



## MINUTES

### Meeting of the

### Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, August 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.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  
Dale West – Stone Corral ID  
Mike Camarena – City of Lindsay  
Aaron Bock – County of Tulare  
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Consultant (Vice Chair)  
Mark Larsen – Greater Kaweah GSA  
Tim Bailey – County of Tulare  
Joe Ferrara – Stakeholder  
Karen Yohannes – Stakeholder  
Larry Rodriguez – GEI  
Ravi Patel – Legal Counsel (by phone)  
Jennifer Pitcher – Ag Capital

#### **Members Absent:**

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

1. **Call to Order** – Committee Chair Gobler called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions.
3. **Public Comment** — No public comment was provided.
4. **Committee Administration**
  - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2018 Meeting – A motion was made by Committee Member Bock and seconded by Committee Member West to approve the minutes from the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Committee Business**
  - a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date – Committee Member Hagman updated the group on the Subbasin level efforts since the previous meeting.
    - i. Management Team – The July Management Team meeting was cancelled, and the August meeting is likely to be cancelled. Some discussions



amongst the GSA managers and technical leads has occurred in recent weeks regarding the water accounting framework. More discussions are anticipated in the near future, which will then be shared at future Management Team meetings.

- ii. Sub-Basin Technical Efforts – Water budget and other items are still being developed. There will be a meeting of the technical consultants in the next week to discuss data and next steps. Committee Member Bock shared that crop information from the County Ag Commissioner is now available and should be shared soon.
- b. Legal Presentation – EKGSA Counsel - No legal presentation was made by EKGSA Counsel at the meeting.
- c. Evaluate and Recommend to EKGSA Board on Hardrock Well Exemption Proposal – Vice Chair Klinchuch provided a quick update on the proposal. He shared a DWR Fact Sheet from 1991 that has information on hard rock aquifers. The Committee still has outstanding questions, with the main question on whether water in the rock fractures would reach the Subbasin if it were not pumped? Members who also attend the Greater Kaweah TAC mentioned that this proposal was discussed during their meeting. A key question coming from the Greater Kaweah TAC is what does DWR think of this proposal? Would DWR accept? Members from both the East and Greater Kaweah TACs will reach out to DWR to get their opinion on this topic.
- d. Update on EKGSA Technical Items – Karen Yohannes started off with a question if more cooperation from landowners in the non-districted areas would help with the County’s information and the developing database. The answer was: yes, more cooperation would help, but there is a good basis for the information collected so far. Vice Chair Klinchuch then provided an update on the latest developments for the East Kaweah GSA. Klinchuch shared draft numbers for various water budget items that were pulled from a quick review of the USBR Technical Reports for the Friant Districts. The goal was to allow Committee members to get an idea of the rough numbers when the Friant Contracts were being set. Further review is still needed, in addition to evaluating the current data sets versus this historical data. The Committee had further questions on where the Subbasin was as a whole. Larry Rodriguez, of GEI and the Subbasin consultant, shared that items were in motion and that the upcoming discussion amongst the technical leads should help keep things progressing. After this technical discussion there should be more information to share.



- e. Review GSP Timeline and Next Steps – Vice Chair Klinchuch shared updated GSP schedules with the Committee. The first schedule showed a high-level view of the key tasks ahead of the January 31, 2020 submittal. A second schedule was shown with number of days remaining. There are approximately 235 days until draft GSPs will need to be ready to meet the submittal deadline. The Committee briefly discussed what it can be doing in future meetings. Discussing the Sustainability Criteria, in at least broad terms, should begin at the September TAC Meeting.
  - f. Potential Projects – Vice Chair Klinchuch reminded the Committee that this is the place to bring up possible project ideas for inclusion into the GSP. The Committee briefly discussed potential projects: utilizing County parks for recharge basins, and Friant water to the Yokohl system in big Class 2 or flood periods, and joint recharge projects between the City of Lindsay and Lindmore ID. Committee Member Hagman also provided an update on Lindmore’s two “micro” basins. They still aren’t taking much water but are starting to improve. Lindmore is going to further evaluate the drilling methods and design.
- 6. New/Other Business** — No other business was discussed.
- 7. Announcements**
- a. Discuss Next Meeting Date and Time: September 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
- 8. Adjournment** – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary  
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee