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MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2015 (1.30 P.M. – 3.00 P.M.)

MID CONFERENCE ROOM 3A

The meeting was called to order at 1.30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The following members of the Committee were present:

Modesto Irrigation District (MID):	John Davids, Carrie Loschke
City of Modesto:	Glenn Prasad
City of Riverbank:	Michael Riddell
City of Oakdale:	Michael Renfrow
Stanislaus County:	Walt Ward
Oakdale Irrigation District (OID):	Eric Thorburn

Also in Attendance:

Department of Water Resources: (DWR)	Jason Preece
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2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approve 12/18/2014 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes for 12/18/2014 were unanimously approved.

4. Association Administration

The contact list for STRGBA was handed out and changes were requested. Michael Renfrow indicated that he will be the primary contact and Thom Clark should be moved as an alternate. There were no changes requested by other Committee members.

A motion was made to elect John Davids as the Chairman and Coordinator for the STRGBA, and Glenn Prasad as the vice chairman. All were in favor, and the motion was approved.

5. Work Plan for 2015 Calendar Year

Mr. Davids proposed that following work items be considered for the 2015 calendar year:

- a. Finish USGS Model
- b. Update/ Extend MOU

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- c. Develop STRGBA Outreach Material
- d. Governance

Committee members discussed and agreed with the proposal. Mr. Davids suggested that STRGBA should put greater emphasis on reaching out to the public and other agencies. Mr. Prasad added that the action taken last week to approve STRGBA's sponsorship to the ACWA Governance Workshops was a step in the right direction. Walt Ward also added that the upcoming Stanislaus County Water Summit Meeting should provide STRGBA an excellent platform to raise awareness about its current management efforts. Mr. Ward also pointed out that this will be a good place for STRGBA to discuss governance of the future Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).

When discussions about MOU Update and/or extension was made, it was Michael Riddell's suggestion that each committee member anticipate at least extending the MOU, since specific changes to the MOU will not be clearly understood until certain issues surrounding our GSA formation are resolved.

6. Governance

Mr. Davids provided a Governance Interest Response list, which was utilized by the County for their discussions on GSA governance. The Committee members reviewed this list to determine which agencies could be invited to join the STRGBA. Based on the current MOU, agencies joining the STRGBA should be water purveyors. From the list, it appeared that the City of Waterford, and the Knights Fairy Community Services District were water purveyors that served water within the STRGBA management area. As a result, Mr. Davids volunteered to contact these agencies directly.

7. Collaborative Groundwater Projects

Mr. Prasad provided a status update for the Groundwater Characterization and Recharge Study. He mentioned that eight (8) Statement of Qualifications were received, and out of these, Wood Rodgers Inc., Todd Groundwater, and GEI Consultants were requested to submit Proposals. The Proposals will be due in January, and interviews will be conducted in February. As in previous meetings, Mr. Prasad also communicated that there will be potential delays to the schedule due to the unavailability of the USGS model, and he stated that he would relay these delays to the Department of Water Resources Project Manager once the schedule is better understood from the proposals.

Mr. Ward provided an overview of his status with of the Water Well Facilities Mapping and Development of Database Management System. He stated that Mr. Davids and Mr. Prasad have been assisting him with the RFQ review process. He reiterated his overall goal of the database development work.

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8. USGS Groundwater Model Update

Steve Phillips was unable to attend the meeting to provide his status update. Mr. Davids read Dr. Phillips' email in which he indicated that he would "like to work rather than attend STRGBA meeting, especially with this being the last week for report revision." Dr. Phillips' email further highlighted that he is "on track for the next step (Program Chief and Regional Groundwater Specialist Review)."

Mr. Davids reminded the Committee about certain inconsistencies in his data sets, particularly due to USGS inadvertently using data based on different geographic datum. As a result, he will have to update the model with correct information, re-run the analysis, and update the corresponding figures and tables in the Scientific Investigations Report. The Committee agreed to await Dr. Phillips' status update during the next STRGBA meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for February 12, 2015 at 10.30 a.m. in the MID Conference Room 3A.

10. Items too late for the Agenda

There were no items too late for the agenda. The meeting was adjourned.