

**GLENN COUNTY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
For the Water Advisory Committee**

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Minutes

Meeting Date: April 20, 2010

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Glenn County Department of Agriculture
720 N. Colusa Street
Willows, CA 95988

TAC Members Present:

Kevin Backus	GC Dept of Health Services
Andrew Farrar	East Area
Allan Fulton	UCCE
Lester Messina	GC Ag. Dept
Kelly Staton	DWR
Rachelle Valverde	for Ben Pennock Central Area
George Wilson	North Area
Lance Boyd	South Area

TAC Members Absent:

Mark Black	GC Ag Dept
John Linhart	GC Public Works

Others:

Mary Randall	DWR
Gaylee Curcio	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
John Drury	EUWD
Eugene Massa Jr.	CBDD

I. INTRODUCTIONS: Those in attendance introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the December 16, 2009 meeting were approved as mailed.

III. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

1. Spring BMO Measurements discussion

Lester discussed Spring BMO measurements for areas that are currently at stage 1-2 alerts. There are at least five wells below stage 1-2 in Sub-area 5, three wells in Sub-area 10, and one well in Sub-area 14. Sub-area 14 also has two wells at stage 1. Sub-area 5 has two wells below stage 3 again this year. If the declining condition continues at the current rate, many of the wells at stage 2 will end up in stage 3. A press release will be issued by Lester to satisfy the informational requirement needed for sub-areas in stage 1 alerts. But what about the sub-areas in stage 2-3 alerts? The committee was asked if they were ready to make recommendations on what investigative and actionable steps should be taken for these stage 2 alerts and what proactive measures can be done to ward off stage 3 alerts. Previous actions to address alerts in a critical stage have included additional monitoring or changing the BMO level to reflect land and water use changes. The concern is that over pumping in this area could result in domestic wells going dry which could cause economic consequences to citizens that believe they have some level of protection under the groundwater ordinance. Kelly suggested that as an investigative action, information should be collected from contour maps, land use changes from the Bureau, and precipitation and surface application should be assessed. Can it

be that the BMOs are too restrictive? Modeling would help determine if this was the case. A few of the members wanted to know how much future growth and development could impact this area. It would also be helpful to determine if further recharge would be possible or if importing water is needed to avoid overdraft.

The TAC recommended that Lester present the WAC the same information he presented that morning and request their guidance on how they want the TAC to proceed.

2. Review of dedicated monitoring wells for summer BMO recommendations to the WAC

Lisa Hunter went over the list of dedicated wells selected for Summer BMO evaluation which would eventually replace the existing BMO wells. The dedicated zones selected would closely mimic the existing BMO. This process began in 2007 and hopefully more zones can be identified which may be put into effect in July 2010. Well completion logs would be helpful to match these up, locating them will take some time. Some of the dedicated wells we have been using for summer measurements that have dipped down are slowly coming back up due to precipitation. A review of their recovery will take place in the summer. Four TAC members said they wanted to further review the information and discuss it with Lisa and Lester prior to the next TAC meeting.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Lester informed the committee of an upcoming substitution program that GCID is looking at. About 20,000 acre feet of groundwater will be pumped between July and September. CEQA documents are available on the GCID website. Lester has read the CEQA and the Bureau of Reclamation's EIR and FONSI. If anyone wants to make comments, they can send it through Lester or send it to the WAC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next WAC meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2010 at the GCID Board room. (Postponed)

The next TAC meeting has not been scheduled. Lester will email the members to get availabilities for the next TAC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gaylee Curcio