

MINUTES OF THE TULE BASIN MANAGEMENT ZONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 5, 2021

The Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee met for their first meeting on May 5, 2021 via zoom video conference. The meeting was called to order by Interim Chairman De Groot at 1:30 PM. Those in attendance included:

David De Groot	Denise England	Michael Knight
Don Tucker	Eddie Ocampo	Mike Faria
Matt Razor	Eric Limas	Rogelio Caudilo
Alexis Meneses	Eric Warren	Ryan Flaherty
David Scholes	Geoff Vanden Heuvel	Samantha Lopes
Nicholas Galusha	J.P. Cativiela	Sean Geivet
1 (559) 786 – 7818 (unknown)	Janine Micke	Stephanie Sherrell
Bill Mattos	John-Michael Domondon	Tami McVay
Blanca Escobedo	Kern-Tulare Water District	Tom Barcellos
Charles Delgado	Laura Satterlee	Walt Plachta
Deanna Jackson	Margaret Wild	
Debi Ores	Mark	

ADMINISTRATION

Interim Chairman De Groot requested additions to or deletions from the published Agenda, hearing none, proceeded with the Agenda as provided.

Mr. De Groot then requested volunteers from the four stakeholder seats to serve on the Tule Basin Management Zone (TBMZ) Advisory Committee along with five discharger representatives from the Management Committee. The following requested to serve as Stakeholder representatives on the Advisory Committee, with representation from several positions to be confirmed, represent an appropriate coverage of the stakeholder group:

- Deborah Ores, Community Water Center
- To Be Determined, Self Help Enterprises
- To Be Determined, Regional Water Quality Control Board
- At large Seat, To Be Determined, interest from Blanca Escobar, Interested Stakeholder – Leadership Council and also recommendation to locate a Tule Basin Community or Household representative

Members from the TBMZ Management Committee appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee are as follows:

- J. P. Cativela, CVDRMP
- Dana Horne, California Dairies
- Stephanie Sherrell, Touchstone Pistachios
- Fernando Rios, Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella Inc.
- Josh Pitigliano, Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition

- Vincent Sola, Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition (Alternate)

After the Committee members were formed and the remaining seats were discussed, the committee agreed to assign David De Groot as the Committee Chairman at this time.

OPERATIONS

A presentation providing an overview of the Preliminary Management Zone Proposal and Early Action Plan (EAP) that were prepared and submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board was provided to the Advisory Committee, highlighting the proposed schedule, outreach activities, technical analysis completed, and the various drinking water solutions proposed. The Advisory Committee was encouraged to review the documents submitted and provide any feedback to incorporate into the documents.

Don Tucker provided an overview of the updated TBMZ website and requested any feedback after the meeting relating to the site after the Committee Members have had a chance to review.

Chairman De Groot provided an update on EAP implementation, referencing the regulatory requirement obligation to begin implementation efforts no later than May 7, 2021. Initial efforts will consist of further community outreach to provide general notifications of the new drinking water programs available, targeted outreach to those households with potential nitrate impacted water, identifying vendors for providing bottled water, and the continued development of the fill stations.

Don Tucker also provided an update on the status of the operation and installation of the three fill stations throughout the Tule Subbasin, noting that the Terra Bella Fill Station is fully operational and efforts continue to finalize locations and permits for fill stations in the Pixley and Poplar area.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman De Groot stated the next meeting of the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee will be established through a Doodle Poll. Once the day and time of the monthly reoccurring meeting is established the Advisory Committee will be notified and appropriate invites will be sent out prior to each meeting.

There being no further business at this time, the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee was adjourned, and duly noted, at 2:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David De Groot, Secretary