



Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association  
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## MEETING MINUTES

**May 14, 2015 (3.00 pm – 4.30 pm)**

MID CONFERENCE ROOM 3A

The meeting was called to order at 3.00 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
Oakdale Irrigation District (OID):	Emily Sheldon
City of Modesto:	Glenn Prasad, Jack Bond
City of Oakdale:	Michael Renfrow
City of Riverbank	Michael Riddell
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 04/02/2015 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes for 04/02/2015 were unanimously approved.

### 4. Work Plan for 2015 – STRGBA Outreach Material

Mr. Davids discussed the PowerPoint® slides, which were intended to facilitate future STRGBA outreach efforts. The Committee agreed to utilize this for future outreach efforts. Mr. Davids will provide the committee members the Final PowerPoint® slides.

### 5. Governance Discussion

Mr. Davids solicited comments on the *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) relating to the Formation and Operation of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association*. In general, the Committee did not have further comments other than what was discussed in the April 2015 meeting, but requested a chance to review the

comments in its final edited form. Mr. Davids will bring a revised version of the MOU for discussion during the June, 2015 STRGBA meeting.

Inclusion of the City of Waterford into the STRGBA was further discussed. Mr. Erickson inquired about past project funding splits. Committee members agreed that in general, there have been no issues in terms of the cost-share methodologies employed by STRGBA. Mr. Renfrow explained the mutual benefits gained by each member agency of the STRGBA by utilizing the shared pool of resources brought to the table.

Mr. Davids informed the group about his communication with the Agricultural Preservation Alliance. This group, primarily overseeing approximately 30,000 acres of privately owned agricultural land in the eastern Modesto Subbasin, has expressed interest in joining the STRGBA. After a brief discussion, the Committee members agreed that the APA was neither a public agency nor a water purveyor, and its service area is already represented in part by MID, and the Stanislaus County. Hence they cannot join the STRGBA as a member, but are welcome to attend the meetings as member of the public. Mr. Davids suggested that APA should contact Mr. Ward directly for matters concerning the Groundwater Sustainable Agency formation in the eastern Modesto Subbasin.

#### **6. USGS Groundwater Model**

Committee members discussed how the USGS Model can be used for future STRGBA work. Mr. Bond pointed out that the Model was intended to be used for Optimization scenarios; this work was not completed as part of Mr. Phillips' work. Mr. Prasad mentioned that each agency had provided Mr. Phillips various scenarios that could benefit their respective agencies and that STRGBA should revisit the optimization scenarios.

Mr. Prasad mentioned that as part of the Groundwater Characterization and Recharge Study, Todd Groundwater will be performing a preliminary review of the USGS Model. Further work to convert this model into a pre-post processor for MODFLOW such as Visual MODFLOW, Groundwater Vistas, or Groundwater Modeling System (GMS) will be conducted by the City. Mr. Prasad will provide the preliminary findings to the Committee in the next STRGBA meeting.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2015 at 3.00 p.m. in the MID Conference Room 3A.

#### **8. Items too late for the Agenda - none**

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