

Stanislaus & Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2020 (1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The following members of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency (STRGBA GSA) attended via Zoom:

Modesto Irrigation District (MID): John Davids
Oakdale Irrigation District (OID): Emily Sheldon
City of Modesto: Miguel Alvarez
Stanislaus County: Walt Ward
City of Waterford: Matt Scofield
City of Oakdale: Michael Renfrow

Other Attendees

Public: Liz Elliott, Todd Groundwater

Phyllis Stanin, Todd Groundwater

Stacy Henderson, Terpstra Henderson Hilary Reinhard, Provost & Pritchard

Alexis Stevens, Somach, Simmons & Dunn

Melissa Williams, MID Kirsten Pringle, Stantec Khandriale Clark, Stantec

Gordon Enas, MID

Amanda Peisch – Derby, DWR

Eric Kappmeier, MID Craig Moyle, Stantec

2. Business from the Public

N/A



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3. Approve 7/8/20 Minutes [Action item]

Ward moved, 2nd by Scofield, to approve 6/10/20 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

4. GSP Budget and Schedule

Enas reported that Todd Groundwater has expended approximately 40% of the budget and 52% of the time scheduled through June 30, 2020.

5. Public Outreach

Pringle gave an update on the draft Communication and Engagement Plan (Plan). The GSA agencies had yet to see the Plan, will review the Plan and provide comments to Stantec. Williams reported that the City of Modesto owns the domain for the STRGBA website. She will contact the City and request permission to transfer the domain to MID.

6. GSP Update

Stanin gave an update on the draft GSP. Todd Groundwater is setting up zone budgets in the groundwater model to develop historical, current and projected water budgets for the Modesto Subbasin. She is also working with Turlock Irrigation District staff to input proposed Tuolumne River flows from the FERC relicensing process for Don Pedro Reservoir into the model.

7. Monitoring Well Update

Elliott gave an update on the planning effort for the monitoring well construction. The final location of the four wells in the eastern portion of the subbasin are still under review. The next steps include developing construction specifications and contract documents for the drilling contract. There was a discussion about whether the locations of the proposed monitoring wells are located outside MID or OID, they are not. Preliminary locations are within OID and MID irrigation service areas. In Todd's opinion the preliminary locations will provide us with adequate information to assess groundwater conditions outside of MID and OID's irrigation service areas. STRGBA member agencies will assess the viability of moving some of the monitoring wells outside or MID and OID's irrigation service areas. Ownership of the monitoring wells is yet decided, but they will be sized large enough to collect water quality samples. Todd is working with Chase Hurley and east side data is coming in pieces.



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8. Next meeting:

August 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

9. Items too late for the agenda N/A