



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday, August 14, 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 July 10, 2019 (See Attached)
 2. Outreach Update
 3. Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation and Input
 4. Proposition 68 Grant Application
 5. Draft GSP Comment Incorporation Process
 6. GSP Adoption Procedures
 7. Staff Administration for GWA for Implementation
 8. Interbasin Coordination Summary
 9. September Agenda Items
- III. Public Comment (non-agendized items)
- IV. Future Agenda Items
- V. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting

September 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
July 10, 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 9:35 a.m., on July 10, 2019, at the Manteca Transit Center, 220 Moffat Blvd., Manteca, CA 95336. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a representative of the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services provided the required safety information.

In attendance were Jeremiah Mecham, George Biagi Jr., Reid Roberts, Travis Kahrs, Mark Houghton, Mel Lytle, Peter Martin, Dave Fletcher, Mike Henry, Daniel de Graaf, Eric Thorburn, Kris Balaji, Brandon Nakagawa, and Scot Moody.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2019

Motion

Mr. Dave Fletcher moved, and Mr. Mike Henry seconded the approval of the June 12 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Draft GSP Public Review Period & Process for Adopting

Ms. Alyson Watson stated the Draft GSP will be posted today, July 10, 2019, on the website. She walked through the comment process and the upcoming Informational Meeting on July 18, which will be held at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center in Stockton. She presented an overview of Draft GSP chapters and the process for adopting the Plan, noting that the timeframe for GSAs to adopt is November 5 – January 1. Ms. Valerie Kincaid (representing OID and SSJID) questioned what the process will be for handling comments. Ms. Watson responded that the current approach is for Woodard & Curran to compile the comments, summarize, propose a way of addressing, and review with the Advisory Committee for feedback and direction. She indicated the intent is for the public comments to be incorporated into the November 5 Final Draft GSP to the extent the Board sees fit. Ms. Kincaid indicated a staff report would be helpful for outlining the process.

Ms. Kincaid commented on the GSP adoption process, noting that if each individual GSA adopts the GSP, they can be sued, and that the purpose of the JPA is to share liability. Mr. Kris Balaji suggested each GSA Board could pass a resolution recommending the JPA adopt the GSP. Ms. Kincaid indicated she would be more comfortable with that approach. Ms. Watson noted she would confirm with DWR that that approach will be acceptable. Mr. Paul Wells indicated he can coordinate with DWR staff to review questions.

Mr. Henry indicated it would be helpful to include or attach who is submitting the comment, and he echoed that a shared file would be beneficial. Ms. Watson noted that an approach would be put together for comments.

3. Implementation Phase and Funding Next Steps

Ms. Watson indicated that an Ad-hoc Committee to the GWA Board has been formed. The first meeting was held on July 8, and the next meeting is scheduled for July 15. The Ad-hoc Committee will discuss implementation and funding next steps, including whether or not the GWA should pursue funding under Proposition 68. No questions or comments on this item.

4. Update on Inter-basin Coordination

Ms. Watson walked through inter-basin coordination meetings with neighboring Subbasins. Meetings have been scheduled with Modesto, Solano, South American, and East Contra Costa Subbasins. Initial meetings have been held with the Tracy and Cosumnes Subbasins. No questions or comments on this item.

5. Fourth Informational Meeting – July 18, 5-8 PM, Ag. Center

Ms. Watson indicated that the fourth Informational Meeting would be held on July 18, 2019 from 5-8 p.m. at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center. The format is anticipated to be the same as the last few Informational Meetings, with an overview presentation and information on specific elements of the GSP.

6. August Agenda Items

Ms. Watson asked the group if they thought an Advisory Committee meeting in August would be necessary given that the public comment period would be open. Mr. Balaji questioned if additional public meetings would be held during the comment period. Ms. Watson indicated the July 18 date is the only basin-wide meeting planned. Mr. Balaji questioned if it would be possible to know if GSAs have plans for additional outreach that could be publicized on the GWA website. Mr. Glenn Prasad provided an update on the outreach meeting the San Joaquin County GSA is planning. He indicated the County will hold 1 to 2 public meetings during the review period at the Thorton or French Community Center. Mr. Balaji questioned if timeline would be impacted if no meeting is held in August. Ms. Watson indicated this is not anticipated to impact timeline, and that the open items are how to address public comments, which can be summarized via email.

