



**Stanislaus County
Water Advisory Committee**

Minutes

July 30, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Alliance's Kirk Lindsey Center
1020 10th St, Suite 102
Modesto, California

Members Present:

Louis Brichetto
Larry Byrd
Francisco Canela
Richard Gemperle
Neil Hudson
Ray Kablanow (9:30)

Michael Lynch (9:15)
Jim Mortensen
Tom Orvis
Donald Peterson
Sean Roddy
Cooper Rossiter

Rob Santos
Thomas Smith
Chris Vierra
Walter Ward
Terry Withrow

Members Absent:

Forrest White
Bill Zoslocki

- I. **Called to Order** at 9:00 a.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Public Comment**
- IV. **Roll Call**
- V. **Approval of June 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes**
Motion: Tom Orvis
Second: Rob Santos
Vote: Unanimous
- VI. **Groundwater Level Monitoring Network Program**

Prior to taking action on this item, Walter Ward noted that future action items by the WAC would be subject to a 3-step process. The first step would be to introduce the topic as an agenda item (1st Draft) and ask for review and comment by a certain date. The item would then be brought back to the WAC for additional discussion and clarification (2nd Draft). After a final round of comments and revision the item would then be agenda item for a vote.

This monitoring network program was developed by members of the WAC and after a couple of rounds of review and comment through the TAC and WAC process, was brought to a vote for acceptance. It was unanimously approved. The next step is to bring it back to the TAC to make the technical assignments for subject matter experts to represent each of the sub-areas identified in the program and included with the document. This document is also available on the WAC webpage.

Motion: Rob Santos
Second: Cooper Rossiter
Vote: Unanimous

VII. Water Well Permitting Activity

Walter Ward presented a chart that compared well permitting activity for 2014 compared to 2013. The chart depicted agricultural well permits and domestic water well permits for the eastside of the County and for the remainder of the County. It showed that there are many more permits being issued for agricultural wells and domestic wells in other parts of the County outside of the eastside. The charts are included with the presentation materials for this meeting and are posted on the WAC webpage.

VIII. Rural Domestic Well Issues

Walter Ward provided an overview of the location of the reported domestic wells that have been impacted by the drought and/or local pumping. The “dry wells” are scattered throughout the County but there are clusters in the Valley Home and Denair areas. The predominant character of these wells is that they are shallow (generally less than 100 feet in depth) and most are 40+ years in age.

Ward also reported to the committee that a “Report a Well Problem” form for reporting well problems has been developed and will be uploaded to the County’s website. This will allow affected well owners to report the problems they are experiencing with their water well. The information will be kept confidential and not shared with the public. It will be set up to allow on-line reporting or the well owner can print the form out and mail/fax/attach the completed document to the County at the address indicated on the form. The County webpage concerning this item will also include links to other web sites where useful information regarding in-home water use & conservation, financial assistance (USDA Rural Development Assistance program) and how to contact the DWR to obtain a copy of the Well Completion Report filed for their well.

The concern about the long lead time for wells to be replaced was also discussed as it pertains to drilling capacity. It was noted that DER staff would schedule a meeting with the local water well contractors to discuss this matter and explore what else could be done to speed up the response time. It was also discussed that part of the delay could be related to California Air Resources Board regulations regarding air emissions that could be constraining the availability of drilling rigs. DER staff will initiate this contact to determine what these constraints may be and work with the ARB staff to explore waivers or exemptions due to the drought emergency.

IX. Local Groundwater Management Entity Governance and Organizational Structure

Walter Ward presented a graphic that depicts the relationship between the legislation regarding sustainable groundwater management, the formation of a Local

Groundwater Management Entity and the creation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that could be used as a governance model for various Groundwater Management Agencies in the County. The discussion included an approach that addressed all four of the groundwater subbasins within Stanislaus County and the partnerships that could be formed with existing groundwater management structures to be in conformance with the draft legislation coming out of Sacramento related to groundwater planning and local oversight. A draft JPA document was provided to the group based on an existing governance model from Kings County. Other JPA examples to explore include Sacramento County and San Joaquin County. This item will be brought back to the WAC for additional discussion at the next meeting.

X. Cost-Share Agreement for 1st Year GMAP implementation – 1st DRAFT

Walter Ward presented a Cost-Share Agreement document that would allow local contributions to be made to fund the 1st Year Outside Services identified in the Groundwater Management Action Plan approved by the Board of Supervisors. This would include financial contributions from the four following sectors: Stanislaus County, the 9 Cities within the County, all irrigation/water districts in the County and from private agri-business interests. Ward asked for review and comments on this document to be incorporated into the next draft. A meeting with all of the City Managers to discuss this item in more detail was scheduled for August 6, 2014. This document is on the WAC webpage on the County's main website.

XI. Confidentiality Agreement – 2nd DRAFT

Walter Ward presented a 2nd draft of a data Confidentiality Agreement modeled after an existing one developed and adopted by the Sacramento Groundwater Authority. Ward asked for FINAL review and comment on this document prior to presenting it for vote action at the next WAC meeting. This document is available on the WAC webpage on the County's main website. It is expected to bring this item back to the WAC for a vote on August 27, 2014.

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Next Meeting: Note that all future WAC meetings will be held at the Alliance Center

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 6:00 pm
Alliance's Kirk Lindsey Center
1020 10th St, Suite 102
Modesto, California

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	Fransisco 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	Y	Y	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	
3/26/14	V - Minutes	Y	Y - 1st	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	19	0	P
	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	Y	19	0	P
	VI b - Monitoring	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 1st	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	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	Y	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	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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	IX - Recommendations	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y - 1st	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y	17	0	P	
	IX a Governance	NP	Y	Y - 1st	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y	17	0	P	
	Amendment G-1	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y - 1st	NP	Y	Y	Y	15	2	P	
	Amendment G-2a	NP	Y	N	N	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y - 1st	15	2	P	
	Amendment G-2b	NP	Y	N	N	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y - 1st	15	2	P	
	IX b Enforcement	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y - 1st	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y	17	0	P	
	Amendment E-2	NP	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y - 1st	NP	N	Y	Y	11	6	P	
	IX c Funding	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 1st	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y	17	0	P
	IX d Threshholds	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y - 1st	Y	Y	17	0	P
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	IX e Monitoring	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 1st	NP	Y	Y	Y	17	0	P
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	Amendment M-5b	NP	Y - 1st	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y - 2nd	NP	Y	Y	Y	17	0	P
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7/30/14	V - Minutes		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	NP	14	0	P
	VI - GW Monitoring		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	NP	15	0	P

NP = Not Present

NV = No Vote

A = Abstention