



**Stanislaus County
Water Advisory Committee**

Minutes

February 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Kirk Lindsey Center
1020 10th Street, Suite 102
Modesto, California

Members Present:

Alfred Bairos
Louis Bricchetto
Larry Byrd
Francisco Canela
Jim DeMartini
Richard Gemperle
Michael Lynch

Jim Mortensen
Tom Orvis
Donald Petersen
Sean Roddy
Cooper M. Rossiter
Robert Santos
Thomas Smith

Chris Vierra
Walter Ward
Forrest J. White
Wayne Zipser
Bill Zoslocki

Members Absent:

Ray Kablanow
Neil Hudson

- 1. Welcome Comments** Walter Ward
Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Self-Introductions** All
- 3. Opening Remarks** Keith Boggs
The committee has 104 days to present its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. June 10, 2014 is the target date for this to occur.
- 4. Certificate of Oath/Swearing In** Jim DeMartini
- 5. Housekeeping** Walter Ward
County Counsel Jack Doering discussed the potential for conflict of interest among the committee's members and work products in relation to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and implications of future action taken by the Board of Supervisors. There did not appear to be any conflict with the FPPC rules at this time unless a track record was established wherein the Board of Supervisors regularly and routinely adopted recommendations made by the committee. This is something that the committee will need to monitor as time goes forward.

6. Public Comments

Mr. Armando Arreola discussed some pending legislation that he is developing related to water utility taxation.

Mr. David Avila discussed the relationship of the United States Constitution as it relates to water resources and forestry management.

Mr. John Herlihy asked how the agenda process works, how public comments get to the committee members, how the meetings will be announced, and if there will be a website. Walter Ward assured him that these concerns are being addressed.

7. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair* All

Wayne Zipser was voted as Chair. He was nominated by Louis Brichetto and seconded by Rob Santos. The vote was unanimous – 16 ayes.

Rob Santos was voted as Vice-Chair. He was nominated by Larry Byrd and seconded by Louis Brichetto. The vote was unanimous – 16 ayes.

8. Mission Statement Walter Ward

Walter Ward presented a draft Mission Statement and Keys to Success document to the committee. It was agreed to change “*all* citizens” to “*its* citizens” for clarification and to add the Mission Statement’s approval as an Agenda item for the next meeting.

9. Groundwater Overview Sarge Green, CSU Fresno

Sarge Green made a presentation to the group regarding the geologic occurrence of groundwater in the Central Valley and water rights related to groundwater extraction.

10. Future Meeting Schedule & Venue All

In order to make the 100 day deadline of June 10th, the committee agreed that bi-monthly meetings would be needed. The second meeting of each month will be held in the evening to accommodate the work day schedule for most of the members. It will be scheduled ‘sandwiched’ in-between the currently scheduled 4th Wednesday of each month meeting. The committee will be notified via email regarding the scheduling of the second meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

PREPARED BY:
ANETTE ARIAS, Administrative Secretary