

AGENDA

Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee

Technical Advisory Committee

Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Office
1201 "L" Street
Modesto, California 95354

March 7, 2014

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Call the meeting to order.

1. Topic: WAC Meeting Schedule
Who: Ward/All
Expected Outcome: Agreement on revised TAC Meeting Schedule
2. Topic: Drought Declaration (see attached Merced County version)
Who: Ward/All
Expected Outcome: Make recommendation to WAC for Board of Supervisors to consider adoption of resolution
3. Topic: Groundwater Data Requests
Who: Ward/All
Expected Outcome: Agreement to proceed with a Data Sharing Agreement
4. Topic: Comprehensive Groundwater Management Plan
Who: Ward/All
Expected Outcome: Develop
5. Topic: USGS Model
Who: Steve Phillips, USGS
Expected Outcome: Education and update on model status and report preparation
6. Topic: End Meeting
Who: All
Expected Outcome: Meeting concluded

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF MERCED, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of)	
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RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO DROUGHT)	RESOLUTION NO.
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WHEREAS, agriculture is a critical component of the economy of Merced County, thus rendering its economy vulnerable to drought; and,

WHEREAS, the state's water supplies have dipped to alarming levels, indicated by: snowpack in California's mountains is approximately 20 percent of the normal average for this date; California's largest water reservoirs have very low water levels for this time of year; California's major river systems, including the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, have significantly reduced surface water flows; and groundwater levels throughout the State have dropped significantly; and,

WHEREAS, dry conditions and lack of precipitation present urgent problems, including: drinking water supplies are at risk; lack of range land grasses for feed; crop irrigation supplies are at critical levels; unemployment and economic hardship can occur; animals and plants that rely on California's lakes, rivers, and streams will be threatened; and the risk of wildfire across the state is greatly increased; and,

WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions have persisted since 2012 and may continue beyond this year and more regularly into the future; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture on January 15, 2014, designated 27 counties in California, including Merced County, as primary natural disaster areas due to the recent drought; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of California declared on January 17, 2014, that a state of emergency exists in the State of California due to current drought conditions; and,

WHEREAS, local resources are, or are likely to be, inadequate to cope with the effects of this emergency, and the combined forces of the State of California, the political subdivisions of the State of California, and the federal government are necessary to assist the County of Merced to combat the effects of this emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Merced caused by the drought, and therefore necessitates the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, State of California, that:

1. A local drought emergency now exists in Merced County.

2. Nancy Koerperich, Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Services, is hereby designated as the local Hazard Mitigation Coordinator of the County of Merced for the purposes of assessing damage within the County of Merced and consulting with federal and state survey teams about hazard mitigation actions.
3. Nancy Koerperich, Fire Chief /Director of Emergency Services, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for disaster assistance of the County of Merced for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.
4. Copies of this Resolution be sent immediately to the Governor and to the State Office of Emergency Services
5. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced to review the need for continuing the state of local emergency at least once every 30 days until this Board terminates the local drought emergency.

I, James L. Brown, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 25th day of February, 2014 by the following vote:

Supervisors

Ayes:

Noes:

Not Present:

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Board this _____ day of _____, _____.

JAMES L. BROWN, Clerk

By _____
Deputy