



**Stanislaus County  
Water Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

May 31, 2017, 9:00 a.m.  
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Office  
1201 L Street  
Modesto, California

**Members Present:**

Gail Altieri	Vince Dykzeul	Cooper Rossiter
Daniel Bays	Richard Gemperle	Tim Sanders
Louis Brichetto	Neil Hudson ( <i>after vote</i> )	Thomas Smith
Larry Byrd	Ron Macedo	Walter Ward
Francisco Canela	Jim Mortensen	Terry Withrow

**Members Absent:**

Tom Orvis	Rod Vilas	Bill Zoslocki
Sean Roddy	Wayne Zipser	

**I. Called to Order at 9:01 a.m.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Upon request of Chairperson Daniel Bays, the attendees participated in the pledge of allegiance.

**III. Public Comment**

There were no Public Comments.

**IV. Roll Call**

A quorum of voting members was present.

**V. Approval of March 29, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the March meeting were presented by the Chairperson. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval.

The action was taken as follows:

Motion: Tim Sanders  
Second: Jim Mortensen  
Vote: Unanimous

**VI. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update (Walter Ward, Water Resources Manager, Stanislaus County)**

Ward provided a review of the hydrologic storage conditions at various water storage reservoirs throughout the region. Ward also provided the committee members an update regarding local efforts to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). To date, the following Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) have been established:

- Eastside San Joaquin GSA (Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin)
- Stanislaus & Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association GSA (Modesto Subbasin)
- East Turlock Subbasin GSA (Turlock Subbasin)
- West Turlock Subbasin GSA (Turlock Subbasin)
- Northwestern Delta-Mendota GSA (Delta-Mendota Subbasin)

The proper notification paperwork has been filed with the State Department of Water Resources. The deadline for GSA formation as per SGMA is June 30, 2017. All of these GSAs are now embarked on the preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans that are due in January 2020 (Eastern SJ Subbasin and Delta-Mendota Subbasin) and January 2022 (for both the Modesto and Turlock Subbasins).

Further information was also provided regarding the Proposition 1 grant funding process related to the preparation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans for Medium and High Priority Groundwater Basins, including those designated as being in condition of Critical Overdraft.

The PowerPoint presentation can be found at the following electronic address:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/wac.shtm>

**VII. Progress Report on the development of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report in Support of the County's Groundwater Ordinance and SGMA (Mike Tietze, Principal Engineering Geologist, Jacobson James & Associates)**

Mike provided a summary of the work to date regarding the development of the PEIR. The full status report can be found at the following electronic address:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/wac.shtm>

**VIII. “Groundwater Management in the Western U.S. – Case Studies for Success” (Steve Baker, Hydrogeologist, Operation Unite)**

Steve Baker, President of Operation Unite, shared some of his experiences dealing with water issues conflicts in the states of Washington and Oregon. His message was that these problems can be solved if people are willing to set aside their differences and work together toward common solutions based upon recognizing shared community values. Part of his message was that this approach can be used to work with and across a multitude of state, federal, private and municipal institutional structures. Mr. Baker did not make his presentation available for distribution purposes.

**IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.**

**Scheduling of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, July 27, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.\*  
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau  
1201 L Street  
Modesto, California

PREPARED BY:  
ANETTE ARIAS, Administrative Secretary

(This meeting was subsequently cancelled and pushed to September 27, 2017)