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Special Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, May 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.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
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 and County of Tulare – Landowner
Paul Buldo – Sentinel Butte MWC
Mat Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Lead
Nick Keller – Consultant
Members of the Public

Members Absent:

EKGSA At Large

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Gobler called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions
3. **Public Comment** — Public comment was received by three members in the audience.
 - a. Lawrence O’Leary discussed data sharing opportunities his company can assist the GSA in getting with coordination with farmers in the area
 - b. Liesbet Olaerts of Self-Help voiced concerns with moving forward setting Minimum Thresholds without input from rural domestic drinking water stakeholders. Suggests finding ways to reach them to discuss their impacts and potentially start the discussion on mitigation.
 - c. Amanda Monaco of Leadership Council reiterated the concerns voiced by Liesbet. In response to concerns by Ms. Olaerts and Ms. Monaco, Executive Director Mike Hagman suggested a meeting between their representatives, himself, and consultant Matt Klinchuch.
4. **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 May 15th. The key item discussed were the results from the SkyTEM analysis. The results were interesting and after some more work in coordination with Stanford, these results will be pulled into the modeling effort after the 2020 GSP submittal.
- ii. Sub-Basin Technical Efforts – The Consultant and Managers are continuing to work through modeling scenarios and projected hydrology. The current scenarios proposed are: 1) a ‘No Action’ scenario to check Minimum Thresholds; 2) A pumping reduction only scenario; and 3) a combination scenario of pumping reductions and proposed projects.

b. Potential Policy Development

- i. Minimum Thresholds – The TAC continued discussed on the proposed Minimum Thresholds (MTs) presented at the May 6th meeting. The TAC focused on the groundwater elevation minimum thresholds in specific areas. Concerns were raised in some locations such as the Northwest region. There is some concern the MT in this area is at the current groundwater level due to the deeper aquifer to the west. Suggestions by the TAC were to evaluate Greater Kaweah MT elevations to the west and potentially consider some sort of average. Further discussion was had regarding the potential wells to go dry at the proposed MTs. It was requested to try and breakdown how many of the wells going dry would be agricultural wells, public wells, or domestic wells. For reviewing public and domestic wells Committee Member Bock requested the map be updated to show communities for reference.

The next topic was regarding to subsidence in the Friant-Kern Canal. The TAC provided general consensus on using subsidence at the Friant-Kern Canal as the critical infrastructure in the area.

Lastly, the TAC discussed the water quality MT and whether to use the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) or a rate of change in the concentration of a constituent of concern (COC). The TAC provided general consensus on the nine (9) COC presented but was not set on utilizing the MCL as MT at this time.

- ii. Measurable Objectives & Interim Milestones – Measurable Objectives and Interim Milestones were not discussed during the meeting.
- iii. Undesirable Results – Undesirable Results were not discussed at the meeting due to time constraints.



iv. Monitoring Network – The monitoring network was not discussed during the meeting due to time constraints.

5. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting Date and Time: June 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting start time is being moved up to 9:00 a.m.

6. Adjournment – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee