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Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, May 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.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 9:10 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions.
3. **Public Comment** — Stakeholder Karen Yohannes brought three items to the attention of the TAC that she would like answers or that they be accounted for in the decision making. The three items were: 1) Would like the Coordination Agreement to set a prioritization for water, if possible, and would like the GSA to be first priority, then Subbasin, and lastly regional; 2) Continue to work to quantify the amount of groundwater pumped and exported from the Subbasin; and 3) re-evaluate or come back to the conversation on boundaries with neighboring Subbasins.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2019 Meeting – Committee Member Weddle 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 updated the group on Subbasin-level efforts since the previous meeting.



- i. Management Team – The Management Team meeting was held on April 17th. He shared that the Subbasin and Consultant are moving ahead with the Basin Setting as-is as a starting point and more updates would be done after the GSP is submitted. The Consultant had released the Water Budget based on the legal ‘water buckets’ agreed to by the Subbasin GSAs.
 - ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts – The Subbasin Managers and technical leads are discussing which modeling scenarios are appropriate and can be accomplished in time for incorporation into the draft GSPs. More information will be shared as these are developed.
- b. Discussion on Water Budget/Accounting Framework – Matt Klinchuch shared the Water Accounting Framework tables from the previous Management Team Meeting. Sharing the tables was more for awareness amongst the TAC. The TAC had no further discussion on the tables.
- c. Potential Policy Development – The following potential policy items were discussed at the TAC meeting.
 - i. Minimum Thresholds – Matt Klinchuch led the discussion on potential Minimum Threshold numerical values for different regions within the EKGSA. First Minimum Thresholds (MTs) discussed were for groundwater levels based upon the 2040 projection analysis. The MTs were broken up into 10 regions across the EKGSA. The analysis included preliminary results on remaining aquifer storage and potential wells going dry. Other MTs discussed were rate of subsidence at the Friant-Kern Canal and potentially using the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for a set list of constituents of concern (COC). The TAC had some preliminary discussion but due to time constraints requested the data be sent for their review and another meeting be set in May.
 - ii. Management Areas – The TAC was requested to address some follow-up questions regarding the proposed nine (9) Management Areas. Some of the questions were more policy related and the TAC suggested policies be pushed to a later date. The questions related to the technical aspects of nine Management Areas, whether it would be costly or pose other issues, the TAC did not have issues from a technical perspective. Committee Member Weddle made a motion that the TAC does not have technical issues with the nine Management Areas and recommends the GSA proceeds with Management Areas as proposed. Committee Member Buldo seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - iii. Groundwater Pumping – Measurement and Fee Collection – Joel Kimmelshue of LandIQ was invited to present on their services and experience with utilizing ET remote sensing for analyzing agricultural



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demand and billing off the computed results. The TAC discussed the advantages and disadvantages of using such a tool for fee collection. Following discussion, Committee Member Weddle made a motion that remote sensing is a viable option for tracking and charging groundwater use, but more work needs to be done. Committee member West seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- d. Review GSP Status and Schedule – Klinchuch briefly discussed the schedule. The goal is to have a 90% draft GSP for the Board in June so there can be Board input ahead of the public draft release in July. The schedule is going to be very tight in meeting these deadlines.


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

7. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting Date and Time: June 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
 - i. From the discussions held during the meeting and pending timeline, the TAC opted to have a special meeting ahead of the regularly scheduled June meeting. The TAC selected meeting on May 20th at 2:00 p.m. ahead of the Advisory Committee meeting. The June meeting would still be held.

8. Adjournment – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee