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MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2016 (3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

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
City of Modesto:	Glenn Prasad
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 (APA): Kevin Kauffman

2. Business from the Public

Mr. Kauffman stated that following the Stanislaus County's written request, the APA has issued a check contribution towards the development of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for Implementation of the Stanislaus County Groundwater Ordinance. This project is funded through the Counties with Stressed Basins Grant, which is part of the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.

3. Approve 02/11/16 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the 02/11/16 STRGBA meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Draft Emergency Regulations for Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Alternatives

Mr. Davids stated that his staff is currently reviewing the Draft Emergency Regulations for Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Alternatives. He suggested that comments from individual member agencies can be compiled and collectively submitted by the STRGBA. Comments from Mr. Davids will be issued to the Committee by next week, and final comments from each agency will be due back to Mr. Davids by March 25, 2016. The comments are due to the Department of Water Resources by April 1, 2016.

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Initial reactions to the Draft Regulations were discussed. Items of discussion included the role of the State Water Resource Control Board, and the establishment of different management zones within Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA's). The risks and benefits of agencies deciding to form their own Groundwater Sustainability Agency versus joining STRGBA as a GSA were discussed. Ms. Sheldon inquired when it would be appropriate to speak to Oakdale Irrigation District Board Members to obtain decisions on GSA formation. Mr. Ward replied that the Committee's efforts to update board members and council members should begin immediately. In response, Mr. Davids requested each Committee member to provide an update on how they have been keeping their board and committee members informed of the GSA formation process.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for April 14, 2016 at 1.30 pm in the MID Conference Room 3A. *(The April 14, 2016 meeting was later rescheduled to May 12, 2016, at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center).*

6. Items too late for the Agenda

- Mr. Kauffman informed the Committee that the Eastside Water District will be forming a separate GSA in the Turlock Basin; however, they are planning on developing a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) with the neighboring GSA, which will likely comprise Turlock Groundwater Basin Association members.
- Mr. Riddell and Ms. Sheldon informed Mr. Prasad that they had no comments to Technical Memorandum 1 of the Groundwater Characterization and Recharge Study.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.