



Minutes of the Meeting of the Madera Subbasin Advisory Committee  
March 7, 2019

A special meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies' Advisory Committee was held at 200 West Fourth Street, Madera, California 93637 in Room 3005.

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Chair Devin Aviles, Ben Pitman, Jerry Kazynski, Jim Maxwell, Clay Daulton, Jared Samarin, Miguel Guerrero, Kevin Herman

Alternates Present: Bryant Elkins, Bill Dietrich, Ralph Pistoresi

Committee Members Absent: Abel Serrano (alternate), Alejandro Vieyra, Javier Marquez (alternate), Jay Mahil, Vicky Ortiz, Greg Rogers, Sierra Vista (Alternate),

Also present: Supervisor Poythress, Mike Linden, County legal counsel, Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water and Natural Resources, Jeannie Habben, Deputy Director of Water and Natural Resources, Kim Witten, Program Assistant II, and 36 members of the public

Chair Aviles called the meeting to order at 2:08 P.M. A quorum was present, which included three alternates.

There was no public comment.

RESIDENTIAL WELL LOANS AND GRANTS – Tami McVay, Manager of Drought Services for Self-Help, explained the process for obtaining a loan or grant when a homeowner has a domestic water well that no longer produces enough to support the household.

UPDATE ON SUBBASINS & CALENDAR – Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water and Natural Resources, gave a brief update on outreach activities, including the special meeting in which the Committee toured several water-related sites, and the status of each subbasin in terms of producing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

INCREMENTAL ALLOCATION DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION – The Committee recommended that as part of the initial modeling efforts, groundwater pumping in the County GSAs decrease over time decreased at approximately 2% a year from 2020 to 2040. The vote was 11-0.

CREDITING DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION - Stephanie Anagnoson posed key questions to the Committee:

- What actions might trigger a credit?



- Should a portion of the credit be given to the GSA?
- Is the credit able to be traded?
- Does the credit diminish over time?

The Committee formed some consensus around the idea that installing infrastructure, including basins, should be credit-eligible as well as importing additional supplies of water. There were concerns expressed that all credit-eligible activities should be documented and evaluated in some fashion in order for credit to be allocated.

This item was then tabled for future meetings.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – There was no Director's Report.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS – There were no Committee Member Comments.

ADJOURNMENT - The Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2019 at 2 p.m.