

Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
JOINT MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY
COMMITTEES

County of Merced Administration Building, Room 310

2222 M Street, Merced, California

January 22, 2019

Special Meeting

2:00PM

AGENDA

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Agency's jurisdiction including items on the Agency's agenda. Testimony limited to three minutes per person.

3. MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2018

4. WATER ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK

5. PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

6. NEXT MEETING

7. ADJOURNMENT

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THE TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018- SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting of the Technical and Advisory Committee for the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) was called to order at 2:00 p.m., on November 14, 2018, at the Merced County Administration Building located at 2222 "M" Street, room 310, Third Floor, Merced, California.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees of the meeting introduced themselves and their agencies.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

III. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for October 17, 2018 were presented to the committee. Edits were made by Mr. Eric Swenson regarding a comment on the water resource model.

IV. UNDESIRABLE RESULTS AND MINIMUM THRESHOLD

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou, Merced County Water Resources Coordinator, gave a slide presentation and discussed negative impacts associated with undesirable results and talked about sustainability indicators. Mr. Dave Nervino, Merced County farmer, suggested adding an economic component to the undesirable section to take into account economic loss. Mr. Eric Swenson spoke on the future potential fire hazards of fallowed land that was once irrigated agricultural soil. The group addressed the data in the model and Ms. Kiriakou informed that Dominic Amador from Woodard and Curran stated that if they had included data from 2016, the line on the graphic would show a slight leveling off, but would not show a big increase as 2016 was followed by a year of drought. She further informed that the extrapolation will include 50 years of informational data. The group discussed minimum thresholds and groundwater elevations and discussed the graphs shown in the presentation. Suggestions were made to define the term 'shallow' in domestic wells as this might change from various areas within Merced County. Ms. Kiriakou pointed out a 30 ft. buffer in the example of a well and explained that the buffer may be used to account for the 10 ft. of water needed for the pump. Mr. Swenson recommended that the well data collected by CASGEM include spring and summer months to help with thresholds and wells potentially going dry during these months.

V. BASINWIDE WATER BUDGETS

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou presented the GSA water budget to the Committee that Woodard and Curran presented to the GSA Board on November 1, 2018 and asked for any feedback, questions, comments and project proposals from the Committee to take back to the GSA at a future meeting.

VI. MERCED SUBBASIN PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Ms. Kiriakou declared that there will be two public workshops one in the Planada Community Center on December 6th 2018 at 6:00-8:00pm, and the other one at Franklin Elementary School on December 13th, 2018 at 6:00-8:00pm. These give an opportunity for the public to learn and give feedback on the GSP plan.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical and Advisory Committee meeting will be held in January 2019 at 2:00 pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.