



**Stanislaus County  
Water Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

April 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center  
Harvest Hall  
Modesto, California

**Members Present:**

Al Bairos	Ray Kablanow	Chris Vierra
Louis Brichetto	Michael Lynch	Walter Ward
Larry Byrd	Jim Mortensen	Forrest White
Francisco Canela	Tom Orvis	Terry Withrow
Richard Gemperle	Donald Peterson	Wayne Zipser
Neil Hudson	Thomas Smith	

**Members Absent:**

Sean Roddy	Rob Santos
Cooper Rossiter	Bill Zoslocki

**I. Called to Order** at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Public Comment**

Pam Vierra, domestic land owner in Denair, expressed concern for domestic wells that are experiencing problems with their water supply due to large nearby agricultural wells supplying irrigation water to orchards that have caused drawdown effects resulting in the inability for their private well to function properly or not function at all. She expressed concern for the cost associated with having to replace or refurbish her private well and asked if there was any financial assistance that could assist her family.

**IV. Roll Call**

**V. Approval of March 26, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Jim Mortensen  
Second: Louis Brichetto  
Vote: Unanimous Approval

**VI. 100 Day Action Plan: Groundwater Thresholds and Monitoring**

a. Thresholds

Sarge Green, CSU Fresno, suggested how it should be able to establish reasonable thresholds, despite the challenges of the diverse groundwater hydrology, once more information is gathered from the Northeastern area where we currently have the least amount of data. This information would then be combined with the information from the areas in the County that are already

covered by existing Groundwater Management Plans that have clearly defined Basin Management Objectives (BMO's).

b. Monitoring

Walter Ward, presented information pertaining to the need for discrete zone groundwater level monitoring data and that groundwater extraction data (pumping reports) are necessary to be used to better understand the aquifer system(s) and to improve modeling forecasting ability and reliability. Ward suggested that this data could be collected on a monthly aggregated basis using Section, Township and Range as geographic markers.

Discussions ensued that prompted the WAC to express the need for the definition of mining to be revised and directed this activity back to the TAC for further work.

Chairman Wayne Zipser had to leave right before Kevin Kauffman's presentation due to family obligations. Supervisor Withrow carried out the duties of the Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

**VII. Addressing the Eastside Water District (EWD) Groundwater Challenges – Kevin Kauffman**

Mr. Kauffman generally explained EWD's efforts (past, present & future) to address groundwater on the Eastside of the County and expressed their willingness to assist the WAC's objectives.

**VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

PREPARED BY:  
ANETTE ARIAS, Administrative Secretary

**Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee  
Voting & Attendance Record  
Committee Roster (Voting Members)**

Meeting Date	Action Item No.	Al Bairos	Louis Brichetto	Larry Byrd	Francisco Canela	Richard Gemperle	Neil Hudson	Ray Kablanow	Michael Lynch	Jim Mortensen	Tom Orvis	Donald Peterson	Sean Roddy	Cooper Rossiter	Rob Santos	Thomas Smith	Chris Vierra	Forrest White	Wayne Zipser	Bill Zoslocki	Totals		Pass/ Fail	
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2/26/14	VII - Chair	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	16	0	P	
	VII - Vice Chair	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	16	0	P	
3/12/14	V - Minutes	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	NP	Y	Y	15	0	P	
	VI - Mission Statement	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	NP	Y	Y	15	0	P	
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	VI a - Thresholds	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y - 1st	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	19	0	P	
	VI b - Monitoring	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 1st	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	19	0	P	
	VI c - Governance	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 1st	Y	Y - 2nd	19	0	P	
	VI d - Funding	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y - 1st	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	19	0	P	
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	VI e (2) - Enforcement	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y - 1st	Y	Y	16	3	P
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