



## Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee

### Minutes

July 30, 2025 9:05 a.m.  
Stanislaus Farm Bureau

#### Members Present to Vote:

Daniel Bays  
Louis Brichetto  
Larry Byrd  
Caitie Diemel  
David Wright

Christy McKinnon  
Jim Mortensen  
Tom Orvis  
Cooper Rossiter  
Sue Zwahlen

Tim Sanders  
Edward Tobias  
Terry Withrow  
Katie Staack

#### Members Absent:

Rachelle Antinetti  
Sean Roddy  
Trent Voss

Vince Dkyzeul  
Rod Vilas

Navjot Athwal  
Joseph P Day

- I. Call to Order at 9:05 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 July 30, 2025, Water Advisory Committee meeting)
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comment – There were no public comments
- IV. Roll Call

A quorum of voting members was present.

V. **Approval of May 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the May 28, 2025, meeting was presented by the Chairperson. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval.

Motion: Tim Sanders

Second: Jim Mortensen

Vote: Unanimous

## VI. Informational Items (not subject to a formal vote)

Stantec – SB 552 County Drought Resilience Plan Short-term Response Actions and Long-term Mitigation Strategies and Actions.

Mayor Sue Zwahlen asked if the plan was for providing response services for all emergency outage events and Supervisor Withrow indicated that the County is 10 years ahead and a leader in the state, as it is enabled to provide necessary short and long-term mitigation efforts in response to drought and other emergency events. Christy McKinnon agreed and said that development of the County Drought Plan will be an opportunity to put all the vital information in one place so that it is accessible to the public and available for all partner agencies. Ruben Wagner clarified that the Office of Emergency Services has not had to put mutual aid agreements into effect in the past in response to severe and prolonged drought events because the emergency response services provided by Self-Help Enterprises has been adequate to address the County's needs.

Additional Drought Task Force Meetings have been set for January 28, and March 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau.

- I. Mike Tietze, ETGSA Updates  
Groundwater Fee Implementation and Accounting Platform – Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program Update – Status of Project Implementation

<https://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/2025/ETGSA-Updates.pdf>

- II. Peter Drekmeier – Collaborative Solutions to Promote Healthy Ecosystems and Groundwater Recharge and Sustainability

<https://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/2025/Collaborative-Solutions.pdf>

- III. Christy McKinnon – SGMA Updates

Modesto Subbasin STRGBA Groundwater Sustainability Agency Workshop #3

Christy McKinnon announced that the Modesto Subbasin Management Actions Allocation Framework Workshop occurred on July 16, 2025, and that public comments in response to the Framework should be provided as soon as possible. She encouraged comments to be submitted in writing to the GSA webpage so that feedback could be incorporated into the Framework where possible. Eric Thornburn clarified that a date for Workshop #4 has not been set yet.

<https://www.strgba.org/Content/Documents/Meetings/Agendas/Current/Management%20Actions%20Workshop%20Agenda%207.16.25.pdf>

Delta Mendota Subbasin Newsletter –

Christy McKinnon provided a summary of the information included in the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin's June 2025 Newsletter. Subbasin representatives continue to work with state board staff to address concerns regarding water quality. The 23 GSAs are hopeful that the state will complete review of the single GSP in early 2026 and find that the Plan is in compliance with GSP regulations so that the Subbasin avoid probationary status and be returned to the Department of Water Resources for oversight. The Jarrett Martin, with the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors has taken over as Subbasin Plan manager due to the retirement of John Brodie. The Subbasin is making progress on implementation of projects made possible by the 7.6 million SGMA round 1 award. These projects include model updates, water quality studies, recharge projects, monitoring and closing data gaps, and public outreach.

<https://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/2025/DM%20Subbasin%20June%202025%20Newsletter.pdf>

- VII. Round Table Discussion:
- VIII. Meeting adjourned: 11:29 a.m.
- IX. Scheduling of next regular meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.  
Meeting location: Stanislaus Farm Bureau,  
1201 L St., Modesto

PREPARED BY:

Christy McKinnon, Groundwater Resources Manager

\*Underlined items are Action Items subject to vote as described in the committee by-laws