



**MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 3, 2021**

The Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee met jointly on August 3, 2021, at 4Creeks in the Mill Creek Conference Room and 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**

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

**Others present:**

Don Tucker, 4Creeks	Charles Delgado
Alexis Meneses, 4Creeks	David Sholes, CVWB
Patricia Pullen, 4Creeks	Deanna Jackson, TCWA GSA
Samantha Lopes, Farm Management Services	Laura Satterlee, SHE
Nick Keller, PID, SID, TBID	Michael Knight, City of Porterville
Blanca Escobedo, Leadership Counsel	Susan Greenwood, Caltrans
Ed Glass, Keller-Wegley Engineering	Janine Micke, Micke Farms
Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Milk Producers Council	Molly Thurman
John-Michael Domondon, LTRID GSA	Angela Islas
Eric Limas, LTRID GSA	Vanessa Yap, Kern Tulare WD

**ADMINISTRATION**

Chairman De Groot requested additions to or deletions from the published Agenda; hearing none, Chairman De Groot proceeded.

The minutes of the July 6, 2021, Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee meeting, by motion of Committee Member Tom Barcellos, seconded by Committee Member Dana Horne and unanimously carried, were approved as revised to include Committee Member Barcellos as present during the meeting.

**OPERATIONS**

Chairman De Groot stated the that the revised EAP was submitted on July 6, 2021. The Regional Water Quality Control Board sent receipt of submission but has not provided any further comment as it is still under review.

Chairman De Groot presented an update on ongoing EAP implementations efforts of the Tule MZ. The following items were discussed; safe drinking water program, well testing, water delivery, fill station(s) status and fill station water usage, outreach activities, upcoming events, partnerships, future targeted mailers, new outreach materials, Impacted Resident Survey results, social media presence, and other constituent sampling with co-funding options. Chairman De Groot then requested recommendations and public comment to improve the ongoing EAP implementation efforts of the Tule MZ.

<b>Safe Drinking Water Program Summary To Date</b>	
Number of Safe Drinking Water Program Inquiries Received	87
Number of Domestic Wells Determined to be eligible for testing	22
Number of Domestic Wells tested to date	19*
Number of households receiving bottled water	13**
* Two well test(s) scheduled	
** Three wells that exceeded 10 mg/L served multiple homes	

Committee Member Barcellos suggested that staff provides a detailed map at the September meeting to give a visual of where recent well testing is taking place and where the nitrate exceedances are located within the Tule MZ boundary. Additionally, Committee Member Osorio asked if the updates could be provided with the history of prior months usage and deliveries.

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 Tule MZ, noting that the Terra Bella fill station recorded 15,558 gallons use to date with 4,189 gallons recorded for the month of June. Efforts continue to finalize the building permit for the proposed Pixley fill station. Coordination for a third fill station in the Poplar/Cotton Center/West Porterville area is underway. Committee Member Barcellos suggested the E. M. Tharp Trucking parking lot as a potential location and offered to make the connection with owner if needed.

Patricia Pullen provided a recap of all recent outreach activities along with announcing the establishment of a social media platform for Tule MZ. The Facebook page went live on July 19, 2021, and currently has 16 followers to date. Committee Member Osorio suggested staff utilizes paid advertisement on Facebook to target designated areas within the Tule MZ boundary.

The Tule Basin Management Zone is working with the other Priority 1 Management Zones, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the State’s Division of Financial Assistance to review state grant funding available to the Management Zones to expand their regulatory requirements to include the monitoring of all drinking water well constituents of concern that are known to be harmful for human consumption. Chairman De Groot stated that continued discussions and development of template applications and agreements are underway.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 7, 2021, at 10:00 am. Mr. De Groot stated that the September meeting will be held in person at 4Creeks in the Mill Creek Conference Room for 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 10:51 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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David De Groot, Secretary