



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

San Joaquin County – Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Avenue – Assembly Room #1, Stockton, California

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Safety Announcement/Introductions
- II. **SCHEDULED ITEMS** – *Presentation materials to be posted on ESJGroundwater.org and emailed prior to the meeting. Copies of presentation materials will be available at the meeting.*
 - A. Discussion /Action Items:
 1. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2019 (See Attached)
 2. Bundle Review & GSP Draft Release Process
 3. Implementation Phase
 4. Funding Sources
 5. Inter-basin Coordination
 6. Fourth Informational Meeting – July 18, 5-8 PM (Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center, Stockton)
 7. County Coordination Process/Plan Coordinator
 8. July Agenda Items and Meeting Location Change
- III. Public Comment (non-agendized items)
- IV. Future Agenda Items
- V. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting

July 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**Note: The JULY 10 meeting will be held at the Manteca Transit Center
220 Moffat Blvd, Manteca, CA 95336**

Action may be taken on any item

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EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2019

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Safety Announcement/Roll Call

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Advisory Committee meeting was convened by Alyson Watson at 9:04 a.m., on May 8, 2019, at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center, 2101 E. Earhart Ave. Stockton, CA. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a representative of the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services provided the required safety information.

In attendance were George Biagi, Reid Roberts, Lance Roberts, Elba Mijango, Danny Trejo, Walt Ward, Dave Fletcher, Mike Henry, Emily Sheldon, Mia Brown, and Cathy Lee.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2019

Mr. Dave Fletcher moved, and Mr. Mike Henry seconded the approval of the April 24 meeting minutes. Ms. Elba Mijango abstained.

2. Schedule for Meetings

Ms. Alyson Watson gave an overview of the schedule for Advisory Committee meetings for rest of 2019 and walked through next step items for GSP implementation.

Mr. Henry indicated that Lockeford Community Services District discussed the continuation of the Advisory Committee and believe it should continue in some form to monitor the GSP and make recommendations to the Board. He stated he does not think it requires monthly meeting. Mr. Brandon Nakagawa provided context and encouraged members to discuss with their Boards. Ms. Elba Mijango asked if there is potential to convene a technical group. Ms. Cathy Lee asked to keep the item on the next agenda.

Mr. Henry questioned if there is a way to bring in a similar group to continue the work. He noted that opening the discussion is good, but it needs to be continued. Mr. Walt Ward submitted that developing the GSP is the easy part and the challenge is true implementation. He noted it will need to be coordinated at a committee level. Ms. Lee agreed and stated there needs to be a committee or subgroup that meets to work on implementation. She noted more time is needed to develop the approach.

3. Bundle 1 – Draft Chapter Overview

Ms. Watson provided an overview of what is included in Bundle 1 draft chapters that are out for Board review at present. She indicated Bundle 1 was posted to the website on May 1 and comments are due by June 1.

4. Additional GSP Elements (Reg. § 354.8 g)

Ms. Watson walked through the list of additional GSP elements that can be addressed in the GSP.

Ms. Mijango asked if the Plan would be compliant if the additional items were not addressed. Ms. Watson and Mr. Paul Wells clarified. Ms. Mijango noted that the well destruction program would apply because it is an existing program. Ms. Watson indicated the section can be used to describe existing programs, or to discuss changes, but it is not required.

Mr. Ward noted all elements presented are relevant and important. He stated that, to the degree needed to be addressed in plan, we could speak to each. He specified that he would like to see something on the second to last bullet (processes to review land use plans and efforts to coordinate with land use planning agencies to assess activities that potentially create risks to groundwater quality or quantity). Mr. Ward indicated that he could envision a General Plan or CEQA plan where the water elements are under purview of a GSA or the JPA to review and comment so they can propose something that is consistent with the GSP. Mr. Lance Roberts noted the main concern for him was also land use. Ms. Emily Sheldon had a similar comment and noted concerns around future land use and what power the JPA has to influence. She agreed with Mr. Ward's comment about support for a formal opportunity for GSAs to provide input and review General Plans moving forward to ensure consistency. Ms. Lee stated that Stockton East Water District is also concerned about land use and would like to be involved in land use change decisions that involve groundwater sustainability.

Mr. Ward asked a clarifying question about "replenishment of groundwater extractions". He noted it would be helpful to cross-reference other elements of the plan where topics are covered so sections are tied together. Mr. Nakagawa echoed the comment from Mr. Ward on cross-referencing topics. He stated we are potentially not ready for additional work items except possibly the land use bullet. At a minimum, he suggested describing the land use decision process and indicating who makes those decisions and how GSAs can comment through the existing process. If there is a future need to get more involved, it can be addressed in future iterations of the plan.

5. County Coordination Process/Plan Coordinator

Mr. Nakagawa provided this update. He stated he is leaving San Joaquin County after 18 years and is joining SSJID starting on Monday, May 13, 2019. He recommended tabling the agenda item until June when we can return with a better recommendation. Mr. Kris Balaji was not in attendance and the group did not want to commit him to a role without his presence.

Ms. Lee questioned if the Plan Coordinator needed to be with County because the DWR grant is administered by County. Mr. Nakagawa answered no.

6. June Agenda Items

- **Funding and Grant Sources** – Woodard & Curran will put together a summary of funding sources for projects & management actions, and also plan administration (conservation, IRWM, etc.)
- **Plan Coordinator** – Return to discussion with recommendation.
- **Schedule for Meetings** – Continue discussion on schedule for remainder of Advisory Committee meetings and the shape of the governing body post-GSP adoption.

Mr. Wells discussed Prop. 68 funding and noted that the Draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) is out as of May 3rd. He noted there is a review period, and DWR is having workshops. Ms. Lee asked if there will be Prop. 1 funding for GSP implementation. Mr. Wells answered that he is not sure what will be available. Mr. Nakagawa noted there is \$31M in Prop. 1 for IRWM. He noted this could be a way to fund some SGMA and DAC projects.

Mr. Ward asked a clarifying question about the review schedule and requested a clearer schedule. Ms. Watson noted a simplified schedule will be sent out, and a slide will be included next month to step through the schedule.

III. Public Comment (non-agendized items):

Ms. Mary Elizabeth (Sierra Club) thanked Mr. Nakagawa. She requested that the City of Stockton and other Advisory Committee members send emails out regarding the draft chapter so the public is informed. She stated that the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Authority (GBA) is still on the books and should be discussed at same time that the next phase of the JPA is discussed. She stated it is critically important to acknowledge and summarize wellhead protection, recharge, and land use, and address new wells being installed in critically overdrafted areas. She noted that this has been brought up in Workgroup discussions. She indicated the Subbasin has three counties, and the GSP should compile information from all three counties. She stated she believes some kind of monitoring conservation is needed and how well those are working should be monitored. Ms. Mary Elizabeth next indicated that residents of the City of Stockton within the Cal Water boundary have exceeded conservation projections, so the focus should be put on other areas.

In terms of managed recharge, she noted there needs to be greater vision of how establishing recharge areas could work in conjunction with flood protection, and this should be addressed to areas with high recharge potential. Lastly, regarding the JPA approval projected for November 13, she believes GSAs should approve the GSP prior to JPA approval. Not all GSAs have regular information regarding the plan and having this in place of goal would allow GSAs to become more informed.

IV. Future Agenda Items:

Ms. Lee questioned if two Advisory Committee meetings will be needed in June. Ms. Watson answered no.

V. Adjournment:

Ms. Mijango moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded meeting adjournment. The meeting was closed at 9:58 am.

Next Regular Meeting: June 12, 2019

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Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sign-In Sheet

May 8, 2019

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MR	Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District	Roberts, Reid
LA	City of Lodi	Roberts, Lance
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WFA	Eastside San Joaquin GSA	Ward, Walt
DF	Linden County Water District	Fletcher, Dave
MS	Lockeford Community Services District	Henry, Mike
	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District	de Graaf, Daniel
ES	Oakdale Irrigation District	Sheldon, Emily
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