



EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 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 February 13, 2019 (See Attached)
 2. Summary of Approach for Water Budget and Plan Finalization
 3. Possible Recommendation Regarding Water Budget Planning Estimates
 - i. Long-Term Average Imbalance
 - ii. Sustainability Yield
 4. Possible Recommendation Regarding Sustainability Indicators
 5. Possible Recommendation Regarding Monitoring, Measuring and Model Refinements
 6. Possible Recommendation Regarding Project Implementation
 7. Possible Recommendation Regarding Management Actions
 8. Discussion on Groundwater-Dependent Ecosystems
 9. April Agenda Items
- III. Public Comment (non-agendized items)
- IV. Future Agenda Items
- V. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting

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

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Action may be taken on any item

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EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 13, 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 Ms. Alyson Watson at 9:06 A.M., on February 13, 2019, at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center, 2101 E. Earhart Ave. Stockton, CA. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the required safety information was provided.

In attendance were Michael Hurley, Dante Nomellini, Greg Gibson, Reid Roberts, Lance Roberts, Elba Mijango, Mel Lytle, Peter Martin, David Fletcher, Mike Henry, Daniel de Graaf, Emily Sheldon, Chuck Winn, Peter Rietkerk, Scot Moody, and Doug Heberle.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

A. Discussion Items:

1. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2019

Mr. Scot Moody moved, and Mr. Mike Henry seconded the approval of the January 9, 2019 meeting minutes.

2. GSP Roadmap & Deliverables

Ms. Alyson Watson described potential fees for state intervention if the deadline is not met.

Recommendation on GSP Schedule and Approach

Dr. Mel Lytle asked a question about attorney review. Ms. Jennifer Spaletta (NSJWCD) responded with a review concept. She noted that it is important to ensure information in the public review draft is accurate with respect to each GSA and confirm that chapters comply with regulation. She then pointed out a few items included in the regulations that are not reflected in the current schedule. She stated that there is not enough time between the implementation of the plan and the thresholds/budget discussion. The bulk of the plan is within the same month and the schedule needs to allow time for GSA Boards to fully understand the issues. She anticipates supplementing the process and requested building in workshops to delve into the details and move the chapter development forward faster.

Ms. Valerie Kincaid (SSJID/OID) added comments to Ms. Jennifer Spaletta's summary. She went over policy issues and direction (budgets and sustainability indicators). She noted that policy issues will be decided by both the Advisory Committee and the Board and requested a workshop on policy direction and the release of chapters. She also requested a schedule with policy direction included and a schedule with dates (release, comments due back, public release, etc.) She shared her concern about a one-month timeline for policy direction.

Ms. Emily Sheldon requested the release of chapters internally as they are ready. Dr. Mel Lytle asked if the consulting team has received policy direction. Ms. Jennifer Spaletta requested that a legal workgroup be fit into the process. She stated that the NSJ Board has not allowed any Advisory Committee members to provide policy decisions and provided examples of policy direction. She noted DWR regulations (part of water budget exercise), sustainable yield determination, and supply-side policy decisions need to be made. She asked: when there is seepage from imported supplies, are they allocated to the importer or to the basin? This has not been brought back to the NSJ Board. The City of Stockton would like to obtain credit for the seepage according to the GSA, but this has not been daylighted, discussed, and taken back for approval. She noted that the last set of slides showed pumping limitations of 100,000 AFY if there are no projects to

increase water supplies. The NSJ Board did not see where this information came from so, they did not have the opportunity to understand and make a decision in support. General discussions occurred but no final decisions for purposes of the GSP were made.

Mr. Greg Gibson suggested a two-week review period so that there will be time to review and understand the draft prior to making recommendations to the Board. Mr. Peter Rietkerk recommended setting a precedent of reviewing documents internally and requested a detailed schedule on deliverables. He noted that review time and policy decisions should be included in the schedule. Mr. Lance Roberts stated that internal review is important. Mr. Dante Nomellini (CDWA) stated that the worst thing to do is put out a public draft and fight amongst ourselves. He suggested an opportunity for supplemental water and time for staff review. The GSAs need time to deal with issues and make critical policy decisions. Dr. Mel Lytle agreed that internal review is critical. Mr. Dante Nomellini thought that each GSA would write their own chapter. Ms. Alyson Watson provided context. Mr. Daniel deGraaf stated that it is not the attorney's intention to have exclusive access. He stated his concern about the schedule. Mr. Mike Henry asked a clarifying question and concurred with comments to have the draft corrected before it goes public. Ms. Valerie Kincaid requested the rolling release of chapters both internal and to the public. She expressed concern that talking to GSAs one-on-one is encouraged but that there are policy decisions to be made at basin-wide levels. It was noted that the Board needs to make decisions on how to allocate seepage and policy decisions need to be made before writing chapters. Ms. Jennifer Spaletta stated that they need to tee up and package policy decisions. She stated that the path is definable and suggested that GSA budgets and the sustainable yield calculations need to be done in March before other things in April are scheduled. She recommended scheduling a workshop in the next two weeks for interested parties to go over the details of sustainable yield and water budgets. The conclusion of the workshop would be to sort out policy decisions that need to be made and to finish the chapter on basin setting.

