



**Stanislaus County
Water Advisory Committee**

Minutes

January 31, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Office
1201 L Street
Modesto, California

Members Present:

Jim Mortensen
Louis Brichetto
Larry Byrd
Vince Dykzeul
Tom Orvis

Sean Roddy
Cooper Rossiter
Tim Sanders
Thomas Smith
Rod Vilas

Walter Ward
Terry Withrow
Wayne Zipser
Bill Zoslocki

Members Absent:

Gail Altieri
Daniel Bays
Francisco Canela

Richard Gemperle
Ron Macedo

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Upon request of Vice Chairperson Tom Orvis, 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 September 27, 2017, Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September meeting were presented by the Vice 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. Selection of WAC Chair and Vice-Chair for 2018

Members suggested re-instating Daniel Bays for Chairperson.

The action was taken as follows:

Motion: Jim Mortensen

Second: Tim Sanders

Vote: Unanimous

Members suggested re-instating Tom Orvis for Vice-Chairperson.

The action was taken as follows:

Motion: Cooper Rossiter

Second: Jim Mortensen

Abstention: Tom Orvis

Vote: Unanimous

VII. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update (Ward)

Walter Ward, Stanislaus County Water Resources Manager, provided a summary report regarding the status of the various agencies across the region involved in a range of activities regarding implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The entire presentation may be found at the following link:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/wac.shtm>, *Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update*

VIII. Almond Orchard Recharge (Roger Duncan, University of California Cooperative Extension)

Roger Duncan with the University of California Cooperative Extension provided an overview of the UC Davis study sponsored by the California Almond Board regarding the concept of utilizing in-orchard groundwater recharge during the winter dormant season. Mr. Duncan's summary report may be found at the following link:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/wac.shtm>, *Groundwater Recharge Presentation*

IX. Potential Water Resources Opportunities (John Davids, Modesto ID)

John Davids, Assistant General Manager, Water Operations, with the Modesto Irrigation District provided information related to their surplus water program initiated in 2017 whereby in certain Water Year Types (such as the "Wet"

classification for 2017) surplus water could be declared to be made available to landowners whom otherwise would depend on groundwater for their irrigation supply source. This “in-lieu” groundwater recharge program could be expanded in the region, based upon the correct set of hydrologic conditions, that would allow for groundwater storage to recover in support of the long-term, state-wide, sustainable groundwater management program. Mr. David’s PowerPoint presentation may be found at the following link:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/wac.shtm>, *Potential Water Resources Opportunities*

X. Groundwater Ordinance PEIR Workshop RE: Preliminary Impact Analysis Results (Mike Tietze, Linda Mercurio and Juliet Hutchins, Jacobson James & Associates)

The Jacobson James & Associates consultant team conducted a Public Workshop concerning the results of the hydrogeologic analysis stemming from the development of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report supporting the County’s Groundwater Ordinance. Their presentation may be found at the following link:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/wac.shtm>, *StanCo PEIR Workshop*

XI. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.*
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau
1201 L Street
Modesto, California

*Please allow 3 hours for the next meeting.

PREPARED BY:
Anette Arias, Administrative Secretary