



**Stanislaus County
Water Advisory Committee**

Minutes

May 29, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Harvest Hall
3800 Cornucopia Way
Modesto, California

Members Present:

Rachelle Antinetti
Gail Altieri
Daniel Bays
Louis Brichetto
Larry Byrd

Erika Durrer
Richard Gemperle
Jim Mortensen
Tom Orvis
Cooper Rossiter

Tim Sanders
Rod Vilas
Walter Ward
Terry Withrow
Wayne Zipser

Members Absent:

Francisco Canela
Vince Dykzeul
Ron Macedo

Sean Roddy
Bill Zoslocki

I. Called to Order at 9:08 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. New member Erika Durrer was introduced and welcomed to the committee.

V. Approval of January 30, 2019, Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 30, 2019, meeting were presented by the 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. **S.A.V.E. Water Resources Act and Valley Water Infrastructure Q & A – Congressman Josh Harder**

United States Congressman Josh Harder was introduced to the Water Advisory Committee. Congressman Harder made his commitment to work with his local constituents to bring federal dollars to the Central Valley in support of various water initiatives. Congressman Harder also stated that his local office would serve as a conduit concerning matters of local, regional, state and national concern and that contact to him would be always be open.

Congressman Harder further announced legislation that he was prepared to move in Washington entitled the “**Securing Access for the Central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act.**”

The SAVE Water Resources Act touches on a broad range of water policy areas aimed at increasing water storage opportunities, spurring innovation in water sustainability, and making responsible federal investments in our aging water infrastructure. In brief, the bill:

INCREASES STORAGE

- **Improves water storage** by requiring the Bureau of Reclamation to expedite feasibility studies for four specific storage projects in the Central Valley, including: Sites Reservoir, Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir, Los Vaqueros and San Luis Reservoirs and provides \$100 million in storage funding.
- **Helps farmers prepare for SGMA** by leveraging federal resources to identify prime locations for groundwater storage and recharge in California and across the Western United States.

SPURS INNOVATION

- **Creates the “X-Prize”** program to incentivize private sector development of cutting-edge water projects.
- **Invests in water reuse and recycling** by increasing funding for WaterSMART programs from \$50 million to \$500 million and extending the program’s authorization.

INVESTS MILLIONS IN OUR AGING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Establishes a water infrastructure and drought solutions fund** to provide \$300 million for water surface and groundwater storage, water reclamation and reuse, and WaterSMART program projects.
- **Creates an innovative financing program** which would provide low-interest federal loans to fund local water infrastructure projects.
- **Reauthorizes the Rural Water Supply Act**, which requires the Bureau of Reclamation to work with rural communities to improve access to safe and clean sources of drinking water.

A single page flyer on the legislation can be found here:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/save-water-resources-act.pdf>

VII. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir – Chris White, Executive Director, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority

The Del Puerto Water District (DPWD) and the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (SJRECWA), propose to construct a reservoir located on Del Puerto Creek in the foothills of the Coast Range Mountains west of Patterson. The proposed reservoir would provide 85,000 acre-feet (AF) of locally-owned off-stream storage, south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The purpose of the proposed project is to develop a feasible amount of additional South of Delta water storage, utilizing the water after it is moved through the Delta, to maximize the management and efficient use of existing water supplies.

Water would be conveyed from the Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) to be stored in the proposed reservoir and could be discharged either back to the DMC, or possibly in the future to the California Aqueduct. The water stored would serve agricultural users in both DPWD and the SJRECWA member entities service areas, and potentially other South of Delta water suppliers or environmental purposes, including, but not limited to, supply for wildlife refuges designated under the Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

The overall objective of the proposed project is to develop additional, locally controlled water storage for South of Delta water users who depend on the CVP for their supply. Specifically, the objectives of the project are to (1) increase water storage capacity in California's Central Valley by 85,000 TAF; (2) improve water supply reliability; (3) increase peak irrigation season water supplies; (4) improve the ability to manage regional groundwater resources; and (5) improve regional self-reliance and economic benefit from agricultural production, jobs, and industry. The PowerPoint used for presentation can be viewed at the following address:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/wac-dpcr-05292019.pdf>

VIII. Spring 2019 Hydrologic and Reservoir Storage Conditions – Walt Ward, Stanislaus County

Walt Ward provided a summary of the winter snowfall conditions and current river stage and reservoir storage conditions. The summary PowerPoint presentation can be located at this address:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/wac-update-05292019.pdf>

IX. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Compliance Update – Walt Ward, Stanislaus County

Walt Ward described the status of the local planning efforts related to the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the four separate groundwater basins beneath Stanislaus County. The presentation can be viewed at the following address:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/wac-update-05292019.pdf>

X. Stanislaus County Well Permitting Program Activity Status – Walt Ward, Stanislaus County

Walt Ward provided a synopsis of the discretionary water well permitting program that has been in place since the adoption of the County's Groundwater Ordinance in November, 2014. The summary slides can be found at: <http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/wac-update-05292019.pdf>

XI. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau
1201 L Street
Modesto, California

PREPARED BY:

Fay Tamez, Staff Services Analyst
Anette Arias, Administrative Secretary

Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee Voting & Attendance Record

2019 Meeting Date	Action Item No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Totals		Pass/ Fail
		Gail Altieri	Rachelle Antinetti	Daniel Bays	Louis Brichetto	Larry Byrd	Fransisco Canela	Andy Constantinou	Erika Durrer	Vince Dykeul	Richard Gemperle	Ron Macedo	Jim Mortensen	Tom Orvis	Sean Roddy	Cooper Rossiter	Tim Sanders	Rod Vilas	Wayne Zipser	Bill Zoslocki	Y	N	
1/30	V - Minutes 9/26/18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	NP	Y	Y2	Y	NP	Y	Y1	Y	Y	NV	15	0	P
	Chairperson -	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	NP	Y	Y2	Y	NP	Y	Y1	Y	Y	NV	15	0	P
	Vice Chair -	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	NP	Y	Y2	Y	NP	Y	Y1	Y	Y	NV	15	0	P
5/29	V - Minutes 1/30/19	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	NP	Y	NP	Y2	Y	NP	Y	Y1	Y	Y	NP	14	0	P
9/25	V - Minutes 5/29/19																						

Quorum = 10

Members = 19

NP = Not Present

NV = No Vote (not present during vote)

A = Abstention

Y-1 = 1st

Y-2 = 2nd