



MINUTES

County of Madera Groundwater Sustainability Agencies' Advisory Committee - February 6, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER – 2:03pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Angela Islas
Bryant Elkins
Clay Daulton
Darcy Vlot

Devin Aviles
Jared Samarin
Jerry Kaczynski
Jim Maxwell

Larkin Harman
Mike DeLaGuerra
Teresa Mendoza

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Madeline H stated that she would like the need for Clean Drinking Water added as a standing item at each one of these meetings so that it is discussed each meeting.
Note: translation services are available where needed.

5. OVERVIEW OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Stephanie Anagnoson

Stephanie A reviewed the Advisory Committee History and previous recommendations as well as the rules for 2020. The structure of the committee was touched on by showing the list of the 2020 committee members and their alternates. This section was completed by reviewing the meeting dates and topics of those meetings with the group. It was stated that the Advisory committee should act as ambassadors for the process and SGMA so that the information is out there.

6. BROWN ACT RULES – Mike Linden

Mike L reviewed the Brown Act as it relates to this Advisory committee. This included noticing of meetings and the designation of a quorum.

7. SUBBASINS UPDATES – Greg Young and Stephanie Anagnoson

The important information is:

- Delta Mendota GSP Submittal –in 75 day public review period
- Chowchilla GSP Submittal –in 75 day public review period
- Madera GSP Submittal –being evaluated by DWR for next steps
- Potential Probationary Status
- Not eligible for GSA-related grants
- 90 days of noticing of probationary status hearing
- 180 days to remedy during which groundwater extraction reporting occurs monthly
- \$300/well and \$40/AF fees

Stephanie A described \$6.9 million in grant applied for, and what water resource management may look like for 2020-2040. Greg Y then described the GSA requirements and the current options for demand reduction, mostly in the Madera or Chowchilla Subbasins. In review of options, the committee was reminded the things to keep in mind are: • Access to drinking water • Administrative/regulatory burden for grower • Administrative burden for County GSA • Individual economics • County GSA economics • County economics • Flexibility and adaptability of approach to modify to assure GSA reduction targets are met • Monitoring and reporting (for the State and other GSAs)

8. DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Stephanie Anagnoson

Christina B from the Madera Farm Bureau and Stephanie A gave the results from a survey of 101 farmers from Madera County completed in the spring of 2019 on “Farmer Perspectives on Water Management and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in Madera County.” This survey had questions varying from statements regarding SGMA to climate change. They discussed where this information has been and will be used.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- There was a question regarding the Coordination Agreement and the final signature.
- Jim M would like to see a status report on domestic wells and the challenges that they may have at the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- Angela I stated she would like to see a survey with results where DACs are represented and more consideration of stakeholder engagement on a community level to capture over all collaboration. Instead of having everything industry focused by having better engagement the residents.
- Angela I suggest to have a work group created to go through the current options for demand reduction. Stephanie A stated that she is reviewing with Mike L how to form a groups such as a Demand management workgroup or a Domestic well workgroup. This discussion will resume at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 3:46

Next Meeting Dates at 2 p.m. on April 2, June 4, August 6, October 1, and December 3.