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Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, January 4, 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 – Lindmore ID
Calvin Monreal – Lindmore ID
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Nick Keller – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs
Dale West – Stone Corral ID
Mike Camarena – City of Lindsay
Paul Buldo – Sentinel Butte MWC
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Consultant (Vice Chair)
Karen Yohannes – Stakeholder
Joan Fischer – Stakeholder
Stacie Ann Silva – NewCurrent
Susan Simon – Tulare County RMA
Liesbet Olaerts – Self Help
Joe Ferrara – Stakeholder
Paul Hendrix – Mid-Kaweah GSA
Eric Osterling – Greater Kaweah GSA
Alan Lombardi – Advisory Committee
Kiel Taylor – Exeter Landowner

Members Absent:

EKGSA At Large
County of Tulare
County of Tulare - Landowner

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Gobler called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions
3. **Public Comment** – One public comment was received by Karen Yohannes. She asked if the TAC had been able to look at the Rivers Association Schedule. The TAC had not reviewed but appreciated the reminder to keep that in mind when going forward.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2018 Meeting – A correction needed to be made indicating that Craig Wallace was present at the meeting, not on the phone. Committee Member Hagman made a motion to



accept the Minutes with the noted correction and was seconded by Committee Member Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Committee Business

- a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date – Mike Hagman and Vice Chair Klinchuch updated the group on Subbasin-level efforts since the previous meeting.
 - i. Management Team – The Management Team meeting was held on December 20th. At the meeting there was some draft figures presented on the Water Budget from the document released earlier in the month. The Management Team also discussed a potential methodology for setting Minimum Thresholds. The methodology proposed to use the trend from the dry 2006 – 2016 period to project to 2040. There was general consensus that this may be a good starting point to get going.
 - ii. Sub-Basin Technical Efforts – The technical staff from each GSA had not met since the last meeting. The focus has been on reviewing the draft Basin Settings Document. Hagman stated that the three GSA managers had been meeting to discuss progress and next steps. He mentioned there were budget overruns that needed to be addressed and would go back to the Board.

- b. Discussion on Water Budget/Accounting Framework – The Committee discussed their comments/questions on the draft Basin Setting chapter that was released just prior to the previous TAC meeting. The Committee focused on the Water Budget components. Klinchuch was set to keeping the list of comments to report back to the consultants. The focus of the discussion was to identify fixes that can be changed now. Other issues would be identified as data gaps to be filled over the next five years. During the discussion a number of comments and questions were raised that ranged from:
 - Proper quantification of water entering and leaving the Subbasin
 - Issues in conveyance loss calculations
 - How to deal with pumping in this Subbasin going to another Subbasin
 - Will the various Water Budget components be broken out by the different “buckets” of the Water Accounting Framework

Following the discussion, the goal is to work with the other GSAs and GEI to finalize the Basin Setting and Water Budget so that next steps could begin. The key next steps are to begin negotiations on water accounting and establish Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objectives.

- c. Potential Policy Development Update – No development had occurred as the Water Budget still needs to be finalized. Three policy items were identified as



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priorities going forward. These priorities were: developing a framework for credits within the Subbasin, negotiating the Water Accounting, and to use the next five years as a study and projects period.

- d. Review GSP Status and Schedule – The schedule was briefly discussed. With delays in some components to the Basin Setting and Water Budget, there is an impact on the schedule that isn't fully known. The goal of a draft GSP by April is in question. Committee Member Wallace asked when East Kaweah chapters would be available for review. Klinchuch responded that the first chapter should be available mid to late January.
- e. Potential Projects – Specific projects were not discussed. Chair Gobler asked how the identified projects would be coordinated with other GSAs going forward. The intent is to have the project of all three GSAs be incorporated into the model to view the cumulative impact and provide cost savings through fewer model runs.

6. New/Other Business — No other business was discussed.

7. Announcements

- a. Discuss Next Meeting Date and Time: February 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment – Chair Gobler adjourned the meet at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee