW|02-2020)
 3. EKGSA Charges Policy (CHARGES|01-2020)
 4. Method of Groundwater Allocation Policy
 5. Monitoring Policy
 6. Metering Policy
- ii. LandIQ Results and Management Area Water Budget Updates – Reports through February 2021 are now available. Mr. Romero discussed the report at a high level. In February approximately 10,400 AF was consumed. Additionally, there was little precipitation in the month that resulted in approximately 900 AF of precipitation



measure across the area. Thus, demand was met with a combination of groundwater, surface water, and precipitation. The measurement accuracy was down slightly, common for this time of year, as more cloud coverage impacts the satellite imagery. Summer months with less cloud cover have higher accuracies.

6. New/Other Business – There was no new or other business.

7. Announcements

a. Next Meeting Date and Time: May 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment – Chair Buldo adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee