



**MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 1, 2021**

The Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee met on June 1, 2021 via zoom video conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman De Groot at 10:03 AM. Those in attendance included:

**Advisory Committee Members**

<b>TBMZ Management Committee Representatives</b>	<b>Interested Parties Representatives</b>
<b>David De Groot</b> <i>Committee Chairman</i>	<b>Tami McVay</b> <i>SHE</i>
<b>Dana Horne</b> <i>California Dairies Inc.</i>	<b>Debi Ores (absent)</b> <i>CWC</i>
<b>Fernando Rios</b> <i>Setton Pistachio</i>	<b>Jonathan Nelson</b> <i>CWC, Alternate</i>
<b>J.P. Cativiela (alt)</b> <i>CVDRMP</i>	<b>Eric Warren</b> <i>CVWB</i>
<b>Tom Barcellos</b> <i>CVDRMP</i>	
<b>Stephanie Sherrell</b> <i>Touchstone Pistachio</i>	
<b>Josh Pitiliango (absent)</b> <i>TBWQC</i>	
<b>Vincent Sola Jr (alt)</b> <i>TBWQC</i>	

**Others present:**

Samantha Lopes, Farm Management Services	Jennifer
Sean Geivet, PID, SID, TBID	Jenney Prosser, Deer Creek Oil Field
Don Tucker, 4Creeks	Kern-Tulare Water District
Matt Razor, 4Creeks	Laura Satterlee, SHE
Bryan Osorio, CWC	Manuel Leon
Alexis Meneses, 4Creeks	Michael Knight, City of Porterville
Blanca Escobedo, Leadership Counsel	Nicholas Galusha, Porterville Citrus
David Wierenga, DEID GSA	Rogelio Caudillo, ETGSA
Deanna Jackson, TCWA GSA	Ryan Flaherty, Sustainable Conservation
Ed Glass, Poplar CSD	Margaret Wild, California Dairies Inc.
Eric Quinley, DEID GSA	Janine Micke, Micke Farms
Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Milk Producers Council	Dennis Tristao
John-Michael Domondon, LTRID GSA	

**ADMINISTRATION**

Chairman De Groot requested additions to or deletions from the published Agenda. Chairman De Groot added the State Water Board’s SAFER program under Agenda Item 2B.

Chairman. De Groot requested updates from the interested party representatives to fill the remaining seats to serve on the Tule Basin Management Zone (TBMZ) Advisory Committee. The following requested to serve as representatives on the Advisory Committee.

- Tami Mc Vay, Self Help Enterprises
- Eric Warren, Regional Water Quality Control Board
- TBD, Community Member at Large

After discussion, the Advisory Committee recommended to the Tule Basin Management Zone Management Committee to add two additional seats to the Advisory Committee; a Representative from the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and a Representative from Leadership Counsel, with the nomination of Blanca Escobedo to fill the proposed seat for Leadership Counsel and a recommendation from the Tule Subbasin GSAs to fill that seat at a later time.

The minutes of the May 5, 2021 Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee meeting, by motion of Committee Member Barcellos, seconded by Committee Member Horne and unanimously carried, were approved.

## **OPERATIONS**

A table summarizing the comments received from the Central Valley Water Board on the Tule Basin Management Zone Early Action Plan (EAP) was presented to the Advisory Committee, including discussion of the draft responses and staff recommendations to each comment. A copy of the summary of response to comments will be provided to the Advisory Committee members after the meeting.

Chairman De Groot provided an update that the Tule MZ continues to implement the EAP, while responding the comments received. Continued efforts of the Tule MZ to conduct community outreach include general notifications submitted to households of the new drinking water programs available, targeted outreach to those households with potential nitrate impacted water based on the groundwater nitrate analysis completed in the Preliminary Management Zone Proposal, and the continued development of the fill stations. Committee Member Jonathan Nelson suggested the TBMZ staff develops a Community Engagement Plan to include in the updated EAP.

The status of the fill stations within the Tule Basin was provided, noting that the Terra Bella Fill Station is fully operational utilizing around 2,000 gallons per month, while efforts continue to finalize locations and permits for the two remaining fill stations in the Pixley and Poplar areas.

Chairman De Groot presented a recent letter received from the the State Water Resources Control Board titled *CV-SALTS Management Zone Groups and Division of Financial Assistance Co-Funding*. The letter proposes alternatives for cost sharing between the Management Zones and the States's Division of Financial Assistance to expand sampling of constituents of concerns beyond nitrates, utilizing SAFER funds. The Management Zone is working with the other Management Zones to engage with the State on coordinating the comments to the co-funding alternatives.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman De Groot stated the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee will meet monthly on the first Tuesday at 10:00 am, and starting in July will be available in person in addition to via Zoom.

The next meeting of the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee is scheduled for July 6, 2021 at 10:00 am, location to be determined.

There being no further business at this time, the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee was adjourned, and duly noted, at 11:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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David De Groot, Secretary