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Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Friday October 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Held at the Exeter Museum & via teleconference

Meeting Attendees:

Michael Hagman – EKGSA Executive Director
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Michael Camarena – City of Lindsay
Neyba Amezcua – City of Lindsay
Dale West – Stone Corral ID
Calvin Monreal – Lindmore ID
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Lead
Craig Hornung – Wutchumna WC
Paul Buldo – Sentinel Butte MWC (Chair)

Public Participants:

Johnny Gailey – Delta View
Stacie Ann Silva - NewCurrent
Michele Staples – Attorney
Alan Becker - Stakeholder
Andrew Hart - Stakeholder
Luis Sanchez – Advisory Committee
Steve Jackson - Stakeholder
John Gaugel - Wonderful
Joe Hughes – Legal Counsel
Joe Ferrara – Board Member

Members Absent:

County of Tulare
County of Tulare – Landowner
EKGSA At Large

- 1. Call to Order** – Chair Buldo called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- 2. Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief introductions.
- 3. Public Comment** – Michael Camarena made an announcement that he is retiring from the City of Lindsay Public Services Department after 30 years of service. Camarena announced Neyba Amezcua will serve as the interim Director and will serve as the City of Lindsay's representative, Neyba has over 15 years of experience working with the City of Lindsay. No other public comments currently.



4. Committee Administration

- a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes September 3, 2021 Meeting – Camarena would like the September 3rd meeting minutes to reflect that he was late and not absent. Committee member West made a motion to approve the September 3rd minutes with the correction, committee member Hornung seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

5. Committee Business

- a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date
 - i. Management Team – The management team meeting was held, and the Kaweah Subbasin Managers met with Montgomery & Associates. The focus of the management team meeting was discussing allocations and limitations of the model.
 - ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts
 1. Modeling and Water Accounting Framework – Mr. Klinchuch reported on working through an allocation process to work toward limiting the overdraft. Modeling has had no opportunity to look at the allocation process. The managers discussed using the existing model without the updates to identify an allocation cap to introduce to the model to identify different scenarios and to find groundwater level impacts on focused areas within the basin. The cost would be in the range of \$10k-12k per GSA if all three GSA's in the basin participate.
- b. GSP Implementation Items
 - i. Call for Proposed Projects and Management Actions – Mr. Hagman has discussed the three projects at the south end of the GSA which is the Lewis Creek recharge project from the Friant Kern Canal into Lewis Creek. The second project Hagman discuss is the mariposa basin in the City of Lindsay. The mariposa basin is on the NW edge of the city and 700' from the 2.3N irrigation line in the Lindmore irrigation district, the prop 68 implementation grant will allow for an increase in recharge capacity in the Lindsay area. Mr. Hagman also discussed the opportunity for dry well construction which may improve water quality and water supply in the area. There was discussion on improving the well in the City of Lindsay which has constituent issues. The third project discussed was the West 208 Basin project in the Lindmore irrigation district. The district has purchased 320 acres of land with a nearby cone of depression where this area will recharge water. 80 acres will be used for the Flyway grant provided by the Wildlife Conservation Board. The West 208 project has the potential to put 80 AF/day across 160 acres, with the possibility of adding approximately 20-40 dry wells.



- ii. Water Allocation Development Assignment from Board of Directors – The TAC discussed the water allocation spreadsheet provided by Mr. Hagman. Mr. Hagman explained the draft management area allocation tool and the methodology used to determine some of the draft numbers. The groundwater supply numbers were developed based on October 2020 and will be updated once final values are developed in September 2021. The TAC is recommending an allocation of available transitional supply to all irrigated lands in the EKGSA an amount which is yet to be determined. Committee member West made the motion, committee member Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
 - iii. LandIQ Results and Management Area Water Budget Updates – Mr. Hagman reported on the EKGSA ET numbers for the month of August, approximately 30,878 AF was consumed. There was discussion regarding the breakdown of ET by management area. September ET was used from 2020 as a placeholder to develop a number in the allocation tool.
6. **New/Other Business** – Mr. Hagman announced that bills will be put into place by October 2022 for the parcels within the GSA greater than 2 acres.
7. **Announcements**
 - a. Next Meeting Date and Time: November 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
8. **Adjournment** – Chair Buldo adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cruz Romero, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee