



**Stanislaus County  
Water Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

November 18, 2015, 9:00 a.m.  
Alliance's Kirk Lindsey Center  
1020 10<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 102  
Modesto, California

**Members Present:**

Louis Brichetto	Tom Orvis	Walter Ward
Larry Byrd	Sean Roddy	Terry Withrow
Francisco Canela	Cooper Rossiter	Wayne Zipser
Neil Hudson	Thomas Smith	Bill Zoslocki (9:11 am)
Jim Mortensen		

**Members Absent:**

Daniel Bays (funeral)	Richard Gemperle	Rob Santos
Vince Dykzeul (funeral)	Ray Kablanow	Rod Vilas

- I. **Called to Order at 9:05 a.m.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** Upon request of Chairman Wayne Zipser, the attendees participated in the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Public Comment**  
Sharon Getchel presented comments regarding the importance of public information as it pertains to water management and water conservation during the drought and that these lessons need to be reinforced in all years, regardless of wet or dry periods.
- IV. **Roll Call**  
A quorum of voting members was present.
- V. **Approval of September 30, 2015, Meeting Minutes**  
The minutes of the last meeting were presented by the Chairman. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval, and the action was taken as follows:  
Motion: Jim Mortensen  
Second: Tom Orvis  
Vote: Unanimous
- VI. **Recommendation to move forward with Storm Water Capture/Groundwater Recharge Project & Grant Funding (Matt Machado, Director, Stanislaus County Public Works Department)**

Matt Machado, Stanislaus County Public Works Director, provided a summary of the stormwater capture/groundwater recharge grant application that the County is

pursuing funding for under the Proposition 1 Storm Water Master Planning program. The actual grant filing is not due until early in 2016, but preparations are being made now to align with all grant requirements, including letters of support from local stakeholders. The diagram and talking points used for this presentation are attached to these minutes and also are posted on the County's website with the presentation materials used for this meeting.

Motion: Tom Orvis  
Second: Jim Mortensen  
Vote: Unanimous

**VII. Recommendation to move forward with Proposition 1 Grant Funding for County-wide Programmatic Environmental Impact Report related to Groundwater Sustainability Planning (Ward)**

Walter Ward, Stanislaus County Water Resources Manager, presented an overview of the preparation of a County-wide Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) related to the implementation of the County's existing Groundwater Ordinance as well as informing multiple aspects of groundwater management related to SGMA compliance/implementation.

In particular, the scope of work includes critical analytical work related to scenario planning that will provide the foundational work needed to develop the required Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) and how the GSPs will mesh with the revised Groundwater Ordinance (GWO). The County stands in a very good position to receive significant funding support for the full development of this PEIR. The award of the grant by DWR is expected to occur in February 2016.

The WAC voted to submit a Letter of Support for the grant application.

The briefing packet for the groundwater planning grant is attached to these minutes.

Motion: Jim Mortensen  
Second: Tom Orvis  
Vote: 10 Ayes; 1 Abstention

**VIII. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Update (Ward)**

A summary of the regulations being developed by the DWR related to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) criteria was provided, including the key steps in the timeline. DWR is expected to release a draft of the regulations in March of 2016 with the target deadline of formal adoption of the regulations by June 30, 2016. DWR staff will be invited to make a presentation to the WAC of the GSP regulations at a future meeting in early 2016.

**IX. State Water Resources Control Board In-Stream Flow Proposal – Discussion and Direction**

This item was briefly discussed and it was generally agreed that the WAC would continue to monitor this process recognizing that the State Water Resources Control Board is anticipated to release revised Substitute Environmental Document (SED) pertaining to this matter in early 2016. A formal public review and comment period will ensue during which the WAC will re-evaluate the proposal and take a public position. In addition, Supervisor Terry Withrow commented that settlement negotiation discussions have continued to be held regarding the flow proposal and that these discussions are expected to continue into 2016.

**X. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.**

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.  
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1020 10th Street, Suite 102  
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PREPARED BY:

ANETTE ARIAS, Administrative Secretary