



**Stanislaus County  
Water Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

March 29, 2017, 9:00 a.m.  
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Office  
1201 L Street  
Modesto, California

**Members Present:**

Daniel Bays  
Louis Brichetto  
Francisco Canela  
Vince Dykzeul  
Richard Gemperle

Jim Mortensen  
Tom Orvis  
Sean Roddy  
Cooper Rossiter  
Tim Sanders

Thomas Smith  
Rod Vilas  
Walter Ward  
Bill Zoslocki (*after vote*)

**Members Absent:**

Gail Altieri  
Larry Byrd

Neil Hudson  
Ron Macedo

Terry Withrow  
Wayne Zipser

**I. Called to Order at 9:06 a.m.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Upon request of Chairperson Daniel Bays, 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 present.

**V. Approval of January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the January meeting were presented by the Chairperson. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval.

The action was taken as follows:

Motion: Jim Mortensen

Second: Tim Sanders

Vote: Unanimous

**VI. 2017 Flood Response and Preparedness (Dale Skiles, Office of Emergency Services, Stanislaus County)**

Dale Skiles provided a summary of the emergency flood conditions that arose in Stanislaus County during the mid to late February, 2017 timeframe. The emergency spillway gates were opened at Don Pedro for only the second time in the New Don Pedro Dam's 46 year history. Chief Skiles further described the following efforts:

- The Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services (OES) developed a response contingency plan once it knew that large volumes of water would be released to the local river channels, in particular down the Tuolumne River through Modesto.
- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated 24/7 where the various tools and processes were used to monitor and coordinate efforts.
- Stanislaus County OES coordinated response and decision making with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the State Department of Water Resources, CAL OES and the Turlock & Irrigation districts. Stanislaus County also communicated and coordinated with Merced, Tuolumne and San Joaquin counties.
- Stanislaus County also coordinated the flood recovery process with Cal OES and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Chief Skiles further warned that all citizens needed to pay close attention to information as it is made available further into the spring and summer as we can readily expect local river conditions to be running high and cold given the wet winter that we have experienced and the very large snowpack that has developed. The spring runoff (snowmelt season) is predicted to last at least through the month of July and into August.

**VII. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update and Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation (Walter Ward, Water Resources Manager, Stanislaus County)**

Ward provided the committee members an update regarding local efforts to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). To date, the following Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) have been established, in which Stanislaus County is a member:

- Eastside San Joaquin GSA (Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin)
- Stanislaus & Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association GSA (Modesto Subbasin)
- East Turlock Subbasin GSA (Turlock Subbasin)
- West Turlock Subbasin GSA (Turlock Subbasin)

- Northwestern Delta-Mendota GSA (Delta-Mendota Subbasin)

The proper notification paperwork has been filed with the State Department of Water Resources. The deadline for GSA formation as per SGMA is June 30, 2017. All of these GSAs are now embarked on the preparation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans that are due in January 2020 (Eastern SJ Subbasin and Delta-Mendota Subbasin) and January 2022 (for both the Modesto and Turlock subbasins).

The full presentation may be found at the following electronic address:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/wac-20170329-present.pdf>

**VIII. Discussion Regarding the State Water Board's Substitute Environmental Document (Ward-All)**

Ward provided a brief review of the status of the written responses to the SED which were due to be submitted to the State Water Board by March 17, 2017. The State Water Board staff still is planning to respond to all comments and bring back a recommendation to their Board before the end of the year. There were no handout materials for this item.

**IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.  
Scheduling of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.  
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau  
1201 L Street  
Modesto, California

PREPARED BY:  
ANETTE ARIAS, Administrative Secretary

**Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee  
Voting & Attendance Record  
Committee Roster (Voting Members)**

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2017 Meeting Date	Action Item No.	Gail Altieri	Daniel Bays	Louis Bricchetto	Larry Byrd	Fransisco Canela	Vince Dykzeul	Richard Gemperle	Neil Hudson	Ron Macedo	Jim Mortensen	Tom Orvis	Sean Roddy	Cooper Rossiter	Tim Sanders	Thomas Smith	Rod Vilas	Wayne Zipser	Bill Zoslocki	Totals		Pass/ Fail
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1/28	V - Minutes 11/16/16	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	NP	NP	NP	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	12	0	P
	Chairperson - Daniel Bays	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	NP	NP	Y	NP	Y	Y	NP	Y-2	Y	Y	Y-1	Y	NP	12	0	P
	Vice Chair - Tom Orvis	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-2	NP	NP	Y	NP	Y-1	A	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	12	0	P
3/29	V - Minutes 1/28/17	NP	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y	NP	NP	Y-1	Y	Y	Y	Y-2	Y	Y	NP	NV	12	0	P
5/31																						
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Quorum = 10

Members = 18

NP = Not Present

NV = No Vote

A = Abstention

Y-1 = 1st

Y-2 = 2nd

*1/25/17 Tim Sanders appointed (D5)*