

Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
JOINT MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY
COMMITTEES

County of Merced Administration Building, Room 310

2222 M Street, Merced, California

April 18, 2019

Special Meeting

10:00AM

AGENDA

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Agency's jurisdiction including items on the Agency's agenda. Testimony limited to three minutes per person.

3. MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2019

4. WATER ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK UPDATE

5. MERCED SUBBASIN GSA PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS

6. PROJECT TO MODEL DEMAND REDUCTION

7. GSP SECTION REVIEW SCHEDULE

8. NEXT MEETING

9. ADJOURNMENT

**MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY JOINT MEETING OF
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MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2019- SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting of the Technical and Advisory Committee for the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) was called to order at 2:00 p.m., on March 20, 2019, at the Merced County Administration Building located at 2222 "M" Street, room 310, Third Floor, Merced, California.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees did roundtable introductions.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Eric Swenson, Shannon Pump Company, discussed the option of having different management zones and water budget goals within the different zones. Mr. Swenson handed out a zone map and stated it would be good to include discussion of management zones in the first Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Mr. Mike Gallo stated that management zones would be a good suggestion. Ms. Lacey Kiriakou informed that under SGMA, the Merced Subbasin is working together with all other GSA's and neighboring basins so that the GSP does not affect each other negatively in reaching sustainability goals. Various conversation has yielded an Interbasin Agreement with the Chowchilla Subbasin and a Memorandum of Intent to Coordinate with the Turlock Subbasin among others. Mr. Swenson informed that the current model goes 5 miles beyond the boundaries and overlaps between models to aid in extractions and sustainable yields and as the current model continues to be worked on and get refined, it will address reduction of long-term subsidence.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for February 21, 2019, were presented to the committee. Mr. Swenson recommended to add a comment under paragraph IV. Water Allocation Framework, to add that the TAC group made a recommendation to start at 100% water allocation to rangeland areas and not negotiate an allocation below 50%.

IV. WATER ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou gave a water allocations framework presentation and discussion and informed the Committee on agenda topics for the upcoming Merced Subbasin GSA Board meeting. Ms. Kiriakou discussed the four steps of the framework and the hydrologic period selected by the Coordination Committee meeting for the GSP to be historical water budget which is from 2006-2015. Ms. Kiriakou further updated on Federal lands and their proportional allocations leaving the remainder of allocations to overlying users of developed and undeveloped land and the conversations being had to determine and negotiate percentages for each. She further informed that at the last Coordination

Committee meeting committee member Mr. Bob Kelley suggested they start with a 75% allocation to grazing land and Merced Irrigation District was going to present the 75% allocation to the Merced Irrigation District Advisory Committee (MIDAC) and come back to a later meeting with a response. Ms. Kiriakou clarified that the allocations are per GSA and not a per acre allocation, and informed that SGMA does not allow the GSA to change water rights but they can modify usage and allocations of water.

V. MERCED SUBBASIN GSA PROJECT LIST

Ms. Kiriakou discussed the various projects on the GSA's projects list and the prioritizing of projects based on time frames. Ms. Kiriakou stated there has been continued outreach to the various water agencies to turn in project suggestions. Mr. Ladi Asgill suggested a method to compare projects based on various subjects for ease of evaluation.

V. MERCED BASIN WATER BUDGET TECHNICAL MEMO

Ms. Kiriakou informed that Woodard and Curran received updated canal seepage information which updated the Groundwater Budget numbers and changed the sustainable yield number from 500,000-acre feet to 570,000. Ms. Kiriakou suggested if anyone has questions on this information to email her directly.

V. UPCOMING GSA MEETING TOPICS

Ms. Kiriakou informed that the next Merced Subbasin GSA Special Meeting will be on March 22, 2019 at 10:00am and will have new board members being sworn in for a 2-year term and part of the discussion will be on the Proposition 218 process. Ms. Kiriakou informed the Committee what the Proposition 218 process.

VI. NEXT MEETING

April 18, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.