



## MINUTES

### Meeting of the

### Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, February 9, 2018 at 2:00 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 Camarena – City of Lindsay  
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe ID  
Mike Hagman – Lindmore ID  
Calvin Monreal – Lindmore ID  
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID  
Dale West – Stone Corral ID  
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Consultant (Vice Chair)  
Tim Bailey – County of Tulare  
Karen Yohannes – Landowner  
Joan Fisher – Landowner  
Joe Ferrara – Stakeholder  
Tim Allen – Landowner  
Dennis Mills – GKGSA  
John Yohannes - Landowner

#### **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 2:05 p.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The members in attendance gave a brief self-introduction.
3. **Public Comment**— One public comment was given during this period.
  - a. Mike Hagman, as EKGSA Executive Director, stated that information from this group will be disseminated through Kathy Bennett going forward.
4. **Committee Administration**
  - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2018 Meeting – A motion was made by Committee Member Hagman and seconded by Committee Member West to approve the minutes for the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



- b. Meeting date and time – Re-evaluate current meeting time. The Committee discussed alternative meeting dates and times to accommodate schedules of the members of the Committee. The recommendation was to move the meeting to the first Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. remaining at the Visalia office Provost & Pritchard Consulting for the time being. A motion was made by Committee Member Hagman and seconded by Committee Member Weddle to approve this change. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Committee Business**

- a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin efforts to date – Vice Chair Klinchuch shared with the group that DWR had recently released their preliminary recommendation for grant awards and the Kaweah Subbasin was recommended for the full \$1.5 Million requested for Subbasin coordination and GSP development. Vice Chair Klinchuch then provided an update on the Kaweah Subbasin efforts, which included one meeting of the Management Team. The Subbasin Technical Advisory Committee had not been scheduled. The first Management Team meeting primarily involved the normal meeting administration for setting meeting dates and time. The GEI/GSI team gave an update on roles and the requirements of SGMA. There was also a brief presentation on the SkyTEM technology and potential pilot project for the Kaweah Subbasin.
- b. Evaluate Potential of Danish Technology (SkyTEM) – Chair Gobler, Committee Member Hagman, and Vice Chair Klinchuch discussed a potential technology that could be used in the Kaweah Subbasin to better understand the geology and hydrogeology of the Subbasin. They discussed what data would come from the effort and how and when it would help the Subbasin, if pursued. In general, it is believed the information would bolster the knowledge of the Subbasin and potentially help fill some data gaps. There is a potential proposal to use this technology for a pilot study of the Kaweah Subbasin with some cost share provided by the State. The discussion then turned to whether the TAC recommends the EKGSA Board support this proposal and provide some funding. A motion was made by Committee Member Weddle and seconded by Committee Member West to recommend the EKGSA Board pursue the pilot study, pending funding from the State and other Kaweah GSAs. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Preliminary Discussion on “natural” basin supply and allocation/appropriation of supply – The Committee began a preliminary discussion on a number projects related to the natural Kaweah Subbasin supply and potential ideas for allocating or appropriating this supply.

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- i. The first part of the discussion dealt with the need to start identifying what information is needed to develop the natural supply. The variables, 'ins' and 'outs,' for the supply are needed and then further review will be needed on what is allocable to everyone versus specific users. There was mention that this should include reviewing soils and groundwater flows to know what capacity there is in certain areas. Some attendees present that were familiar with the Tule Subbasin suggested looking into the analysis done in that Subbasin, as they did a similar effort and it could provide some tips.
- ii. Following discussion of how to develop the natural basin supply, the Committee then began to discuss preliminary thoughts on how to allocate this supply. The general opinion is that this allocation should be close to an adjudication to try and prevent legal battles that would end in an adjudication. The general goal would be to balance the Policy with the Science and Legal basis. Discussion then turned to whether this would create a market like the Australian and Danish examples. Near the end, Committee Member Hagman directed the TAC Members to think of possible ideas and development of an approach for future discussions.
- iii. The discussion wrapped up a brief discussion on looking long-term. Projects and management actions will need to be developed as part of the GSP process. Tim Bailey shared with the group that in looking long-term, there are climate models being developed looking at the Sierra Snow Pack and Forestry. The County is looking into these efforts as part of their EIR as modeling suggests there will be less snow and more rain in the future. Mr. Bailey also mentioned there is a study of the Kaweah Watershed by John Kirk at DWR that may provide useful information.

**6. New/Other Business**— No other business was discussed by the Committee.

**7. Announcements**

- a. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting was set for March 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. due to some conflicts for the March date only. A motion was made by Committee Member Hagman and seconded by Committee Member West to approve the meeting date and time. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Adjournment** – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Klinchuch, Secretary

East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee