

# Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Governing Board

County of Merced Board Chambers, Third Floor

2222 M Street, Merced, California

November 1, 2018

Special Meeting

2PM

## AGENDA

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Bob Kelley, Stevinson Water District

Chair

Nic Marchini, Plainsburg Irrigation District

Vice Chair

George Park, Lone Tree Mutual Water Company

Rodrigo Espinoza, County of Merced

Jeff Bergeron, Eastern White Area Representative

David Farmer, Western White Area Representative

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action to approve the meeting minutes from July 12, 2018.

### **5. MERCED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND BASIN WATER BUDGET UPDATE**

Presentation by consultants Woodard and Curran on the development of the Merced GSP and the proposed Merced Water Budget. No action required.

### **6. 2019 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

Approval to set the regular quarterly meeting dates in 2019.

**7. COORDINATION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**8. TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES UPDATE**

**9. STAFF UPDATE**

**10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

**11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 10, 2019**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY (JPA)  
GOVERNING BOARD**

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**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JULY 12, 2018**

The agenda, original minutes, and all supporting documentation (for reference purposes only) of the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Governing Board meeting of July 12, 2018, are available online at [www.countyofmerced.com/MercedSubbasinGSA](http://www.countyofmerced.com/MercedSubbasinGSA).

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority Governing Board was called to order at 2:00 p.m., on July 12, 2018, in the Board Chambers located at 2222 "M" Street, Third Floor, Merced, California.

**II. SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBER**

Merced County Supervisor Rodrigo Espinoza swore in Mr. Rick Drayer, Alternate Representative for the Eastern White Area.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Members

Present: Bob Kelley- Chairman (Stevenson Water District)  
Nic Marchini- Vice Chair (Plainsburg Irrigation District)  
David Farmer- (Western White Area)  
George Park- (Lone Tree Mutual Water Company)  
Rick Drayer- (Eastern White Area)  
Supervisor Rodrigo Espinoza (Merced County)

Board Members

Absent: None

Staff Present:

Steven Maxey, Acting Secretary  
Ana Muniz-Laguna, Recording Secretary  
Lacey Kiriakou, Merced County Water Resource Coordinator

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Ms. Julia Barry, staff consultant working with Clayton Water District of Madera County, spoke to the Board and updated them on the application submittal for the annexation process to increase the Clayton Water District boundary from 1200 acres to 10,000 and

informed that this application proposes to be located in both within Madera County and Merced County.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: M/S MARCHINI– PARK, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 – 0, THE BOARD APPROVES THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 26, 2018 MEETING.**

**VII. FY 2018-2019 BUDGET**

Action to approve a budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 and approval for invoicing member agencies to fund FY 18-19 budget.

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou gave update and informed that the GSA's Joint Powers Authority Agreement requires the Governing Board to approve a new operating budget at the beginning of each fiscal year. Ms. Kiriakou shared projections for the 2018-2019 proposed budget and what funds would be used for.

No one from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to this item.

**MOTION: M/S ESPINOZA– PARK, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 – 0, THE BOARD APPROVES A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND APPROVAL FOR INVOICING MEMBER AGENCIES TO FUND FY18-19 BUDGET.**

**VIII. PROPOSITION 218 PER ACRE FEE PROPOSALS**

Action to approve proposals from Woodard and Curran and Provost and Pritchard to complete a parcel analysis and engineering report for the proposed Proposition 218 per acre fee.

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou informed that in the April 26, 2018 GSA Board meeting the Board directed staff to proceed with the preparation of a Proposition 218 per acre fee for the Board to consider at a later meeting. To complete the task, the GSA is considering a contract with Woodard and Curran and Provost and Pritchard, engineering firms who would help with the 218 parcel analysis and report and conduct outreach to landowners. Ms. Kiriakou stated this action item requests the Governing Board to consider approving a contract with Woodard and Curran not to exceed the amount of \$52,988 and Provost and Pritchard in the amount of \$50,000 to \$75,000, not to exceed \$75,000.

No one from the public spoke in favor of or opposition to this item.

**MOTION: M/S PARK– FARMER, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 – 0, THE BOARD APPROVES ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSALS FROM WOODARD AND CURRAN AND PROVOST AND PRITCHARD TO COMPLETE A PARCEL ANALYSIS AND ENGINEERING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PROPOSITION 218 PER ACRE FEE.**

**MOTION: M/S PARK– FARMER, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 – 0, THE BOARD APPROVES ACTION TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CONTRACT, AS APPROVED BY GSA LEGAL COUNSEL, WITH WOODARD AND CURRAN AND PROVOST AND PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP, INC.**

**IX. MERCED-CHOWCHILLA INTERBASIN AGREEMENT**

Action to approve and sign the Merced-Chowchilla Interbasin Agreement.

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou informed that in 2016, through the Department of Water Resources Basin Boundary Modification process, the Chowchilla Water District submitted a basin boundary modification request to shift the Merced-Chowchilla groundwater subbasin boundary and move portions of the Chowchilla Water District from the Merced Subbasin into the Chowchilla Subbasin and to move portions of the Merced Irrigation District and Merced County white area from the Chowchilla Subbasin in to the Merced Subbasin. The Interbasin Agreement was requested as a result of the basin boundary modification and drafted by all parties to facilitate the sharing of data and coordination of GSPs between the Merced and Chowchilla subbasins.

No one from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to this item.

**MOTION: M/S ESPINOZA – MARCHINI, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 – 0, THE BOARD APPROVES ACTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MERCED-CHOWCHILLA INTERBASIN AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE MERCED-CHOWCHILLA INTERBASIN AGREEMENT.**

**X. LEGAL COUNSEL CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Action to approve a one year extension of the contract for legal services with Herum Crabtree Suntag.

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou explained that a service agreement was approved between Herum Crabtree Suntag and the Merced Subbasin GSA Governing Board for legal services which is set to expire August 01, 2018. This item extends the contract for one year for a year through August 1, 2019.

No one from the public spoke in favor of or opposition to this item.

**MOTION: M/S MARCHINI – ESPINOZA, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 – 0, THE BOARD APPROVES ACTION TO APPROVE A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH HERUM CRABTREE SUNTAG.**

**XI. MERCED –CHOWCHILLA BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION REQUEST**

Information item and possible action on the Basin Boundary Modification request by the County of Madera to align the Merced and Chowchilla basin boundary with the Merced-Madera County line where applicable.

Ms.Kiriakou informed the Board that the County of Madera is submitting a Basin Boundary Modification request to DWR for the boundary between the Chowchilla Subbasin and the Merced Subbasin. This minor modification would adjust the basin boundary to align the basin boundary with the county line for the portion of the basin boundary that follows the Merced-Madera county line.

Board member Marchini suggested providing a letter of support on the Merced Subbasin GSA's behalf.

**MOTION: M/S MARCHINI – ESPINOZA, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 – 0, THE BOARD APPROVES ACTION TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION REQUEST MADE BY COUNTY OF MADERA.**

**XII. COORDINATION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Chairman Kelley updated on the activities by the committee working together with Woodard and Curran's engineering team on further development of the GSP and its model, as well as determining groundwater elevation and water quality. Chairman Kelley informed that there have been two Stakeholder Committee meetings and they will be continuing to be held every month, as well as an upcoming public meeting on August 7, 2018. Chairman Kelley also informed that the first chapter of the GSP was received to be reviewed.

**XIII. STAFF UPDATE**

Ms. Lacey Kiriakou reported on an informational flier on the Merced Subbasin GSA provided by Self Help Enterprises who is working on coordinated efforts to help develop and inform disadvantaged communities about GSP development and how they can participate. Ms. Kiriakou also advised on an upcoming Technical and Advisory Committee meeting on July 30, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

**XIV. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

None

**XV. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Next regular meeting: October 11, 2018

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

## **BOARD ACTION ITEM**

**TO: MEMBERS OF MERCED SUBBASIN GSA GOVERNING BOARD**  
**FROM: MARK HENDRICKSON, SECRETARY**  
**DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2018**

**SUBJECT: GSP DEVELOPMENT AND WATER BUDGET UPDATE**

### **SUMMARY:**

The Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) in the Merced Subbasin have been coordinating together through Woodard and Curran since fall 2017 on developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Over the past year the GSA's have been holding monthly Stakeholder Committee meetings and monthly Coordination Committee meetings, where GSP elements such as approaches to minimum thresholds, water budgets, and projects and management actions are discussed.

This presentation is an update by Alyson Watson, the project manager with Woodard and Curran, on the status of GSP development and to present the Merced Subbasin water budget. Board members will have the ability to ask questions and discuss the proposed water budgets and GSP progress.

### **REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION NEEDED:**

No action required.



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**TO: MEMBERS OF MERCED SUBBASIN GSA GOVERNING BOARD**  
**FROM: MARK HENDRICKSON, SECRETARY**  
**DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2018**

**SUBJECT: 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**SUMMARY:**

The Merced Subbasin GSA JPA Agreement, Article 12.2, requires the Governing Board to set the time and place for quarterly meetings.

The Merced Subbasin GSA Governing Board has been meeting on the second Thursday of each quarter at 2PM, in the Merced County Administration Building, Third Floor Board Room.

The following schedule identifies regular quarterly meetings for 2019 on the second Thursday of each quarter at 2PM and identifies the Merced County Administration Building, Board Room as the location.

Special meetings may be called in addition to the regularly scheduled quarterly meetings. Those meeting will be noticed, held, and conducted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION NEEDED:**

1. Approve the schedule of quarterly regular meetings for 2019.

**Merced Subbasin GSA  
2019 Schedule of Regular Quarterly Meetings**

**LOCATION**

Merced County Administration Building  
Board Room, Third Floor  
2222 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340

**TIME**

2PM

**DATES**

January 10, 2019

April 11, 2019

July 11, 2019

October 10, 2019