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MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2015 (3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

MID CONFERENCE ROOM 3A

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

The following members of the Committee were present:

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

Also in Attendance:

City of Waterford:	Matt Erickson
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2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approve 07/09/2015 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes for 07/09/2015 were unanimously approved.

4. Regional Groundwater Coordination Committee (RGCC)

Mr. Davids provided an overview of the current RGCC process, and also briefly discussed the results of the interviews conducted by the California State University Center for Collaborative Policy. According to Mr. Davids, the Design Committee corresponding to the RGCC will be meeting again to establish important guiding principles that will further define the roles and responsibilities of the RGCC.

Mr. Prasad highlighted a brief disagreement between the Design Committee members regarding the composition of the RGCC. Representatives from the Delta Mandota Subbasin had envisioned all parties involved in their subbasin (approximately 30 agencies) to become a part of the RGCC in efforts to address their extensive subsidence issues. Mr. Prasad and Mr. Davids will provide further updates to the STRGBA in future meetings.

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5. Authorize Chair and Vice Chair to Proceed with the Preparation of Governance Guiding Principles Document and Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation

Mr. Davids proposed that the Committee members should proceed with GSA formation given that the current notification procedures and formation efforts were relatively minimal. He showed a few examples of Local Agency Notices of Intent that were posted on the Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) website (http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsa_intent.cfm). Mr. Bond mentioned that the current formation guidelines were unclear and that more information was expected to be released from DWR in the coming months. Mr. Davids proposed working with Mr. Prasad to develop general guiding principles, which outline the roles and responsibilities of the future GSA in the Modesto Subbasin.

Mr. Thorburn raised a motion to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to proceed with the preparation of Governance Guiding Principles Document, and also proceed with GSA formation. Mr. Renfrow seconded and all were in favor.

6. City of Modesto Groundwater Consulting Activities

Mr. Prasad provided an overview of the current solicitation efforts undertaken by the City of Modesto to establish a prequalified shortlist for Hydrogeologic Consultant Services. Mr. Prasad also mentioned that selected consultant(s) could assist the STRGBA with work related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2015. *(The meeting was later rescheduled to November 18, 2015 at 1.30 p.m. in the MID Conference Room 3A.)*

8. Items too late for the Agenda

There were no items too late for the agenda. The meeting was adjourned at 4.14 p.m.