

County of Madera County
Groundwater Sustainability Agencies
Advisory Committee Special Meeting
May 23, 2019
MINUTES

1. Call to Order: at 1:39pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Javier Marquez
Bill Diedrich
Devin Aviles

Jim Maxwell
Clay Dalton
Ralph Pistoresi

Jerry Kaczynski
Kevin Herman
Jared Samarin

4. Public Comment - There were two public comments.

5. Allocation Discussion & Recommendation – Greg Young and Stephanie Anagnoson

Stephanie Anagnoson began by reminding everyone that the discussion is only for the Madera and Chowchilla Subbasins (and not the Delta-Mendota) and only the County GSAs within those subbasins, not the other GSAs within the subbasins. Additionally, she reminded the committee that this discussion regarding demand reduction does *not* include urban or domestic water use.

Greg Young stated that the main issue is the current extraction of groundwater within the County GSAs exceeds the native groundwater even with proposed projects by the County GSAs. The GSP needs to show reduction at the subbasin level and must consider county economics, grower economics, drinking water needs, water rights, the environment, equity, and implementation ability. Additionally land owners need to understand change at a parcel level and other GSAs in the subbasin need to agree with the County GSAs in terms of their plans.

Greg Young described three additional scenarios to demonstrate the effect on pumping quantities and irrigated lands. One scenario included an allocation and a flexibility pool, another scenario included allocations by crop type. He stated if there is a focus only on a tiered fee structure, it is potentially a simplified approach that provides grower flexibility to manage and would be the easiest County GSA administration.

6. Director's Report – Stephanie Anagnoson

Stephanie Anagnoson reported that on May 29 from 10- 12 noon there will be a Chowchilla Subbasin GSP Advisory Committee meeting at the Portuguese Hall in Chowchilla and also a Joint GSP meeting for the Madera Subbasin from 2 – 5 at the Madera County Government Center. She will also schedule another Special Advisory Committee meeting in June.

7. Committee Member Comments - Advisory Committee members stated that this is a very difficult topic that this group can chat about and agree to disagree, but it is important to have everyone in the room.
8. Adjournment: 3:31pm

Next regular meeting Date: July 11, 2019 at 2pm