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Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, April 5, 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 – EKGSA Executive Director
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 and County of Tulare – Landowner
Mat Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Lead
Nick Keller – Consultant
Members of the Public

Members Absent:

EKGSA At Large
Lindmore ID
Sentinel Butte MWC

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Gobler Called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions
3. **Public Comment** – Don Wright announced he is affiliated with the WET Center at Fresno State. The WET Center is looking to provide advocacy and networking on behalf of agriculture in the Central Valley. Wright suggested folks look to them as a friend in the future.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2019 Meeting – Committee Member West made a motion to approve the Minutes and was seconded by Committee Member Weddle. The motion passed. Committee Member Bock abstained.
5. **Committee Business**
 - a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date – Mike Hagman updated the group on Subbasin-level efforts since the previous meeting.
 - i. Management Team – The Management Team meeting was held on March 20th. He shared the key takeaways from the meeting where that the

Subbasin Basin Setting Chapter had been updated and the overall Subbasin Water Budget shows approximately 80,000 AF of overdraft. The Subbasin consultant is GEI working through separating the Water Budget into the “buckets” for laying out each GSA’s share of the overdraft. The goal is for this to be completed within the next month.

- ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts – Hagman shared that not much in the way of Subbasin Technical work had occurred. There had been one call to discuss modeling strategy amongst the GSAs. The plan is for the “No Action” approaches be modeled with and without climate change and then the GSAs will work to include projects and management actions.
- b. Potential Policy Development – Matt Klinchuch lead the discussion on the following topics and shared draft figures developed through the analysis.
- i. Management Areas – Klinchuch shared a map proposing Management Areas within the GSA. The Proposal is that each district act as its own Management Area and the non-districted areas be split into four different management areas based on regional location. In total there would be nine management areas. The TAC recommended these proposed management areas, with some minor map clean up, to be taken to the GSA Board for approval.
 - ii. Minimum Thresholds – Klinchuch discussed results from the hydrograph trend analysis that was directed from the previous TAC meeting. Klinchuch showed trends from various well hydrographs in the GSA and their relation to base of aquifer information and nearby well construction information (i.e. bottom of perforations). Klinchuch said that draft results were showing the complexity of the Subbasin and that selecting Minimum Thresholds will be complicated. Minimum Thresholds will need to be set for each Management Area, and based on some of the information shown, there will likely be more than one threshold in many of the areas. The TAC recommended continuing development of the Minimum Thresholds per management area based on the baseline (1997-2017) projection rather than the 90% and 80% of precipitation trend projections.
 - iii. Groundwater Levels as Proxy for Undesirable Results – Klinchuch and Hagman briefly discussed the strategy regarding using the groundwater level proxy. They shared that the proxy would work for the Undesirable Results related to change in groundwater levels, change in aquifer storage, and surface water connectedness/groundwater dependent ecosystems. They believed there will be some ability to use the proxy for subsidence, but more analysis is needed. The plan for water quality is to relate Minimum Thresholds to the MCL for selected constituents of concern as there is no real correlation with change in water levels.



- c. Review GSP Status and Schedule – Klinchuch briefly discussed the schedule. The goal for all GSAs is to have draft plans for public review in July. Klinchuch also showed a summary table showing the approximate status for the remaining chapters, most of which are still in the early stages.
 - d. Potential Projects List & Project Prioritization – Klinchuch shared the Projects list and briefly discussed the prioritization spreadsheet sent to the TAC previously. Klinchuch shared that project concepts will be further developed for the GSP and likely less reliance the prioritization.
6. **New/Other Business** — No new/other business was discussed.
7. **Announcements**
- a. Next Meeting Date and Time: To accommodate meeting schedules, the TAC meeting regularly scheduled for May 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. was moved to May 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the same location.
8. **Adjournment** – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee