



**Stanislaus County
Water Advisory Committee**

Minutes

May 25, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
Alliance's Kirk Lindsey Center
1020 10th St, Suite 102
Modesto, California

Members Present:

Daniel Bays
Louis Brichetto
Larry Byrd
Vince Dykzeul

Ray Kablanow
Jim Mortensen
Cooper Rossiter

Rod Vilas
Walter Ward
Terry Withrow

Members Absent:

Gail Altieri
Francisco Canela
Richard Gemperle
Neil Hudson

Ron Macedo
Tom Orvis
Sean Roddy

Thomas Smith
Wayne Zipser
Bill Zoslocki

I. Called to Order at 9:03 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Upon request of Chairperson Jim Mortensen, 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 not present. Eight (8) members were present, and nine (9) were absent.

V. Approval of March 30, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Without a quorum, we were unable to have a formal vote. This item will be addressed at the next WAC Meeting.

VI. Modesto Bee Op-Ed Piece (Chairman Mortenson)

Without a quorum, we were unable to have a formal vote. This item will be addressed at a future WAC Meeting.

VII. Well Construction Activity Update (Walt Ward)

Walt Ward presented an overview of the County's water well permitting program from the time since the Groundwater Ordinance was adopted (November 25, 2014) through the present. Of the nearly 300 applications that have been

reviewed since that time pursuant to County Ordinance 9.37, 80% of them have been determined to be exempt due to the fact that their primary means of water supply remains surface water provided by a local irrigation district. Approximately 9% or 27 applications have been determined to be a De minimis extractor (less than 2 acre feet per year) and thus exempt from the ordinance. The same number of applications were also found to be exempt from the ordinance due to they being only replacement wells of no greater pumping capacity than the well that are replacing. Six applications have been determined to be non-exempt and subject to further technical analysis. Only one of these applications has been deemed to be complete and is working its way through the required CEQA documentation process.

The graphic that displays this information can be viewed at:



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VIII. Proposition 1 Grant Update (Ward)

Ward provided an overview of status of the \$250,000 Proposition 1 State Grant funds set aside for County's with stressed basins. Stanislaus County has been successful awarded the maximum grant amount allowed for under this program and at this time are working with the staff from the California Department of Water Resources to finalize the Work Plan that will accompany the contract that remains to be executed between the DWR and Stanislaus County. This work is expected to be completed by the end of June.

IX. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation Status (Ward)

Ward provided a review of the status of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation discussions in the Eastern San Joaquin, Modesto, Turlock and Delta-Mendota groundwater subbasins. All GSA groups are making progress toward meeting the legislated mandate of June 30, 2017 (approximately in one year's time from now).

X. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Regulations (Department of Water Resources Staff)

Mr. Chris Olvera made a presentation regarding the recently adopted regulations promulgated by the Department of Water Resources regarding the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans. Recall that the GSPs are due by January 31, 2020 for the Eastern San Joaquin and Delta-Mendota subbasins and by January 31, 2022 for the Modesto and Turlock subbasins.

The link to Mr. Olvera's PowerPoint presentation can be found in the presentations section for the May 25, 2016 WAC Meeting at the following address:

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

XI. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.
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1020 10th Street, Suite 102
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PREPARED BY:

ANETTE ARIAS, Administrative Secretary