



Tehama County
Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:30
AM
Groundwater Commission
Meeting Minutes

Tehama County Board of Supervisors
Chambers
727 Oak Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080
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Board Chambers

Rollcall

Present

Commissioner Todd Hamer, Commissioner Martha Slack, Commissioner Kris Lamkin, Commissioner Michael Ward, Commissioner David Lester, Commissioner Seth Lawrence, Commissioner Andrew Grady, Commissioner Bart Fleharty, Commissioner Hal Crain, Commissioner Clay Parker, and Commissioner Martin Spannaus

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Public Comment

Sadie Morris discussed the Community Alliance of Family Farms and her role with outreach to small farms in the rollout of SGMA.

Deputy Director Jenson thanked Clay Parker for his service on the Groundwater Commission as this is his last meeting.

Eddy Teasdale, LSCE Project Manager, provided an overview of the groundwater recharge map. Mr. Teasdale stated his team will engage with the recharge ad hoc committee and share maps with the full Commission.

In response to Commissioner Crain, Mr. Teasdale stated three to four projects are expected to get temporary water rights this season.

Commissioner Hamer discussed the December 9 SWRCB public comment workshop Deer, and Antelope Creek to discuss flows and their impacts on salmon.

3. Groundwater Commission Supervisorial District Representative Application Period

24-1640

Chairman Parker announced a correction to the districts listed on the agenda, noting it should be District 5 not 3.

4. Update on status of well mitigation WG/ad-hoc

24-2008

Deputy Director Jenson stated this item will be an update on well mitigation and demand management.

Commissioner Ward commented on the lack of written meeting summaries and online posting of the audio recording Commissioner Ward stated it has been a confusing effort and he is still unsure of what product will be and how to get there.

Deputy Director Jenson clarified Task 2.5 is specific to the Corning Subbasin and any requests to use Corning funding would need to be presented to CSAB for consideration.

Staff and the Commission discussed the lack of grant funding for demand management activities and the need for the GSA to identify funding.

Commissioner Grady stated there has not been enough progress to show productivity.

Commissioner Ward discussed challenges with a well mitigation program and lack of funding.

In response to comments, Deputy Director Jenson stated a funding program and methodology are in place but have not started generating revenue.

Commissioner Grady discussed the need to complete the work because of the commitments made to DWR.

Deputy Director Jenson stated the resolution identifies what is required of program, but the ad hoc committee can make recommendations.

LSCE Project Manager Eddy Teasdale stated demand management is likely the most important issue. Other entities (Davids Engineering, ERA Economics) are doing this work in the San Joaquin Valley and suggested a presentation at the January meeting. Commissioner Slack requested Davids Engineering and ERA Economics present information to the ad hoc committee first and get direction before coming back to the

full Commission.

In response to comments, Deputy Director Jenson stated the Flood Control District is expected to have two new staff members on board in mid-December.

Following discussion, Chairman Parker stated the next steps are to look into a CSAB request for funding and get copies of existing demand management plans.

5. Public outreach events for Antelope and Corning Subbasins

24-2009

Deputy Director Jenson announced the upcoming workshops at Antelope Elementary School and the Corning Senior Center, noting the meeting topics will be similar but focused on the Antelope and Corning Subbasins respectively.

Deputy Director Jenson stated the interactive viewer was initially created for demand management but can be used by everyone.

6. Interactive Data Viewer

24-2011

Deputy Director Jenson presented the features in the interactive viewer.

Commissioner Lawrence requested acronyms be spelled out on the viewer as the public is not familiar with them.

In response to comments, Deputy Director Jenson stated the link will be posted to the County website but was included in the meeting packet.

Michael Ward suggested infrastructure mapping for water districts, to help show where in-lieu recharge may be beneficial. Following discussion, Commissioner Hamer stated it may be more beneficial to request information for specific areas not system-wide.

Commission Matters

Chairman Parker stated he has been involved with the Commission since 2015 and has learned a lot from the other Commissioners. He encouraged the Commissioners to remain involved in the decision-making process and continue making recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Commissioner Lester thanked Chairman Parker his involvement and work over the years.

Commissioner Ward requested a standing agenda item for grant status updates, including a report of progress, percent of funding spent, summary of work completed.

LSCE Project Manager Eddy Teasdale stated he will provide a detailed quarterly update that corresponds with the quarterly report to DWR.

Following discussion, there was a request for standing updates for all ad hoc committees.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM.

APPROVED _____
Chairperson
Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors

by _____
Deputy