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MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2015 (10.30 A.M. – 12.00 P.M.)

MID CONFERENCE ROOM 3A

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The following members of the Committee were present:

Modesto Irrigation District (MID):	Carrie Loschke
City of Modesto:	Glenn Prasad
City of Riverbank:	Michael Riddell
City of Oakdale:	Michael Renfrow
Stanislaus County:	Walt Ward

Also in Attendance:

City of Waterford	Matt Erickson
Department of Water Resources: (DWR)	Jason Preece

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approve 01/13/2015 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes for 01/13/2015 were unanimously approved.

4. Work Plan for 2015 – STRGBA Outreach Material

Mr. Prasad reviewed the following 2015 Work Plan items that were agreed by the Committee in the January STRGBA meeting.

- a. Finish USGS Model
- b. Update/ Extend MOU
- c. Develop STRGBA Outreach Material
- d. Governance

Earlier, Mr. John Davids had recommended that the group conduct more outreach efforts. He had volunteered to prepare a Powerpoint® presentation on behalf of the STRGBA members. Since Mr. Davids was not present, Mr. Prasad relayed to the group that Mr. Davids was working on the Powerpoint® presentation, which will be available for

Committee review in the coming weeks. Mr. Preece added that the STRGBA was on the right track by seeking more participation from outside agencies.

Mr. Prasad added that the group could engage in more public outreach by placing a link of the STRGBA website on their agency water resources webpages.

5. Governance Discussion – Potential inclusion of new members

Mr. Prasad provided an overview of the communication that was made to Mr. Ward regarding an STRGBA-led Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) discussion for the Modesto subbasin. Following that communication, letters had been sent out to the City of Waterford, and the Knights Ferry Community Services District to participate in the February STRGBA meeting. As a result, Mr. Erickson from the City of Waterford was present in the meeting and expressed his interest in becoming a member of the STRGBA. Mr. Riddell welcomed the City of Waterford's participation and explained the purpose of the STRGBA. He further pointed out that Projects funded by STRGBA are usually divided evenly amongst member agencies. He mentioned and the Committee agreed, that if the City of Waterford was to join, there could be certain costs that may have to be paid by the City. These details will be discussed by the Committee members in future STRGBA meetings.

6. STANCO Water Summit/ ACWA Governance Workshop

Mr. Ward provided an overview of the Water Summit meeting that took place on January 16, 2015. He was pleased with the outcome, and was commended by Committee members on his success. He reminded the Committee of the TAC meeting scheduled for later that afternoon. His next step is to provide the TAC an overview of the types of GSA formation structures.

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 were received in January and the interviews were conducted on February 9, 2015. The Committee members have ranked Todd Groundwater the highest.

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 conducted consultant interviews on February 10, 2015, and will inform the members about the final outcome.

8. USGS Groundwater Model Update

Dr. Steve Phillips was unable to attend the meeting to provide his status update. Mr. Prasad read Dr. Phillips' email in which he apologized for his absence and indicated that the report was "fast-tracked" and he remains "on schedule for USGS approval by March 18."

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for March 5, 2015 at 1.30 p.m. in the MID Conference Room 3A.

10. Items too late for the Agenda

Mr. Prasad provided a handout for the newly released Groundwater Management Planning Tool by DWR. The meeting was adjourned at 12.00 p.m.