



**Stanislaus County
Water Advisory Committee**

Minutes

August 31, 2022 9:02 a.m.
Stanislaus Farm Bureau
And Hybrid
Zoom Video Conference

Members Present:

Rachelle Antinetti
Daniel Bays
Larry Byrd
Erika Durrer

Jim Mortensen
Tom Orvis
Sean Roddy
Cooper Rossiter
Tim Sanders

Edward Tobias
Rob Kostlivy
Christy McKinnon
Terry Withrow

Members Absent:

Joe Alamo
Louis Brichetto

Francisco Canela
Vince Dykzeul
Richard Gemperle

Rod Vilas
Wayne Zipser

- I. Called to Order at 9:02 a.m.** (The entire meeting can be viewed at <https://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/wac.shtm> and by selecting the video option for the August 31, 2022 Water Advisory Committee meeting)

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Upon request of Vice Chairperson Tom Orvis, the attendees participated in the pledge of allegiance.

III. Public Comment

No public comment

IV. Roll Call

A quorum of voting members was present.

V. Approval of July 27, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the July 27, 2022, meeting was 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. Eastern San Joaquin Proposed Methodology for GSP – Christy McKinnon

This proposed methodology builds off the most recent call for projects conducted for the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), with a focus on projects that can help the ESJ Subbasin achieve and maintain groundwater sustainability, and is intended to promote an open and transparent process for the solicitation and review of projects for inclusion in the ESJ GSP and any related grant programs. Phase one of the methodology focuses on a call for projects to be maintained in a “living project list,” for inclusion in the GSP and phase two includes the review process for determining if a listed project is to be included in a grant application.

VII. Riverbank Armory Area and the Federal/State Proposal Update – Rob Kostlivy

County staff has met with the Regional Water Quality Control Board for further discussion regarding the Army’s request for the County to issue a moratorium on well permits in the area and concerns about the extent of any remaining chemical contamination. The Department of Environmental Resources is presently waiting for additional data requested from the state for consideration of any further county decisions.

VIII. Adapting to a Hotter, Drier, Future – Rob Kostlivy

The CA Water Supply Strategy was released two weeks ago with intent to create a more consistent, economic, and equitable approach for the allocation of water rights for groundwater recharge. The strategy highlights funding programs needed for the creation of water reserve projects to create more storage above and below the ground, desalination plants for the treatment of coastal and inland brackish waters and adopting regulations for the modernization of historic water rights that would allow for the curtailment of surface water rights during periods of non-declared drought emergencies. County Supervisors and staff will work with key state personnel to identify serious concerns about any tentative new requirements to reduce or eliminate impacts to business and residents.

[CA-Water-Supply-Strategy.pdf \(stancounty.com\)](#)

IX. OID Out-of-District Water Project – Eric Thorburn

The Oakdale Irrigation District is working with the Non-District East property owners to develop a new water delivery infrastructure project that will be eligible for the SGM Fall 2022 funding opportunity. Up to 25 AF of water can be made available for additional use. The new infrastructure includes a project for enlargement of the OID Paulsell Lateral.

[STRGBA-GSA-Todd-GW-PP_8.10.22.pdf \(stancounty.com\)](#)

X. JM Pike Park Stormwater to Sanitary Cross Connection Removal Project – Miguel Alvarez

The City of Modesto is upgrading the stormwater sewer system and removing 28 non-functioning rock wells in order to prevent system overflow and associated contamination to natural waterways by constructing underground storage chambers that can hold 7.4 million gallons of water during a 10 year or six day storm event.

[JM-Pike-Park-Stormwater-City of Modesto.pdf \(stancounty.com\)](#)

XI. East Turlock Groundwater Sustainability Agency Updates – Julianne Phillips

The total budget for the GSA is \$657,484 which includes funds for GSP implementation support, agency administration, and a prudent reserve. The GSA is funded by the proposition 218 funding process for all landowners and payments separately obtained within the Eastside Water District. GSP implementation includes costs to cover outreach, compliance and permitting, project engineering and scoping of work for projects and management actions that are included in the GSP.

Upcoming GSA outreach events include a public workshop at 9:30 a.m. on October 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at Cortez Hall in Ballico. The workshop will be to develop a groundwater use accounting system using metering and/or evapotranspiration baseline for groundwater use and demand analysis and fees. A future meeting date will be established for a regional call to discuss streamlining the process for the permitting and construction of vadose zone infiltration well.

XII. Drought Update – Rob Kostlivy

No new update.

XIII. Governor's Order & AB 2201 (Update) - Rob Kostlivy

Further discussion and update regarding the status of AB 2201 and impacts to well permitting during the final week of session for the legislature. The bill has been approved in the state assembly and will hopefully be vetoed by the Governor.

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting location: Stanislaus Farm Bureau,
1201 L St., Modesto

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