



SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) WORKING GROUP

Fresno County Plaza Ballroom
2220 Tulare Street
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Fresno, CA 93721
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AGENDA

Thursday, March 1, 2018

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

1. Call to Order by Co-Chairs
2. Approve October 20, 2016, Meeting Minutes
3. Department of Water Resources Report – DWR staff
4. Receive update regarding SGMA Coordination/Implementation efforts within the Kings Groundwater Basin
5. Receive update regarding SGMA Coordination/Implementation efforts within the Westside Groundwater Basin
6. Receive update regarding SGMA Coordination/Implementation efforts within the Delta Mendota Groundwater Basin
7. Receive Presentation from Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Executive Officer Regarding Proposed LAFCo Water Policy
8. Approve Proposed Modification to Fresno County SGMA Working Group Membership
9. Approve 2018 Meeting Calendar
10. Public comment



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Meeting Minutes October 20, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Chair Buddy Mendes called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Co-Chair Buddy Mendes, Fresno County
Co-Chair Brian Pacheco, Fresno County
Bill Pipes, Mendota Pool Group
Chad Wegley, Alta Irrigation District
Juan Lara, Fresno LAFCo
Gere Gunland, Raisin City Water District
Luke Serpa, City of Clovis
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Chad Swearingen, Riverdale Public Utility District
Chris Kapheim, Alta Irrigation District
Chris White, Central California Irrigation District
Dan Pope, Westlands Water District
David Rogers, Madera County
Dennis Falaschi, Panoche Water District
Doug Verboon, Kings County
Dwight Miller, Biola Community Services District
Merced County Representative
Phil Desatoff, Consolidated Irrigation District
Steve Worthley, Tulare County
Thomas Esqueda, City of Fresno

COUNTY STAFF:

Steven White
Bernard Jimenez
Augustine Ramirez
Steven Sopp

2. Consider Approval of July 21, 2016, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Mendes presented the proposed July 21, 2016 minutes for approval.

ACTION – APPROVED

3. Department of Water Resources Report – DWR staff

Mike McKenzie from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) provided an update regarding GSA filings received statewide and within the County. The Department is working to develop Best Management Practices (BMPs) and has been soliciting input from the public regarding what BMPs would be the most helpful. Initial draft BMPs will be presented at the Clovis Memorial Building on November 16, 2016.

ACTION – REPORT RECEIVED

4. Receive update regarding SGMA Coordination / Implementation efforts within the Kings Groundwater Basin

Chad Wegley – Alta Irrigation District, provided an update on efforts within the Kings River East GSA. The Governor signed SB 37 (Vidak) creating the Kings River East GSA. Next step for the group is to select representatives and seat a Board of Directors by January 31, 2017. The group will also be holding a landowner outreach meeting at the Dinuba Veterans Memorial Building in November.

Luke Serpa – City of Clovis, provided an update on efforts within the North Kings GSA. All 13 of the member agencies have executed a Joint Powers Agreement. The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Kings JPA will meet soon followed shortly by a meeting where the Board will elect to serve as the GSA for the North Kings area. The group intends to file a Notice of Intent with DWR by January.

Eric Osterling – Kings River Conservation District, provided an update of efforts within the North Fork Kings GSA area. The governor recently signed SB 564 (Canella) for the creation of the North Fork Kings GSA. Like the Kings River East GSA the North Fork Kings GSA will also be working to select representatives and seat a Board of Directors by January 31, 2017. The group will also be working to sort out financial details including insurance for the agency.

Bernard Jimenez – County of Fresno, provided an update on efforts within the McMullin Area. County staff has held multiple outreach meetings within the McMullin Area. The County is working to combine with the Raisin City Water District and the Mid-Valley Water District to form a GSA for the area.

ACTION – REPORT RECEIVED

5. Receive update regarding SGMA Coordination / Implementation efforts within the Westside Groundwater Basin

Katarina Campbell - Westlands Water District, reported that the District has submitted a notice of intent to DWR to serve as the exclusive GSA for the Westside Basin and will become exclusive on November 1, 2016. The District has worked with the County of

Fresno to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was recently executed by both agencies. The District will be holding their first public outreach meeting on October 31, 2016 to receive public input on what they would like to see in a GSP.

ACTION – REPORT RECEIVED

6. Receive update regarding SGMA Coordination/Implementation efforts within the Delta Mendota Groundwater Basin

Bill Pipes – Amec Foster Wheeler, representing the Mendota Pool Group, reported that within the Delta-Mendota Basin the Central area is working to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to form a multi-agency GSA. The San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority is the exclusive GSA for the eastern portion of the Basin. The southern portion of the Delta-Mendota Basin is working to come together to determine how a GSA will be formed.

ACTION – REPORT RECEIVED

7. Public Comments

Prior to opening the meeting to public comment the meeting calendar for next year was presented by Bernard Jimenez. Co-chairs Mendes and Pacheco discussed the need for a meeting in January and the possibility of skipping a meeting. Bill Pipes proposed that the meeting be pushed back a month to February with quarterly meetings to follow. The proposal was agreed to by the group.

The meeting was opened by the co-chair for public comment. No public comment was made.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:57 PM

Proposed Fresno LAFCo Water Policy

The proposed water policy will amend several sections of Fresno LAFCo's Policy and Procedures Manual. These amendments are

Proposed added "Issue of Concern" to serve as the foundation the proposed water policy:

Section 002 The necessity for coordinated interagency water resource reliability planning.

Proposed addition of LAFCo Water Policy:

Section 101.5 It is the policy of Fresno LAFCo that orderly growth and development of local agencies shall be determined based on evidence of water resource reliability and sustainability planning.

Proposed addition to the Municipal Service Review Policy:

Section 107-05 When Fresno LAFCo considers determinations identified in GC sec. 56425 (SOI) and 56430 (MSR) for cities and local agencies with water management responsibilities, it shall have considered the following local agency documents (when applicable),

- Urban Water Management Plan;
- Capital improvement program or plan;
- General plan or master plan for services;
- The applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan or alternative adopted pursuant to WC sec. 10720; and
- The Groundwater Sustainability Agency's report on the proposal's conformity with the applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan or the subject local agency's efforts to achieve conformity.

Proposed addition of a Municipal Service Review determination pursuant to GC sec. 56430 (a)(7), "Any other matter related to effective or efficient service delivery, as required by commission policy"):

Section 107-06 "The status of the local agency's water supply reliability and sustainability planning and conformity with the applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan."



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE
DIRECTOR

SGMA Working Group Staff Report **Agenda Item No. 8** **March 1, 2018**

SUBJECT: Proposed modification to Fresno County Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Working Group membership.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors approval of the proposed modification to membership of the SGMA Working Group.

STAFF CONTACT: Glenn Allen, Water & Natural Resources Manager
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DISCUSSION:

On March 10, 2015, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors approved formation of the Fresno County Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Working Group. On March 24, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the SGMA Working Group 21 membership list as follows:

Fresno County	Consolidated Irrigation District
Fresno County	Alta Irrigation District
Kings County	Westland Water District
Tulare County	Central California Irrigation District
Merced County	Panoche Water District
Madera County	Raisin City Water District
City of Fresno	Riverdale Public Utilities District
City of Clovis	Biola Community Services District
City of Reedley	Mendota Pool Group
Kings River Conservation District	Fresno Local Agency Formation Comm.
Fresno Irrigation District	

The SGMA Working Group was formed with the intent of utilizing the group's expertise to advise regarding items related to SGMA, to provide a forum to discuss and decipher the requirements of SGMA, and to foster the collaboration necessary for successful implementation of SGMA. The group has met 10 times since formation and has made several recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, including approval of Memorandums of Understanding (Kings Subbasin as a whole, East Kings Subbasin, and Lower Kings Subbasin), each with the fundamental purpose of facilitating a cooperative and ongoing working relationship between the parties.

By way of background, under the current Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, the County overlies four groundwater Subbasins of the Tulare Lake Region. Three of the four Subbasins are identified by the Final California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Basin Prioritization report of June 2014 as high priority basins subject to a critical condition of overdraft: Kings, Westside, and Delta Mendota. The fourth basin, Pleasant Valley is considered a low priority and therefore not subject to SGMA.

Since the group's last meeting of October 20, 2016, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) have been formed covering all three priority Subbasins within Fresno County as follows:

Kings Subbasin	Westside Subbasin	Delta Mendota Subbasin
North Kings	Westlands Water District	Fresno County "A" and "B"
Central Kings	Fresno County	Oro Loma Water District
Kings River East		City of Firebaugh
James Irrigation District		City of Mendota
McMullin Area		Widren Water District
North Fork Kings		Farmers Water District
South Kings		Central Delta Mendota
		Regional Multi-Agency
		San Joaquin River
		Exchange Contractors
		Water Authority

Since all the required GSAs have now been formed and preparation of the required Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) are underway, staff is recommending that membership of the Working Group be modified to reflect GSA representatives. As the SGMA Working Group moves forward, one key component of SGMA implementation that will need to be addressed is inter-basin coordination. This SGMA working group could provide a forum to discuss and address inter-basin issues including coordination agreements and/or inter-basin GSP review. Staff believes that would be a logical evolution of the SGMA Working Group as it continues to be move forward with SGMA implementation.



2018 SGMA WORKING GROUP CALENDAR

● County Holiday

SGMA SGMA WORKING GROUP MEETING

JANUARY						
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