Public Comment: Ms. Mary Elizabeth (Sierra Club) stated she has requested the GSA-specific water budgets on many occasions. The HCM was a deliverable that was due by the Proposition 1 Grant in March 2018. She noted that a Public Information request was made to DWR and the County Council for those deliverables, and that the information still has not been fully released for public review. It was indicated that the water model was recently posted on the website. Ms. Mary Elizabeth noted that the City of Stockton as a GSA Board has not met since February 2018; therefore, they are not being regularly informed of the needs for policy decisions as a board in a public forum.

Action:

Mr. Peter Rietkerk moved to recommend to the Board the approval of an internal advisory review period where consultants work with legal staff to provide a detailed schedule. Mr. Scot Moody seconded, and there was unanimous agreement amongst the committee members.

3. Pathway Toward GSP Preparation

Ms. Alyson Watson provided an overview of next steps toward GSP preparation and noted that coordination with individual GSAs on water balances will take place in the March to April timeframe. Ms. Jennifer Spaletta noted that under DWR regulations, the first chapter is the Administrative Chapter, then the Basin Setting follows. Important components include the water budget and the sustainable yield calculation. There is a policy-level decision for calculating these on the GSA or Basin level. She stated that we will not be able to see a draft of the Basin Setting chapter until after April and she is concerned with this timing. She noted the need for a pathway to tee-up policy decisions in order to get the Administrative Draft of the Basin Setting chapter to GSAs in March. This will allow the entire Basin Setting to be available to Advisory Committee in April. Mr. Scot Moody noted that working together will be more effective.

4. Financing

Mr. Toby Fedder (Woodard & Curran) provided an overview of funding and financing options available.

5. Monitoring Network

An update was provided on proposed monitoring well locations.

6. Changes to GSAs

Ms. Alyson Watson provided an update on changes to GSAs. The Lathrop basin boundary modification was approved, and the City of Lathrop GSA was removed from the basin. The Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID) Board elected to withdraw as a GSA and gave a 90-day notice to withdraw from the GWA as well. Mr. Greg Gibson thanked the group for the learning opportunity. Mr. Doug Heberle noted that the WID is removing itself as a GSA. Mr. Dante Nomellini asked a question about the overlap with WID. The County noted that they will be discussing this further.

7. March Agenda Items

An updated schedule will be created based on input from GSA staff over the next several weeks.

B. Informational Items:

III. Public Comment (non-agendized items):

Mr. Paul Wells noted that it is time to get a TSS application in. He suggested that they coordinate the withdrawal of WID with DWR to cover the unmanaged area. The DWR is sponsoring a GSA forum on March 21, 2019. The panel will discuss GSAs working together and determine how to engage stakeholders for the Tracy Subbasin and East Contra Costa Subbasin. Information on this event is available on Event Bright and the DWR website.

IV. Future Agenda Items:

V. Adjournment:

The meeting was closed at 10:38 A.M.

Next Regular Meeting: March 13, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

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Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sign-In Sheet

February 13, 2019

INITIAL	AGENCY	MEMBER
MH	California Water Service Company	Hurley, Michael
CB	Central Delta Water Agency	Nomellini, Dante <i>G. Juagi</i>
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LR	City of Lodi	Roberts, Lance
E.U.	City of Manteca	Mijango, Elba
Ch	City of Stockton	Lytle, Mel
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DAT	Linden County Water District	Fletcher, Dave
	Lockeford Community Services District	Henry, Mike
DC	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District	de Graaf, Daniel
ES	Oakdale Irrigation District	Sheldon, Emily
	San Joaquin County	Winn, Chuck
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