

**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

October 17, 2018

Special Meeting

3:00PM

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

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4. WATER RESOURCES MODEL

5. UNDESIRABLE RESULTS AND MINIMUM THRESHOLD APPROACH

6. NEXT MEETING

7. ADJOURNMENT

**MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY JOINT MEETING OF
THE TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2018- SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting of the Technical and Advisory Committee for the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on August 16, 2018, at the Merced County Administration Building located at 2222 "M" Street, room 310, Third Floor, Merced, California.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees of the meeting introduced themselves and their agencies.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

III. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT OVERVIEW

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou, Water Resource Coordinator for Merced County, gave an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the function of the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) as well as the steps needed to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the region.

IV. TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES PURPOSE

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou updated on the purpose of the Technical and Advisory Committee and timelines for meetings and deliverables for each of the GSA committees. It was requested if Ms. Kiriakou could provide bullet points for the members of the Technical and Advisory Committees to review and understand what is required and what might be required later from each of these members. Mr. Eric Swenson discussed the activity that Shannon Pump Company is seeing regarding well pumping and well drilling in the subbasin area. The group further discussed the topic of water rights and the role the GSA Board will have with the help the GSA's legal team to help make any determinations.

V. GSP PLAN AREA CHAPTER

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou informed that the first chapter of the GSP Plan Area Chapter was made public and is currently available for review. Committee members and agencies were encouraged to submit comments and feedback regarding this document. The GSP Plan Area Chapter is available for review at the Merced Subbasin GSA website located online at: <https://www.co.merced.ca.us/2255/Merced-Subbasin-GSA>

VI. PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou informed that the Merced Subbasin GSA Board adopted a Proposition 218 process option, which would charge a fee to landowners on a per acre rate to pay for SGMA and the future of the GSA. The Scope of work submitted by GSA consultants Woodard and Curran proposes an in depth parcel analysis and preliminary results on the analysis is projected around October 2018. Provost & Pritchard will in turn

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produce a report on how the GSA is complying with the sections of the Proposition 218 process. Ms. Kiriakou anticipated that by May or June 2019 there would be a protest hearing prior to the GSA Board approving the Prop. 218 fee and if 50 percent or more landowners do not approve this, the Prop 2018 option would not pass.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical and Advisory Committee meeting will be held on September 13, 2018 at 1:30pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

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**MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY JOINT MEETING OF THE
TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2018- 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 September 13, 2018, at the Merced County Administration Building located at 2222 "M" Street, room 310, Third Floor, Merced, California.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees of the meeting introduced themselves and their agencies.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Eric Swensen addressed the group regarding conversations he has had with staff at Woodard and Curran about the water model and concerns about the water model data being from 2010 and earlier as well as geologic cross sections and data parameters in the Legrand area that are included in the model.

III. SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA

A presentation was given by Ms. Lacey Kiriakou, Water Resource Coordinator for Merced County, regarding the GSP Development and sustainable management criteria as well as sustainability indicators and conditions of subbasin-wide sustainability goals. She went over groundwater maps and discussed minimum thresholds and measurable objectives determined by the GSA and GSA consultants.

IV. MINIMUM THRESHOLDS

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou defined minimum thresholds, measurable objectives and undesirable results and explained how the GSA will make determinations as to what the representative monitoring sites will have future discussions to determine the significant and unreasonable indicators and undesirable results. She further detailed that the Department of Water Resource (DWR) will have two years to review the GSA's recommendations after it has been submitted and decide if they agree with the GSA's determinations based on their data. She further established that the GSA is required to collaborate and coordinate with neighboring Subbasins and work together to determine minimum thresholds and groundwater elevations along their borders. Ms. Kiriakou asked the Committee if they would like a future presentation on the Groundwater Model given by Woodard and Curran to further understand and have discussion on the model and the Committee members agreed that they would like that. Mr. Eric Swensen suggested that in the future there will need to be a validation of verification to establish use and depth of wells and Ms. Kiriakou agreed it would be a good discussion to have in the future.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical and Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 2:00pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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