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MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 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 Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) were present:

Modesto Irrigation District (MID):	John Davids
City of Modesto:	Glenn Prasad, Jack Bond, Beneda Ledezma
Oakdale Irrigation District (OID):	Eric Thorburn
City of Oakdale:	Michael Renfrow
Stanislaus County:	Walt Ward

Also in Attendance:

City of Waterford	Matt Erickson
Department of Water Resources: (DWR)	Jason Preece
United States Geologic Survey: (USGS)	Steve Phillips

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approve 02/12/2015 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes for 02/12/2015 were unanimously approved.

4. Work Plan for 2015 – STRGBA Outreach Material

Mr. Davids provided an outline for a PowerPoint® presentation that he would like to provide the Committee members for the purposes of STRGBA outreach. The Committee members briefly reviewed the outline, and provided approval for Mr. Davids to proceed with the development of the slides. The Committee members also requested an opportunity to review, the draft slides once available. Mr. Preece suggested that the introduction of the presentation should contain a background on STRGBA. Mr. Bond volunteered to provide Mr. Davids examples of his past presentations on STRGBA.

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5. Governance Discussion – Potential inclusion of new members

Mr. Davids had earlier submitted invitation letters 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. There were no participants from the Knights Ferry Community Services District. Based on the Committee's request, Mr. Davids agreed to contact the Knights Ferry CSD a second time to encourage their participation.

The Committee agreed to amend the MOU at a later date, to allow the City of Waterford to become a member of the STRGBA. The Committee further agreed that the City of Waterford will not be requested to reimburse for any past projects that the STRGBA has already conducted, such as the Integrated Regional Groundwater Management Plan, and the USGS Groundwater Flow Model development. Mr. Renfrow pointed out that there is approximately \$30,000 within the STRGBA account and the City of Waterford will have to contribute their share to this balance. Each of the six agencies has contributed approximately 1/6th towards the balance, and the City of Waterford was requested to pay their portion into the initial balance. Mr. Erickson was also reminded that in the past, all STRGBA members have shared an equal (1/6th) cost to complete projects. After becoming part of the Committee, the City of Waterford will have to fund an equal share, or any other proportionate share, as approved by the new Committee for future projects. Mr. Bond suggested that the City of Waterford may decide to pay their share upfront, or at a time when STRGBA is moving forward with a project that requires a call-for-cash. The Committee encouraged Mr. Erickson to discuss the financial commitments with key City officials (i.e. City Manager et al.) and keep the Committee informed.

Mr. Prasad noted that after the participation of the City of Waterford and the Knights Ferry CSD has been determined, the MOU will have to be updated to indicate the respective agency shares during projects (i.e. 1/6th, 1/7th or 1/8th). The STRGBA website and the STRGBA contact list will also need to be updated.

6. Collaborative Groundwater Projects

Mr. Ward provided an overview of his status with of the Water Well Facilities Mapping and Development of Database Management System. He stated that he has selected Tetra Tech and Wood Rodgers to assist him with this project. Mr. Ward has also hired Jacobson James & Associates to assist him with the environmental components of the Stanislaus County Groundwater Ordinance, specifically the components related to well construction and permitting.

Mr. Prasad informed the Committee of the selection of Todd Groundwater to complete the grant-funded Groundwater Characterization and Recharge Project, and the corresponding Council award date of April 14, 2015. Mr. Bond added that an amendment of the grant Agreement with DWR will need to take place, which will include a revision of the Work Plan, and the associate schedule. A time extension will also be needed. Mr. Prasad informed that Committee that since the revised Work Plan and associate schedule is available from Todd Groundwater, he will communicate the needed amendments to the DWR Project Manager.

7. USGS Groundwater Model Update

Mr. Phillips informed the Committee that the technical reviews of the modeling work will be completed on March 18, 2015 and therefore, the model will be available to STRGBA members (not the public) on or after this date.

Mr. Bond reminded the group that after receiving the model, he is planning on having the City of Modesto's Water Master Plan Consultant/ Subconsultant provide a preliminary review of the model. The results of this review can be discussed with STRGBA Committee members at a future date.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for April 2, 2015 at 1.30 p.m. in the MID Conference Room 3A.

9. Items too late for the Agenda

The Committee members discussed the impacts of the drought on their water operations. Water allocation cutbacks from the Irrigation Districts were also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.45 p.m.