



**Stanislaus County  
Water Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

January 27, 2021, 9:00 a.m.  
Stanislaus County Dept of Environmental Resources  
3800 Cornucopia Way Suites H & I  
Modesto, California

**Members Present:**

Joe Alamo  
Rachelle Antinetti  
Daniel Bays  
Louis Brichetto  
Larry Byrd

Vince Dykzeul  
Richard Gemperle  
Jim Mortensen  
Tom Orvis  
Cooper Rossiter

Rod Vilas  
Walter Ward  
Terry Withrow  
Bill Zoslocki

**Members Absent:**

Francisco Canela  
Sean Roddy

Tim Sanders  
Wayne Zipser

**I. Called to Order at 9:03 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 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the September 25, 2019, meeting were presented by the Chairperson. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval.

The action was taken as follows:

Motion: Tom Orvis  
Second: Cooper Rossiter  
Vote: Unanimous

## **VI. Selection of the WAC Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021**

Current WAC Chair Daniel Bays and Vice-Chair Tom Orvis were nominated to serve in their existing positions for the 2021 calendar year.

The action was taken as follows:

Motion: Terry Withrow  
Second: Jim Mortensen  
Vote: Unanimous

## **VII. Current Hydrologic Conditions & Forecasted Outlook**

Gordon Enas, Modesto Irrigation District, provided an overview of the mid-Winter hydrometeorological conditions in the central Sierra Nevada Mountains, including a description of the cloud-seeding program conducted over the Tuolumne River watershed and other forecasting tools available from the Center for Western Weather & Water Extremes. A copy of Gordon's report may be found at:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/WaterAdvisoryCouncil20210127.pdf>

## **VIII. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Regional Compliance Update**

Walter Ward, with Stanislaus County, described the efforts to date regarding compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in Stanislaus County and in the northern San Joaquin Valley region. His presentation can be found here:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/SGMAWACUpdate012721.pdf>

## **IX. Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool (GRAT)**

Daniel Mountjoy, Sustainable Conservation and Glen Low, Earth Genome, gave a presentation regarding the Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool. **GRAT** is a decision support tool that enables Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to identify and prioritize potential groundwater replenishment options to achieve sustainable groundwater. The program assists water system operators in determining the efficacy of the timing, volume and duration of recharge waters at optimum locations taking into account land use, recharge suitability indices, infrastructure conveyance capability and costs. The presentation can be found in its entirety at:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/pdf/wac/2021.01.27GRATforStanislausWAC.pdf>

**X. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.**

**Scheduling of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.  
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

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