



MINUTES

Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, July 6, 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)
Mike Hagman – Lindmore ID
Calvin Monreal – Lindmore ID
Craig Wallace – Lindsay-Strathmore ID
Tom Weddle – Exeter and Ivanhoe IDs
Dale West – Stone Corral ID
Neyba Amezcua – City of Lindsay
Matt Klinchuch – EKGSA Technical Consultant (Vice Chair)
Mark Larsen – Greater Kaweah GSA
Paul Hendrix – Mid Kaweah GSA
Joe Ferrara – Stakeholder
David Roberts – Stone Corral ID
John Yohannes – Stakeholder
Lee Waddle – BWC
Alex Peltzer – Peltzer & Richardson
Natalie Griswold – Peltzer & Richardson
Michelle Ricker – GEI
Tim Nicely – GSI (by phone)

Members Absent:

County of Tulare
County of Tulare (Landowner)
EKGSA At Large
Sentinel Butte MWC

1. **Call to Order** – Committee Chair Gobler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Self-Introductions** – The members in attendance gave a brief self-introduction.
3. **Public Comment**— No public comment was provided.
4. **Committee Administration**
 - a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from May 31, 2018 Meeting – A motion was made by Committee Member Hagman and seconded by Committee Member Wallace to approve the minutes from the May 31st meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



5. Committee Business

- a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date – Committee Member Hagman updated the group on the Subbasin level efforts since the previous meeting.
 - i. Management Team – The June Management Team meeting was cancelled. He shared that information is being developed but wasn't ready for the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for July 18th but may be cancelled.
 - ii. Sub-Basin Technical Efforts – The Subbasin TAC is no longer a committee for the MOU. The GSAs will rely on their individual TAC for review and direction. Water Budget data is still being developed at the Subbasin level.

- b. Legal Presentation – EKGSA Counsel – No legal presentation was made by EKGSA Counsel at the meeting.

- c. Evaluate and Recommend to EKGSA Board on Hardrock Well Exemption Proposal – Alex Peltzer presented more information regarding a proposal for a Hardrock Well Exemption policy. Mr. Peltzer shared the intent of the policy and the process for approvals. The primary concerns from the Committee were: 1) where does the water go if it was not pumped? Would it make it into the Subbasin alluvium? 2) The water should be metered to understand quantity being pumped. 3) How many landowners would look to be part of this exemption? Through the discussions it was learned that the DWR has informational materials on “hard rock” wells and considers them different than alluvial wells. The Committee opted to not make a recommendation to the EKGSA Board at this time and have more information presented at a future meeting, including the DWR information, a report or discussion from a geologist/hydrogeologist on the interaction between hard rock and alluvium, and potentially a map indicating the potential areas that may look to receive this exemption.

- d. Update on EKGSA Data Gathering – Vice Chair Klinchuch provided an update on the status of the data gathering for the EKGSA and entire Kaweah Subbasin. Water budget data is being compiled and rough quantities of basin inflows had been developed. Klinchuch shared these estimates for streambed percolation, post-headgate percolation, irrigation return flows, recharge basin percolation, and precipitation percolation. The committee discussed these numbers and where there needs to be improvement. The Committee had concern regarding the number for irrigation return flows. The number appeared too high and the Committee would like a breakdown between applied surface water and groundwater that makes up the return flows. Klinchuch will continue to work with Tim Nicely and the GEI staff to further develop these numbers. Additionally, Klinchuch shared that portions of chapters of the GSP are being developed that can be developed. These are to be shared at meetings in the near future.



- e. Review GSP Timeline and Next Steps – Vice Chair Klinchuch shared GSP schedules with the committee. The timelines shared compared the schedule submitted in the grant application in September 2017 with a high-level breakout of milestones between now and the January 31, 2020 GSP Submittal. In summary, there is a significant amount of work needing to be accomplished in the next 6 – 9 months. The Committee then focused on key next steps for future meetings. In the coming meetings the TAC intends to start discussing the Sustainability Criteria for the EKGSA. The TAC also intends to further discuss the results from the USBR technical studies for the Friant Districts and how these studies may support different management areas.
- f. Potential Projects – Vice Chair Klinchuch reminded the group to continue thinking of projects for evaluation in the GSP, and to submit them to Klinchuch or his staff. Committee Member Hagman provided an update on the two “micro” basins drilled in the Lindmore Irrigation District. Currently, they are not performing well, and further investigation is needed.

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

7. Announcements

- a. Discuss Next Meeting Date and Time: August ?, 2018 – Due to a conflict on August 3rd (the regular meeting date), the August meeting date needed to be adjusted. After discussion amongst the members, Committee Member Hagman made a motion, and seconded on Committee Member West, to hold the next TAC meeting on August 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the office of Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group.

8. Adjournment – Chair Gobler adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Klinchuch, Secretary
East Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee