



MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2016 (1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

MID CONFERENCE ROOM,3A

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 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 Waterford:	Matt Erickson
Oakdale Irrigation District:	Emily Sheldon
City of Riverbank:	Michael Riddell
Stanislaus County:	Walt Ward

Also in attendance:

Agricultural Preservation Alliance (APA): Kevin Kauffman
Jacobson James & Associates, Inc.: Mike Tietze and Robert Abrams

2. Business from the Public

There was no business from the public.

3. Approve 5/12/16 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the 5/12/16 STRGBA meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Formation

Mr. Davids is in the process of drafting a “soft-start” document (MOU, Guiding Principles, etc.) for the Committee’s review. The intent of the “soft start” will be to form a GSA and then circle back with more detailed formal governance discussions. Mr. Ward commented that he is in favor of this two-step process, with the advantage being that the initial framework can be managed by the Committee members at the staff level with oversight from their respective Boards.

5. Stanislaus County PEIR Update and Modeling Discussion

Mike Tietze and Robert Abrams from Jacobson James & Associates, Inc., presented an updated Modeling Plan and Workplan for the PEIR for Implementation of the Stanislaus County Groundwater Ordinance. Mr. Ward requested from the Committee that any comments on the Workplan be submitted by Friday, June 17th. Mr. Tietze noted that the Workplan will be appended to the CEQA document. The Workplan has been revised

and is more generalized to reflect the stakeholders' comments received to date. There will be a public scoping opportunity prior to the development of the CEQA document.

The highlighted changes to the Modeling Plan include:

- There will not be an unimpaired flow scenario
- There will not be a GSP implementation scenario
- "Alternative Management Strategies" will be added to the model, which may include a storm water recharge project scenario

Mr. Davids suggested that the model stay away from specific County policy in regards to the storm water recharge project. Mr. Abrams stated that this part of the study can be reflected as more of a narrative instead of a simulation.

According to Mr. Tietze, it will be emphasized in the PEIR that the impacts of the County groundwater ordinance will govern prior to the adoption of the GSP, and that all impacts will be evaluated under CEQA.

Mr. Abrams added that there are three main models to evaluate when selecting one for the PEIR: C2VSim (from DWR), CVHM (from USGS), and MERSTAN (from USGS). Each model has its advantages and disadvantages, and the C2VSim and CVHM models can both be refined for our local study area. He believes that they could gather the most updated MERSTAN data from Steve Phillips and data from the East Turlock model for use when developing the PEIR model. Mr. Tietze and Mr. Abrams have no formal recommendation, but are leaning towards the C2VSim model. DWR is to provide updated data for that model this year, and it may be worthwhile to use the same system that DWR will be using when evaluating the GSPs.

There was also a discussion on adding a local ET_A layer to the model for accuracy in the land based water budget to verify crop coefficients. A few local graphics developed by Formation Environmental were provided for examples on how the data could be used. Mr. Ward mentioned he may be interested in having Formation Environmental present at a future TAC meeting.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for July 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in MID Conference Room 3A. This meeting will follow the July Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

7. Items too late for the Agenda

There were no items too late for the Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.