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## MEETING MINUTES

**February 11, 2016 (3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**

### MID CONFERENCE ROOM 3A

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 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):	Carrie Loschke
City of Modesto:	Glenn Prasad, Jack Bond
City of Oakdale:	Michael Renfrow
Oakdale Irrigation District:	Emily Sheldon
Stanislaus County:	Walt Ward
City of Riverbank:	Michael Riddell
City of Waterford:	Karen Morgan, Matt Erickson

Also in Attendance:

Agricultural Preservation Alliance: Kevin Kauffman

#### **2. Business from the Public**

There were no public comments.

#### **3. Approve 01/14/2016 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes for the 01/14/2016 STRGBA meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **4. Status of Revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Adoption**

Mr. Prasad informed the Committee that the City of Modesto has signed the revised MOU. He has already provided a copy to Mr. John Davids, who will distribute the final signed copy to all member agencies prior to the next STRGBA meeting.

#### **5. Groundwater Characterization and Recharge Study (Local Groundwater Assistance Grant)**

Mr. Prasad distributed hard copies and electronic copies of Technical Memorandum 1 (TM1), which was developed as part of the Groundwater Characterization and Recharge Study. He provided an overview of how the USGS model was used to develop the cross sections and characterize the underlying aquifers. Mr. Ward provided more technical insight on the figures presented in TM1.

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Mr. Prasad mentioned that comments to TM1 will be due in two weeks. He offered to provide an editable format of TM1 in order to expedite the review process.

## **6. Groundwater Sustainability (GSA) Formation**

In the previous meeting Committee members were requested to provide comments to the GSA formation packet put together by Mr. Davids and Ms. Loschke. This packet included a map, the resolution, the revised MOU, and a list of interested parties with a stakeholder outreach plan. No comments were received from the Committee.

The members agreed that Mr. Prasad and Mr. Davids should develop foundational guiding principles that will form the basis for future GSA formation. Mr. Prasad mentioned that he and Mr. Davids will develop these guiding principles and present it in the next STRGBA meeting. Mr. Ward said that he would also like to be involved in the development of the guiding principles.

Mr. Prasad asked Mr. Ward about the GSA formation efforts related to the “White Triangle Area,” which lies within the Stanislaus County, but outside STRGBA’s current management area. Mr. Ward and Ms. Sheldon described the seemingly uncoordinated GSA formation process in the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin management area. According to Mr. Ward, the “White Triangle Area” cannot be a part of STRGBA’s future GSA management area because it does not lie within the Modesto Subbasin.

## **7. Stanislaus County TAC/WAC Updates**

Mr. Ward outlined the change in schedule for the next Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings as directed by the new board chairman for the Water Advisory Committee (TAC). Mr. Bond expressed his concerns that the TAC meeting schedule is being changed at critical time, when more discussions should be held regarding GSA formations, and the future collaborative projects that the County will be undertaking via Proposition 1 Grant Funds (i.e. Counties with Stressed Basin Grant).

Mr. Bond said that all aspects of the Project should be more transparent, especially since the County will be requesting cost share from other agencies. Mr. Ward developed a preliminary cost split (tree) diagram that showed approximate amounts that each agency may be requested to spend. There were discussions about how Mr. Ward arrived at the cost splits between stakeholders, and the Committee agreed that more discussion regarding the cost splits need to take place in future meetings.

The Committee discussed the possibility of holding the STRGBA meetings within the 1.30 pm – 3 pm time slot when there is no preceding TAC meeting, and 3 pm – 4 pm on the days when there is a preceding TAC meeting.

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**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2016 in the MID Conference Room 3A, following the TAC Meeting.

**9. Items too late for the Agenda**

There were no items too late for the Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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