



## MINUTES

### Meeting of the

### Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, May 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of  
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group  
130 N. Garden Street, Visalia, CA 93291

#### **Meeting Attendees:**

Tim Gobler – Wutchumna WC (Chair)  
Mike Hagman – Lindmore ID  
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID  
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs  
Dale West – Stone Corral ID  
Aaron Bock – County of Tulare  
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Consultant (Vice Chair)  
Tim Bailey – County of Tulare  
Karen Yohannes – Landowner

#### **Members Absent**

City of Lindsay  
County of Tulare (Landowner)  
EKGSA At Large  
Sentinel Butte MWC

1. **Call to Order** – Committee Chair Gobler called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The members in attendance gave a brief self-introduction.
3. **Public Comment**— Public comment was provided by one member. Karen Yohannes (Stakeholder) wanted to make sure we discussed the various water accounting categories, or ‘buckets’ of water, during the meeting. Chair Gobler replied that it would be one of our discussion points during Agenda Item 5.
4. **Committee Administration**
  - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2018 Meeting – A change to correct the title from ‘Agenda’ to ‘Minutes’ was needed. With the change, a motion was made by Committee Member West and seconded by Committee Member Hagman to approve the minutes from the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Committee Business**
  - a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date – Committee Member Hagman and Vice-Chair Klinchuch updated the group on Subbasin level efforts since the previous EKGSA TAC meeting.

- i. Management Team – Committee Member Hagman provide a quick review of the April 18 Management Team meeting. Part of the discussion at the meeting was updates on various efforts such as SkyTEM and coordination amongst the GSAs. Much of the discussion at the Management Team meeting centered around the water supply accounting.  
The EKGSA TAC then began discussing their various thoughts on the water accounting framework. Ms. Yohannes wanted the group to make sure the EKGSA has all of its ‘buckets’ on the list for not only the GSA but the Subbasin. Committee Member Hagman agreed with this approach. He also mentioned legal counsel for each of the three GSAs were working together to provide their opinions and will provide updates to the GSA Board’s and Subbasin Management Team. Committee Member Bock then suggested that the EKGSA TAC focus on the technical side for buckets and magnitude before going to the legal side. He also mentioned that we should be cautious on terminology as some terms, like salvage water, have a legal component. The TAC then tasked Klinchuch and his staff to develop a list of the buckets to be discussed at the next meeting. The goal would be to develop a recommendation to take to the EKGSA Board and Subbasin Level meetings. Near the end of the discussion Ms. Yohannes asked how it would accounting work for folks who own land in the river but don’t have a water right. Committee Member Hagman shared that he thought that one of the GEI options of ‘natural channel losses go to the Subbasin’ would cover this concern.
  - ii. Sub-Basin TAC – Vice Chair Klinchuch provided a quick update on the Subbasin TAC activities since the previous EKGSA TAC. There had been two discussions since the last meeting. Highlights from the two discussions included: the SkyTEM proposal was continuing to move forward, a Data Management System (DMS) was beginning to come together and may be available for use soon, and GEI introduced their Groundwater Modeling Task Order to get the modeling effort started.
- b. Update on Data Gathering and Next Steps – Vice Chair Klinchuch shared with the group that there have been discussions with the GEI team regarding data sharing for the entire Subbasin. Vice Chair Klinchuch discussed that data was still being gathered and compiled for the EKGSA. The goal was to have more data available to discuss and share at the upcoming TAC meeting.
- c. Potential Projects – Vice Chair Klinchuch reminded the group to continue thinking of project options for evaluation in the GSP. Current projects to discuss are recharge basins, “micro” basins, and improved district surface water



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conveyance facilities. There are also potential Subbasin-level projects to consider like groundwater banks.

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

**7. Announcements**

a. Next Meeting: June 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

**8. Adjournment** – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Klinchuch, Secretary  
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee