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Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, May 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Held via Teleconference

Meeting Attendees:

Tim Gobler – Wutchumna WC, Chair
Mike Hagman – EKGSA Executive Director
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs
Mike Camarena – City of Lindsay
Aaron Bock – County of Tulare, County of Tulare - Landowner
Dale West – Stone Corral ID
Cruz Romero – Lindmore ID
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Lead
Nick Keller – Consultant
Members of the Public

Members Absent:

EKGSA At Large (Cruz)
Sentinel Butte MWC (Buldo)

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Gobler called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The attendees gave brief self-introductions.
3. **Public Comment** — There were no public comments given.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes March 11, 2020 Meeting – Committee Member West made a motion to approve the Minutes and was seconded by Committee Member Camarena. The motion passed.
5. **Committee Business**
 - a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date – Mike Hagman and Matt Klinchuch updated the TAC on Subbasin-level efforts since the previous meeting.
 - i. Management Team – The Management Team had not met since the previous TAC meeting. There is no scheduled upcoming meeting. Hagman shared that the GSA Managers are focused on getting a working Data Management System (DMS) and a task order agreement with GEI to operate the DMS for the next year. Hagman also noted that Paul Hendrix had retired, and Aaron Fukuda was taking on the role as Interim General Manager of the Mid-Kaweah GSA.



- ii. Subbasin Technical Efforts – On the technical side, the only item to report was that the Annual Monitoring Report was submitted and should be available on the DWR SGMA Portal.
 - b. GSP Implementation Items
 - i. Monitoring Network – Klinchuch and Cruz Romero provided brief updates on activities related to the Monitoring Network.
 - 1. Groundwater Level Monitoring – The focus is to find locations to establish the seven new dedicated monitoring wells aimed at filling data gaps in the EKGSA Monitoring Network. Klinchuch noted that a “what is needed” document will be created shortly that describes items to consider for a new monitoring well. Romero had begun calling landowners to discuss potential sites of interest. Hagman noted that there is potential for the need to purchase an easement if wells are placed on private property.
 - 2. Groundwater Quality Monitoring – The quality monitoring for agricultural wells will likely follow a similar path with the groundwater level monitoring. Landowner agreements will be needed.
 - 3. Subsidence Monitoring – Klinchuch reported that surveyors had gone out to take the initial measurements of the proposed subsidence monitoring locations on the Friant-Kern Canal and Plainview Well. More formal monitoring monuments would be in the works to be set at these locations.
 - ii. Irrigation Demand (LandIQ) Update – Hagman provided an update related to LandIQ monitoring. He noted that approximately nine stations (TuleTek) had been authorized and nearly all installed thanks to some EKGSA Board Members. Reports for the first few months of the year are not yet available largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, LandIQ has secured agreements with more agencies and acreages in the southern Central Valley that is allowing some costs to come down. Chair Gobler noted that he has seen more recent data from LandIQ, and their results are getting better and better with more stations and evolving technology. Most struggle is with the new plantings compared to mature.
- 6. New/Other Business** – Hagman updated the Committee on several other items.
- a. There are two grants that have been awarded to the Kaweah Subbasin, the Prop. 68 Round 3 Planning Grant and the RCIS Grant. The Prop 68 grant still doesn’t have a signed agreement with DWR however it should be coming soon. The RCIS Grant has a signed agreement and the EKGSA Board recently authorized hiring consultant to assist in the conservation planning and appointed a member to participate in the steering committee.
 - b. The Prop. 218 effort still plans to proceed. The Engineer’s Report is essentially complete following the March TAC. Next steps include outreach with landowners ahead of an anticipated ballot process beginning in August. The COVID-19 issue is causing difficulty with planning outreach.



- c. Now that the Annual Report has been submitted the plan is to provide an update to everyone in the EKGSA with a newsletter. Hagman is looking to work with the Districts and County for sending out the mailings, when ready.

7. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting Date and Time: June 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting may be moved or cancelled, pending material available for discussion.

8. Adjournment – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary

East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee