



MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 6, 2021

The Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee met on July 6, 2021 via zoom video conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman De Groot at 10:00 AM. Those in attendance included:

Advisory Committee Members

| TBMZ Management Committee Representatives | Interested Parties Representatives |
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| David De Groot <i>Committee Chairman</i> | Tami McVay <i>SHE</i> |
| Dana Horne <i>California Dairies Inc.</i> | Bryan Osorio <i>CWC</i> |
| Fernando Rios <i>Setton Pistachio</i> | Jonathan Nelson (alt) <i>CWC</i> |
| J.P. Cativiela (alt) <i>CVDRMP</i> | Eric Warren <i>CVWB</i> |
| Tom Barcellos (absent) <i>CVDRMP</i> | Rogelio Caudillo <i>GSA Representative</i> |
| Stephanie Sherrell <i>Touchstone Pistachio</i> | |
| Josh Pitiliango (absent) <i>TBWQC</i> | |
| Vincent Sola (alt) (absent) <i>TBWQC</i> | |

Others present:

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| Samantha Lopes, Farm Management Services | Jenney Prosser, Deer Creek Oil Field |
| Don Tucker, 4Creeks | Ngodoo Atume |
| Matt Razor, 4Creeks | Laura Satterlee, SHE |
| Alexis Meneses, 4Creeks | Manuel Leon, SHE |
| Nick Keller, PID, SID, TBID | Michael Knight, City of Porterville |
| David Wierenga, DEID GSA | Janine Micke, Micke Farms |
| Blanca Escobedo, Leadership Counsel | Dennis Tristao |
| Ed Glass, Keller-Wegley Engineering | Bryan Rock |
| Eric Quinley, DEID GSA | Eddie Ocampo |
| Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Milk Producers Council | Hope R |
| John-Michael Domondon, LTRID GSA | Luis Sanchez |
| Charles Delgado | Vanessa Yap |

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman De Groot requested additions to or deletions from the published Agenda. Upon request from a member of the public, Chairman De Groot added item 2C -Other Constituent Sampling to the Agenda;

Chairman De Groot shared the Tule Basin Management Zone Management Committee approved the additional listed seats being added to the Advisory Committee; a Representative from the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and a Representative from Leadership Counsel.

- Rogelio Caudillo, GSA Representative

- TBD, Leadership Counsel

De Groot requested updates from the interested party representatives, and advised to fill the last remaining seat on the Tule Basin Management Zone (TBMZ) Advisory Committee. Hearing no volunteers, the seat will remain open.

- TBD, Community Member at Large

The minutes of the June 6, 2021 Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee meeting, by motion of Committee Member McVay, seconded by Committee Member Blanca Escobedo and unanimously carried, were approved.

OPERATIONS

Chairman De Groot requested public comment from the Revised EAP that had been circulated among Committee Members and will be submitted to the Regional Board by the end of the day. Hearing none, De Groot proceeded to review the Revised EAP with the Committee, noting most of the revisions were focused on increased public outreach and input on development of the EAP including Impacted Residence Surveys. Committee Member Eric Waarren suggested the TBMZ staff develops a procedure to re-test wells a minimum of once a year. After the review of the Revised EAP, De Groot requested any comments or recommendations before the final submittal to the RWQCB, hearing none, De Groot stated that the EAP would be submitted as it on July 6, 2021.

Chairman De Groot provided an update on ongoing EAP implementation efforts of the Tule MZ, stating recent efforts have been focused on community outreach, including sending out a second round of outreach mailers and hosting booths at community based vaccination and food drive events put on by other organizations in areas identified as having potentially nitrate impacted drinking water. The Management Zone will continue outreach efforts and expand outside of the targeted, nitrate impacted areas, based on a recommendation of the Committee.

Chairman De Groot provided a status update on water usage of the existing fill station in Terra Bella and the development of additional fill stations in the Management Zone, noting that the Terra Bella Fill Station is fully operational and recorded use for the month of May was 3,890 gallons, and efforts continue to finalize the building permits for the proposed Pixley fill station and coordination with Porterville Irrigation District and the City of Porterville has begun on installing a third fill station in the Poplar/Porterville area. .

The Tule Basin Management Zone is working with the other Priority 1 Management Zones and the State's Division of Financial Assistance to make state grant funding available for the Management Zones to expand drinking water well testing beyond nitrates and to include other constituents of concern that are known to be harmful for human consumption. Chairman De Groot reviewed the a letter received by the Priority 1 Management Zones from the Division of Financial Assistance with outlining potential cofounding implementation approaches and interim approaches while final agreements are being developed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee is scheduled for August 3, 2021 at 10:00 am. Mr. De Groot stated that the August meeting will be held in person for the the Advisory Committee Members and via Zoom for all other parties.

There being no further business at this time, the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee was adjourned at 11:03 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David De Groot, Secretary