



**Stanislaus County  
Water Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

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

**Members Present:**

Larry Byrd	Jim Mortensen	Rod Vilas
Frank Clark	Tom Orvis	Walter Ward
Vince Dykzeul	Sean Roddy	Terry Withrow ( <i>arrived 9:07</i> )
Richard Gemperle	Cooper Rossiter	Wayne Zipser
Neil Hudson ( <i>arrived 9:02</i> )	Rob Santos	Bill Zoslocki ( <i>arrived 9:02</i> )
Ray Kabanow		

**Members Absent:**

Daniel Bays ( <i>sched. conflict</i> )	Francisco Canela	Thomas Smith
Louis Brichetto ( <i>ill</i> )	Donald Petersen	

- I. Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** Upon request of Chairman Wayne Zipser, the attendees participated in the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Public Comment**  
There was no public comments made.
- IV. Roll Call**  
A quorum of voting members was present.
- V. Approval of December 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes**  
The minutes of the last meeting were presented by the Chairman. The members were asked to consider the minutes, and the action was taken as follows:  
Motion: Tom Orvis  
Second: Cooper Rossiter  
Vote: Unanimous
- VI. 2015 Water Well Permitting Activity Report**  
Walter Ward reviewed the water well permitting activity to date and compared it to last year at the same time. The level of activity has decreased, particularly in the eastern part of the County. However, it was noted that activity in other areas of the County was on the rise. It was suggested for future comparisons that 2013 data be added to allow a larger view of permitting activity and trends.
- VII. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Governance Presentation/  
Discussion**

Walter Ward presented a PowerPoint overview of the various options being considered in the County related to the formation of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA's). There was a general consensus of the group that Option 2, which includes the concept of a Coordinating Committee, be further developed. A White Paper on this subject will be prepared and presented to the WAC at a future meeting. Ward also further described the various institutional frameworks that could be employed by the GSA's. The review included the creation of an Ad-hoc committee, the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or the formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The review also included the consideration of the development of a contractual agreement or special Chartered Organization formation which would involve legislative action. No particular structure emerged as the one to further pursue at this time as it was explained that this decision making resided at the GSA level of authority for which the various sub-basin members needed to further evaluate at the "grass roots" level of their various governing bodies.

The PowerPoint for this presentation is included on the County's webpage at <http://www.stancounty.com/er/pdf/groundwater/wac/wac-20150218-presentation.pdf>

### **VIII. 2015 Meeting Schedule**

It was agreed to have the next WAC meeting on March 18, 2015.

### **IX. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.  
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PREPARED BY:  
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