

John Davids, Carrie Loschke

Glenn Prasad, Jack Bond, Jim Alves,

# **MEETING MINUTES**

# October 13, 2016 (1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.)

### MID CONFERENCE ROOM,3A

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The following members of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) were present:

Modesto Irrigation District (MID): City of Waterford: Oakdale Irrigation District: City of Modesto:

City of Riverbank: City of Oakdale: Stanislaus County:

Other Attendees Eastside Water District

Kevin Kauffman

Matt Erickson

Eric Thorburn

Miguel Alvarez

Michael Riddell Michael Renfrow

Walt Ward

# 2. Business from the Public

Mr. Kauffman informed the group that he was representing the Eastside Water District in this STRGBA meeting, and not the Agricultural Preservation Alliance.

# 3. Approve 09/08/16 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Renfrow raised a motion to approve the minutes for the 09/08/16 STRGBA meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riddell, and all were in favor. The minutes were unanimously approved.

# 4. STRGBA Administration

Mr. Bond informed the Committee that Mr. Prasad has accepted another position at the City of Modesto and therefore, will no longer be representing the City at the STRGBA meetings. This change leaves the position of Vice Chairman open. He informed the group that his involvement within the STRGBA will continue throughout the remainder of this year. Mr. Alves and Mr. Alvarez will be stepping up in place of Mr. Prasad and Mr. Bond.

Mr. Prasad informed the group that the City will continue to take responsibility of updating STRGBA's website.

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A motion was raised to elect Mr. Riddell as STRGBA's new Vice Chairman. The motion was carried.

#### 5. Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation

Mr. Davids had provided a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the GSA formation. The Committee was requested to provide staff-level comments to the draft MOU before this STRGBA meeting. The MOU was intended to facilitate a "soft start" approach where a GSA will be formed initially with the basic powers and authorities as allowed under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Once formed, the GSA will then circle back with more detailed governance discussions.

The City of Waterford was the only agency that had submitted comments prior to the STRGBA meeting. All other agencies were either still reviewing the document, or waiting to hear from their legal counsel. The main questions seemed to be surrounding the intent of the operating agreement, and Mr. Davids provided the necessary clarifications to the group. The Committee members were requested to submit comments to Mr. Davids by October 28, 2016.

#### 6. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for November 10, 2016 at 3.00 p.m. in MID Conference Room 3A.

#### 7. Items too late for the Agenda

There were no items too late for the Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.25 p.m.

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