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**MINUTES**  
**for County of Madera Groundwater Sustainability Agencies’**  
**Special Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**September 3, 2020**  
**2:00 P.M.**

*Supporting documents relating to the items on this agenda are available through the County of Madera website at [www.maderacountywater.com](http://www.maderacountywater.com). These documents are also available at the office of the Madera County Water and Natural Resources Department, 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637. Please contact the Department of Water and Natural Resources for updates.*

**1. Call to Order – 2:05 pm**

Chairman Aviles reviewed the agenda and called the meeting to order.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

At this time, all were asked to turn off their cameras as they stood to say the pledge.

**3. Committee Members Present (alternates noted with “a”):**

Self Help - a	Leadership Council - a	Clay Daulton
Al Solis - a	Jim Maxwell	Devin Aviles
Larkin Harman	Bryant Elkins	Jared Samarin
Darcy Volt	Mike DeLaGuerra - a	

Additional alternates present:

Jay Quick	Karun Samrun
Greg Hooker	Sam Lopes

Staff present included Stephanie Anagnoson, Jeannie Habben, Kim Witten, and Kirsten Hefner from the County and Deputy County Counsel Mike Linden and engineering consultant Greg Young. Itzel Vasquez-Rodriguez and Adriana Renteria from the State Water Board were present, and Emilia from Lingüística who provided translation. An additional 51 participants were on the line.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **5. AMBASSADOR REPORT – Advisory Committee Members**

There were no reports from Ambassadors.

#### **6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Stephanie Anagnoson**

Stephanie Anagnoson reviewed various projects, including Rate Studies, Data Management System and RFPs for Prop 68 funds for domestic well inventorying. As Flood Control manager, Stephanie A. noted that we have a 1602 Permit for the Ash Slough to remove sediment and that issues were being worked out with CADFW, and requested that no one goes in the Ash Slough. There were questions clarifying fees and processes with fees.

#### **7. DOMESTIC WELLS – Itzel Vasquez-Rodriguez of SWRCB**

Itzel Vasquez and Adriana Renteria from The State Water Resources Control Board presented a PowerPoint on a new program called SAFER, which can fund water-related projects. They also introduced the SAFER Advisory Group, which is accepting applications for next year. For more information, sign up at [waterboards.ca.gov/safer](http://waterboards.ca.gov/safer). There were comments given related to funding needs.

#### **8. ALLOCATION DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION – Greg Young and Stephanie Anagnoson**

Deputy County Counsel Mike Linden reviewed overlying water rights and the difference between water rights and allocations. Stephanie Anagnoson then reviewed presented the concept of an allocation and a farm unit and then different types of waters. Greg Young walked through four different scenarios in terms of use of types of water and management decisions. There were many questions about how the potential allocation.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT – 4:52 p.m.**

**Next Meeting Dates: October 1 and December 3 at 2 p.m.**