Dr. Mel Lytle indicated the Advisory Committee was scheduled to discuss findings from the Ad-hoc committee survey in August. He questioned if this would conflict with timeline to get back to the Board. Mr. Henry noted his concern for cancelling the August meeting and noted that it could be advantageous for the Ad-hoc Committee to get input from the Advisory Committee before bringing the items to the Board.

Mr. Scot Moody reminded the group that it is an ad-hoc committee of the Board, and the body does not report to the Advisory Committee. He noted he will be engaging in the ACWA Groundwater Committee to comment to DWR about having the April 1, 2020 Report requirement changed since the GSP will have just been submitted in January 2020. Mr. Henry noted the current approach is for a report to go to the Board, but they are looking for feedback from the Advisory Committee. Mr. Balaji indicated his preference for the Advisory Committee to meet in August. Mr. Thorburn agreed.

Dr. Lytle commented that to meeting the April deadline, the group will need to build the report and compile information, which will require a very quick transition. He noted seeking advice from GSAs will help develop a reasonable and appropriate response.

Mr. Balaji indicated consensus around keeping the August Advisory Committee meeting with agenda items being to provide feedback to the Ad-hoc Committee on implementation items and to discuss an approach for summarizing public comments. Mr. Brandon Nakagawa requested direction on adoption procedures as a third agenda item.

B. Informational Items:

III. Public Comment (non-agendized items):

Ms. Mary Elizabeth (Sierra Club) indicated she expected more information on the implementation phase and funding next steps and stated there was no information provided on who attended the ad-hoc meeting, or

what topics were discussed. On the inter-basin coordination meetings, she requested that the kind of information discussed be shared. She stated that, looking through SGMA language on the annual report requirements, she finds the statement regarding the \$1 million cost estimate to be incorrect. She Listed the 5 things that need to be included in the report.

Ms. Watson noted that she was not in attendance at the Ad-hoc Committee meeting. Ms. Christy Kennedy provided additional information on the topics discussed at the inter-basin coordination meetings. She noted the neighboring Subbasins are on a different time scale and the topics discussed were at a high level. They generally covered basin setting, model information and access, available information, Data Management System (DMS) access and neighboring water levels. The intent is to follow up as they develop their models. She indicated San Joaquin County participated in the meeting with the Tracy Subbasin and the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District participated in the meeting with Cosumnes Subbasin. She reiterated this is the first step in the coordination process. Ms. Kincaid indicated it is important to ask if neighboring Subbasins will submit comments on the Draft GSP.

IV. Future Agenda Items:

There was a suggestion that no August Advisory Committee meeting be held in August since the public comment period is open until August 25, 2019. Longer discussion followed on this item (see above). The group recommended that an Advisory Committee meeting be held in August. Agenda items will include providing feedback to the Ad-hoc Committee on implementation items, discussing the approach to public comments, and providing direction on Adoption Procedures.

V. Adjournment:

Motion

Mr. Balaji moved, and Mr. Martin seconded meeting adjournment. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was closed at 11:20 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: August 14, 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

July 10, 2019

| INITIAL | AGENCY | MEMBER |
|----------------|---|---|
| <i>gm</i> | California Water Service Company | Hurley, Michael <i>Jeremiah Meacham</i> |
| <i>Present</i> | Central Delta Water Agency | Biagi Jr., George** |
| <i>WR</i> | Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District | Roberts, Reid** |
| <i>TR</i> | City of Lodi | Kahrs, Travis |
| <i>Present</i> | City of Manteca | Houghton, Mark |
| <i>CM</i> | City of Stockton | Lytle, Mel |
| <i>Pm</i> | Eastside San Joaquin GSA | Martin, Peter |
| <i>DF</i> | Linden County Water District | Fletcher, Dave** |
| <i>↑</i> | Lockeford Community Services District | Henry, Mike** |
| <i>DK</i> | North San Joaquin Water Conservation District | de Graaf, Daniel |
| <i>EW</i> | Oakdale Irrigation District | Thorburn, Eric** |
| <i>Present</i> | San Joaquin County | Balaji, Kris |
| <i>BN</i> | South San Joaquin GSA | Nakagawa, Brandon |
| <i>SM</i> | Stockton East Water District | Moody, Scot |

| OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES | | |
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| <i>Jessica Jones</i> | <i>SS County</i> | |
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