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Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, October 5, 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)
Calvin Monreal – Lindmore ID
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; County of Tulare - Landowner
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Consultant (Vice Chair)
Mike Hagman – EKGSA Exec. Director (by phone)
Karen Yohannes – Stakeholder
Alan Becker – Sun World
Stacie Ann Silva – NewCurrent
Robert Linderman – Landowner

Members Absent:

EKGSA At Large
Sentinel Butte MWC

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Gobler called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions.
3. **Public Comment**— No public comments were made.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2018 Meeting– A motion was made by Committee Member Bock and seconded by Committee Member Weddle to approve the minutes from the September 7th. Committee Chair Gobler abstained. The motion passed.
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 September Management Team meeting was held on September 19th. The meeting provided updates from the three GSAs and discussed the concept of Hydrogeologic Zones, or HZs, as a way



to develop thresholds and objectives in areas that act similarly. The meeting also provided updates on a common communication portal. Hagman also shared that outreach efforts have been on-going in the East Kaweah with recent meetings being held for some of the East Kaweah communities.

- ii. SubBasin Technical Efforts – Mike Hagman shared with the Committee that GEI had released a draft Basin Settings Chapter with water budgets for the three GSA managers to review. There are serious concerns with what has been developed for the East Kaweah and questions have been raised as to how the gaps are going to be filled for moving forward. Meetings are going to be set up to fill these gaps in coming weeks. The GEI team is looking to take comments from the GSA Managers and re-release a more complete version in mid-November. The Numerical Model is also slated to be released in the late November to early December timeframe.
- b. Discussion on Sustainability Criteria and Undesirable Results – Vice Chair Klinchuch shared more on the Hydrogeologic Zones concept being proposed by the GEI Team. Some of the figures were shared to go over some of the thoughts and usefulness of the approach. Some concerns were shared with some of the zones especially with regards to Corcoran Clay on the west side of the Subbasin. Vice Chair Klinchuch shared that he sees this HZs being more useful for selecting representative monitoring rather than management areas going forward. Hagman shared an opinion to possibly use groundwater levels as a proxy for the five Undesirable Results in the Subbasin and asked the TAC members to consider this. He also requested the TAC to submit any other ideas for dealing with the Undesirable Results for the Committee to consider.
 - c. Potential Policy Development Update – Hagman and Klinchuch updated the group on the Potential Policy List after it had made a round through the East Kaweah Advisory Committee. Hagman shared that he intends to bring this the Board for their review at the next Board Meeting in hopes to receive guidance and direction for further development. Committee Member Bock suggested further developing a comparison with what other GSAs in the state are doing. Stakeholder Yohannes requested there be a priority list for the policies. Hagman agreed that both thoughts would be good to incorporate. Stakeholder Yohannes also brought seepage loss documents from other Kaweah GSAs to the attention of the TAC. Chair Gobler said that there should be more analysis on this and brought back to the TAC at a future meeting.



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- d. Review GSP Status and Schedule –Vice Chair Klinchuch discussed schedule for developing the draft GSP for the East Kaweah GSA. The technical team is aiming for a draft GSP at April 2019 EKGSA Board Meeting.
 - a. Potential Projects – Vice Chair Klinchuch shared the project list with the Committee that could be considered for inclusion into the GSP, no updates had been made since the last meeting. Klinchuch shared that staff is working to develop a methodology to grade/prioritize projects for the TAC to use for evaluation. Committee Member Bock reminded the group that projects with flood benefits could be included into the County’s Stormwater Plan and could be eligible for funding in the future. The County could potentially take the lead for CEQA for such projects. It was also shared that with Prop 68 passing in June, a Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for funding should be available in late 2019 to early 2020. Discussion also ensued about how ‘credits’ would be treated or allocated. There are also questions regarding how long a ‘credit’ would last, will there be a deadline for using? Audience member Yohannes suggested that credits and prime recharge areas be topics with the outreach with the Ag Community in the future.
- 6. New/Other Business** — Stakeholder Yohannes reminded the group that there would be a special TAC for the Greater Kaweah on October 9th at 10:00 a.m. and requested TAC members make the meeting if they can. The focus of the meeting will be regarding seepage and how it can/will be accounted in the Kaweah Subbasin.
- 7. Announcements**
- a. Discuss Next Meeting Date and Time: November 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
- 8. Adjournment** – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee