



MINUTES

Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, June 7, 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
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Joe Ferrara – Exeter ID
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs
Dale West – Stone Corral ID
Aaron Bock – County of Tulare and County of Tulare – Landowner
Mat Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Lead
Nick Keller – Consultant
Members of the Public

Members Absent:

City of Lindsay
Lindmore ID
Sentinel Butte MWC
EKGSA At Large

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Gobler called the meeting to order at approximately 9:25 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions.
3. **Public Comment** — Johnny Gailey announced Delta View Water Association is opening its membership within the ‘white areas.’ It is currently not open to landowners in the East Kaweah GSA but stated membership into the EKGSA would be evaluated.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from May 6 and May 20, 2019 Meetings – Committee Member Bock made a motion to approve Minutes from both meetings, including edits to the May 20 Minutes regarding MCL as groundwater minimum threshold not being set and Friant-Kern Canal subsidence rate not being finalized. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Wallace. 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 did not meet since the previous TAC meeting. Hagman reported that the GSA Managers and Legal Counsels had been discussing the Coordination Agreement and Subbasin-wide Undesirable Results language. More information is to be shared in the future.
 - ii. Sub-Basin Technical Efforts – The Subbasin Consultant team is working through modeling scenarios and is aiming for results to be shared ahead of the June 19th Management Team Meeting. Results from five (5) scenarios are expected to be shared, three (3) regarding baseline “No Action” simulations, and two (2) incorporating projects and management actions.
- b. Potential Policy Development – Matt Klinchuch led the discussion on the following potential policy items for GSP development. A draft Sustainable Management Criteria matrix table was presented to discuss Minimum Thresholds (MTs), Measurable Objectives (MOs), Interim Milestones, and Undesirable Results.
 - i. Minimum Thresholds – The TAC discussed the MTs by Sustainability Indicator. The MT for groundwater levels and by proxy, groundwater storage and interconnected surface water, was discussed utilizing the trend analysis from 1997 to 2017 extended out to 2040. The TAC recommended (Bock 1st and Wallace 2nd) that the projected water surface elevations for the 10 Threshold Regions be used, allowing some buffer in the areas along the lines between Threshold Regions. The next MT discussed by the TAC was with regards to subsidence. The TAC recommended to monitor subsidence through impacts to critical infrastructure, namely the Friant-Kern Canal (FKC), through annual survey at set points along the FKC. The InSAR data available through DWR would be used as a backstop for this point monitoring. The TAC discussed the rate of subsidence should be related to no more than 10% capacity reduction in a single year to the current capacity of the FKC, but that more work needed to be done to estimate what amount of drop in the FKC correlates to a 10%. Committee Member Bock made a motion to accept the FKC monitoring recommendation, with an added point on a Plainview well to check well casing impacts. Committee Member West seconded the motion and the motion passed. The TAC discussed water quality MTs but did not come to a recommendation during the meeting.
 - ii. Measurable Objectives & Interim Milestones – The TAC discussed MOs for groundwater levels and subsidence, but not for groundwater quality. The TAC considered groundwater level MOs using the 2030 year of the trend analysis, Spring 2013, Spring 2015, and Spring 2017 water levels. The TAC recommended that Spring 2017 levels be used for the MOs. For subsidence



the TAC recommended that the MO for subsidence be that there are no impacts to CVP deliveries within the EKGSA.

- iii. Undesirable Results – Due to time constraints and policy development still being done at the Subbasin level, the TAC did not have much discussion on this item.
- iv. Monitoring Network – Klinchuch shared a preliminary monitoring network map leaning heavily upon the existing CASGEM network already in place within the EKGSA. Klinchuch shared there are some gaps to fill with this approach but allows the EKGSA to focus on those gap areas instead of the entire GSA. The TAC requested a map with proposed locations for new wells be developed ahead of the next TAC meeting. There was general consensus that using the CASGEM network can potentially be a good start.

- c. Review GSP Status and Schedule – Klinchuch shared that a number of the discussions today will be incorporated into the draft GSP, and a 90% draft by the June 24th Board Meeting will be challenging.

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

7. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting Date and Time: Suggest another June meeting (June 17th at 2 p.m.?)
 - i. Klinchuch is to poll the TAC Committee for availability on June 17th at 2:00 p.m. and June 21st at 9:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary

East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee