



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 13, 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 October 17, 2019 (See Attached)
 2. GSP Adoption Process
 3. Grant Update
 4. Plan Implementation
 - i. Work Items to start in 2020
 - ii. Plan Administration (meeting structure, governance, committees in 2020)
 - iii. Budget through June 30, 2020
 - iv. Longer Term Cost Allocation
 5. December Agenda Items
- III. **Public Comment (non-agendized items)**
- IV. **Future Agenda Items**
- V. **Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting

December 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

San Joaquin County - Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Ave., Assembly Rm. #1, Stockton, California

Action may be taken on any item

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EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 17, 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 Christy Kennedy at 8:33 a.m., on October 17, 2019, at the Delta Water Treatment Plant, 11373 North Lower Sacramento Road, Lodi, CA 95242. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a representative of the City of Stockton provided the required safety information.

In attendance were Michael Hurley, Dante Nomellini, Reid Roberts, Travis Kahrs, George Montross, Mel Lytle, Peter Martin, Dave Fletcher, Mike Henry, Daniel de Graaf, Emily Sheldon, Kris Balaji, Brandon Nakagawa, and Scot Moody.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

Motion

Mr. Scot Moody moved, and Mr. Matt Zidar seconded the approval of the September 11 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Implementation – Ad-Hoc Committee Findings & Input

Ms. Christy Kennedy walked through the Ad-hoc Committee recommendation and asked for feedback and recommendations on methodology.

Grant: Prop. 68 Resolution, Grant Package, Letters of Support

Ms. Kennedy provided an update on the Proposition 68 grant application and indicated that a letter of support template has been prepared. Letters of support are being requested from GSAs, neighboring subbasins, and disadvantaged communities (DACs). Mr. Nomellini discussed the use of funding for project implementation versus monitoring. Mr. Zidar and Dr. Lytle provided additional background information on items included in the application. Mr. Moody indicated there was interest between Stockton East Water District (SEWD) and North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) to better understand the groundwater depression. For example: what are the drivers? He noted the need for monitoring to inform where to put projects.

Implementation Items: Annual GSP Activities, Approach for Cost Sharing, Proposed Methodology

Ms. Kennedy presented an overview of implementation activities, costs, and proposed cost-sharing plan identified by the Ad-hoc Committee. Mr. Zidar provided additional information on the Ad-hoc Committee's recommendation. Mr. Nomellini indicated that he would like to see the GSA-level water budgets and stated that groundwater in the Delta area is recharging. He noted it will be difficult to bring the proposed costs to his agency but is interested in participating in community effort to keep people together. Mr. Zidar noted that a financing plan is part of the grant application. Mr. Nomellini questioned if 12 meetings per year are needed or if this could be streamlined (for example by adding agenda items to Advisory Water Committee agendas). Mr. Balaji acknowledged Mr. Nomellini's comments and clarified the need for a public forum and the administration costs. Mr. Nomellini noted gravitometer potential for monitoring for savings. Mr. Moody stated he hopes that over time the bottom line budget can come down, and noted concern about what is required. He noted SEWD would not be able to absorb the proposed number with current manning.

Dr. Lytle stated that urban areas have invested millions of dollars into planning and groundwater offsets. He noted that the City of Stockton has already spent hundreds of millions of dollars to improve conditions but is not credited for that with a 50% population basis. Mr. Nomellini questioned if the budget can be developed year-to-year instead of a long-term structure. Mr. Hurley indicated that the methodology is critical, and the group needs to come up with something that is fair. Dr. Lytle indicated that the Ad-hoc Committee was sensitive to the "ability to pay" criteria and noted there is a way to weight this for agencies that have less budget available. Dr. Lytle also proposed a concept based on ability to pay and total DACs in populated areas. Mr. Nakagawa indicated that South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) will commit to whatever it takes to get to a number. He noted that magnitude is important, and methodology is important, but if an agency cannot afford a number, the group needs to know so a Plan B can be created.

Public Comment:

Ms. Mary Elizabeth (Sierra Club, Delta-Sierra Group) noted she could not determine how factors were developed and indicated the need for clear discussion and openness about how the numbers came to be. She agreed with Mr. Nomellini that there are other meetings that can be piggy-backed on to talk about SGMA, and noted it is onerous to have so many meetings to attend. As a follow-up to Dr. Lytle's concern, Ms. Elizabeth stated that contributions from Stockton residents could be used in other ways to benefit the community rather than going to support for-profit water entities. She additionally objected to the use of public funds to supplement San Joaquin County No. 2 GSA and indicated the GSA should be treated the same as Eastside GSA. She further indicated that in Cal Water's rate proceedings, a number was disclosed on the order of \$32,000 that would take care of SGMA responsibilities. She noted certain GSAs will be paying more than others based on groundwater use and suggested a comparison of SWRCB costs for take-over to give a better idea for how much is supplementing farm interests. She noted for-profit farmers may not be paying their fair share.

3. Resolution to Admit Woodbridge Irrigation District GSA into the Authority

Mr. Moody moved, and Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion to recommend to the Board that Woodbridge Irrigation District GSA be readmitted into the GWA. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Comments & Response on Draft GSP Update

Ms. Elizabeth asked that the combined letter on planned outreach be incorporated into the GSP as a comment letter.

5. GSA GSP Adoption Process

Ms. Elizabeth asked for information on how the JPA will implement the GSP under the current JPA agreement.

6. November Agenda Items

November agenda items will include process for GSP adoption and plan implementation. Mr. Nomellini noted that implementation of projects is through GSAs.

B. Informational Items:

III. Public Comment (non-agendized items):

Ms. Valerie Kincaid (counsel to OID and SSJID) indicated it might help to include language such as "the JPA has authority to coordinate implementation by the GSAs" in GSP adoption language.

IV. Future Agenda Items:

None.

V. Adjournment:

Dr. Lytle moved, and Mr. Hurley seconded meeting adjournment. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was closed at 9:36 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: November 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center, 2101 E. Earhart Ave. Stockton, CA

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sign-In Sheet

October 17, 2019

INITIAL	AGENCY	MEMBER
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ES	Oakdale Irrigation District	Sheldon, Emily
Present	San Joaquin County	Balaji, Kris
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