



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Madera Subbasin Advisory Committee  
February 12, 2019

A special meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies' Advisory Committee was held at Madera County Government Center, 200 West 4th Street, Madera, California at 6:00 P.M. on February 12, 2019.

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Chair Devin Aviles, Clay Daulton, Jared Samarin, Jay Mahil, Jerry Kazynski, Jim Maxwell, Kevin Herman

Alternates Present: Abel Serrano, Bill Dietrich, Bryant Elkins, Ralph Pistoiresi, Nathan Ray of Sierra Vista Mutual Water

Committee Members Absent: Alejandro Vieyra, Javier Marquez, Greg Rogers, Ben Pitman, Miguel Guerrero, Vicky Ortiz

Also present: Mike Linden, County legal counsel, Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water and Natural Resources, Greg Young, Technical Expert, and eighteen members of the public.

Chair Aviles called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M. A quorum was present, which included five alternates.

There were two public comments.

**UPDATE ON SUBBASINS & CALENDAR** – Stephanie Anagnoson reviewed subbasin and County GSA information for each of the three GSAs within Madera County. She gave an overview of recent public events including the Department of Water Resources for Flood MAR, a Fresno State Water Market Symposium and a Self-Help/Leadership Council Joint Madera and Chowchilla Subbasin workshop on conceptual undesirable results.

**PROJECTS REPORT** – Stephanie Anagnoson explained that proxies would be used to represent projects for the County GSAs.

**ALLOCATION DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION** – The Committee recommended that as part of the GSP, native groundwater should be allocated equally across irrigated and unirrigated land within the County GSAs.

**Votes**

Yes – Abel Serrano (Alternate)

Yes – Bill Dietrich (Alternate)

Yes – Bryant Elkins (Alternate)

Yes – Clay Daulton



Yes – Devin Aviles  
Yes – Jared Samarin  
Yes – Jay Mahil  
Yes – Jerry Kazynski  
Yes – Jim Maxwell  
Yes – Kevin Herman  
No - Pistorosi (alternate)

Nathan Ray of Sierra Vista (alternate) was present but did not vote.

**CREDITING DISCUSSION** – Stephanie Anagnoson gave a quick overview of possible credits that could be used between people with a source of surface water and people with a recharge facility, such as a basin on their farm. Issues include the amount of credit, the time period for the credit and the amount of the credit divided between owner of water and owner of recharge facility. There was consensus around the concept of “leave-behind” water, ten percent has been used in other Counties, for the health of the basin. There was not a precise ratio agreed upon by the group. . Committee members wanted flexible terms for the credit between the source of the water and facility used to recharge, and were reluctant to suggest that a percentage should be fixed for all circumstances.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – Stephanie Anagnoson did not give a director’s report.

**INCREMENTAL ALLOCATION DISCUSSION** – Greg Young presented three scenarios to show a reduction in consumptive water use from 2020 to 2040. There was some consensus in discussion targeting a 10% reduction in consumptive water use by 2025, wanting to revisit the rate of reduction for 2026 to 2040 until after the GSP has been in place for several years. County staff clarified that the GSP needs to show sustainability by 2040, so an assumption must be made for the 2026 to 2040 period. However, that assumption definitely could be revisited prior to 2025 and adjusted based on the available and relevant information.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS** – There were no Committee Member comments.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: March 7, 2019 at 2 p.m.