



## MINUTES

### Meeting of the

### Technical Advisory Committee

Friday August 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.  
Held via Teleconference

#### **Meeting Attendees:**

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

#### Public participants:

- Stacie Ann – NewCurrent
- Johnny Gailey – Delta View
- Joe Ferrara – Board Member

#### **Members Absent:**

EKGSA At Large (Vacant)  
Lindmore ID (Monreal)

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** — There was one public comment received from Aaron Bock. As the planning director for Tulare County, Bock share a presentation given to the Tulare Planning Commission providing an overview that the General Plan is being updated to account for SGMA and the GSPs throughout Tulare County. Bock shared that some of the 2012 policies may change in the updated General Plan to attempt limit exports and promote conservation and recharge. Bock also shared that any General Plan amendments (i.e. allowing subdivisions outside of Urban Development Boundary) will go through the GSAs to provide review and comment.
4. **Committee Administration**
  - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes July 1, 2020 Meeting – Committee Member West made a motion to approve the Minutes and was seconded by Committee Member Bock. 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 – The Management Team held a meeting in July following the last TAC meeting. One of the main topics at this meeting was that the Subbasin is gathering DMS data from the previous Subbasin consultant and storing with Provost & Pritchard for now. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is slated to go out for developing a DMS in the future. The Subbasin Managers will work with an entity to frame the RFP. Chair Gobler asked if there would be any input or guidance the TAC would provide through this development and that will likely be the case. Hagman also shared that efforts related to the Prop. 68 Planning Grant and RCIS Grant. First report is due the end of August and will request repayment for the SkyTEM effort. One final outreach meeting is required to obtain the grant reimbursement.
  - ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts – Hagman and Klinchuch shared with the TAC that the Subbasin is looking into options for gathering well construction information from at least the Monitoring Network wells. A contract has been signed with Provost & Pritchard to use a borehole camera to video wells to obtain construction information on six wells (two in each GSA) as a pilot effort on the work product. Hagman also shared that the Subbasin is partnering with Cal State Fresno for developing a Well Metering Pilot Study. Final review of the contract is still going through Counsel reviews.
- b. GSP Implementation Items
  - i. Groundwater Monitoring Wells Update – Cruz Romero, Staff Engineer, provided an update related to the new dedicated monitoring wells to be drilled. Thus far proposals are coming under budgeted amounts. Romero is set to work with Klinchuch on final steps of selecting a driller, obtaining permits with the County, and working through design.
  - ii. Groundwater Allocation Policy Framework – Hagman led discussion with the Committee on the Groundwater Allocation Policy Framework. The Framework had not changed much from the last Advisory Committee meeting after the previous TAC meeting. Hagman reiterated that the goal is to allocate the East Kaweah's Native supply portion while stopping overdraft within the GSA. The discussion focused on how to allocate the supply whether it be pro-rata, historical use, or some hybrid combination. Discussion covered the following topics:
    - a. Spreading over irrigated acres puts more priority on historical use. However, the irrigated acreage likely changes every year, how would that be handled?

- b. Another option discussed was to lean towards the historical use with the allocation but provide an application process to add ground to include in the allocation, which would reduce the per acre allocation in the future. This led towards a discussion of allocating over “irrigable” land instead of “irrigated” to establish the allocation. Staff would need to evaluate what land could be considered irrigable for the analysis.

At the end of the discussion the TAC took consensus on where Committee members stood related to the allocation options. While there are details to iron out, the TAC was split evenly (4/3 with 1 abstention) between allocating on All Acres and allocating on Irrigable/Irrigated acres.

- iii. LandIQ Results and Management Area Water Budget Updates – Hagman shared that the results for the month of June were provided by LandIQ just ahead of the TAC meeting. The results show less water was used in June than in May. The total ET in the EKGSA for June works out to approximately 0.3 AF per acre. Approximately 77,000 AF has been used over the months of May and June. This number is inclusive of surface water. Romero is working with Staff, LandIQ, and member agencies to work in the surface water component.

**6. New/Other Business** – No new or other business was discussed.

**7. Announcements**

- a. Next Meeting Date and Time: September 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

**8. Adjournment** – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Klinchuch, Secretary

East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee