

**Minutes**  
**County of Madera**  
**Groundwater Sustainability Agencies**  
**Advisory Committee Special Meeting**  
**July 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Devin Aviles  
Clay Daulton  
Jerry Kazinski  
Greg Rogers

Jim Maxwell  
Bryant Elkins  
Ralph Pistoresi  
Jared Samarin

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water and Natural Resources, mentioned that the meeting needs to end by 3:15 p.m. due to a previously scheduled event.

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF AD-HOC COMMITTEES – Stephanie Anagnoson explained that there are work needs to could be taken care of by Ad-Hoc Committees, which could be limited in scope and have a specific purpose. She mentioned Clay Daulton, Ben Pitman and Bryant Elkins are potential members for a Livestock Ad-Hoc Committee, which could identify specific livestock challenges and solutions and report back at the next regular meeting. She also suggested Bill Dietrich, Javier Marquez and Vicki Ortiz as potential members for a Domestic Well Ad-Hoc Committee, which could review a proposed domestic well mitigation program and provide a summary and analysis at the next regular meeting.

Jim Maxwell made the first on the motion for the creation of two Ad-Hoc Committees, Jerry Kazinski seconded the motion; all were polled and the vote passed with a 7-0 vote or unanimously.

Both Self-Help Enterprises and the Farm Bureau mentioned interest in public participation in the Ad-Hoc Committees

6. WATER USE TECHNOLOGY REPORT – Devin Aviles

Chairman Aviles reported on five companies that presented at the Madera County Farm Bureau Water Forum: Land IQ, Pow Wow, Jain Irrigation, Ranch Systems, and SWIIM. Their presentations will be on-line at the Madera Farm Bureau's website. The companies discussed the products and systems they each have available, data storage and analysis, and other on farm water technology.

7. MULTI-YEAR PLANNING – Greg Young & Stephanie Anagnoson

Stephanie Anagnoson presented a draft spreadsheet showing Madera County GSAs first five (fiscal years). The categories addressed on the chart are:

- GSP - One GSP report turned in in January and then one annual report turned in in April

- Financing and Revenue – Prop 218 Flood Agency funding, GSA Administrative fees, Prop 218 for projects and potential grants
- Studies – Water markets, demand reduction, domestic well mitigation and others
- Projects – Working with DWR for recharge pilot program for dairies and CVP contract amendment
- Programs – Demand reduction outreach and education
- Demand Reduction targets were last

These suggestions were for the first fiscal year. The categories remain the same with additional suggestions for the next four fiscal years on the chart.

Some were confused with why the fiscal year approach was used, and it was suggested to adjust the chart to calendar year, not fiscal year. It was also asked if there is a specific date yet when people can submit projects for recharge. There were other discussions on programs, on specific grants, levee management issues, and how costs should be assessed.

#### 8. MINIMUM THRESHOLDS AND MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES – Greg Young & Stephanie Anagnoson

Greg Young prefaced his presentation by saying that setting minimum thresholds (MTs) for groundwater levels are important to keep local control over the groundwater in the subbasin. Existing beneficial uses like drinking water (private wells, small community, etc.), irrigation and the environment are key factors to consider and show the connectivity between the human right to water and the importance of agriculture to the County's economy. Through a series of steps, minimum thresholds were proposed that incorporated domestic drinking water levels as well as an artificial ten-year drought. Greg Young emphasized that the MTs are important, but that the system was going to be operated at the measurable objective (MO), which was equally, if not more, important.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting Date: September 5, 2019 at 2 p.m.