



**MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 7, 2021**

The Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee met on September 7, 2021, at the 4Creeks Office in Visalia, Ca and 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**

<u>TBMZ Management Committee Representatives</u>	<u>Interested Parties Representatives</u>
<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>Bryan Osorio</b> <i>CWC</i>
<b>Tom Barcellos</b> <i>CVDRMP</i>	<b>Eric Warren</b> <i>RWQCB</i>
<b>J.P. Cativiela (alt)</b> <i>CVDRMP</i>	<b>Rogelio Caudillo</b> <i>GSA Rep.</i>

**Others present:**

Matt Razor, 4creeks	John-Michael Domondon, LTRID GSA
Don Tucker, 4Creeks	Charles Delgado, Sustainable Conservation
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
Marliez Diaz	Susan Greenwood, Caltrans
Zaira Lopez	Elizabeth Perez, CWC
David Wierenga, DEID GSA	Vanessa Yap, KTWD
Ed Glass, Keller-Wegley Engineering	

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the August 3, 2021, Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee meeting, by motion of Committee Member Tom Barcellos, seconded by Committee Member J.P. Cativiela and unanimously carried, were approved.

**OPERATIONS**

A Conditional Approval letter for the revised Tule Basin Management Zone EAP was received on August 31, 2021, from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Water Board identified two conditions of approval of the EAP, including continued efforts needed to install the remaining fill stations at Pixley and

West Porterville and continued tracking of the Management Zone budget to ensure adequate funds available to implement the EAP.

Don Tucker presented program updates implemented during the month of August relating to the following: safe drinking water program, well testing, water delivery, fill station(s) status and fill station water usage, future targeted mailers, new outreach materials, Impacted Resident Survey results, and other constituent sampling with co-funding options.

Patricia Pullen provided a recap of all outreach activities, upcoming events, and social media presence. The TBMZ Facebook page reached 43 people in August and had 66 post engagements. The following table summarizes the month-by-month results for the various program activities.

<b>Safe Drinking Water Program Summary to Date</b>					
<b>Summary</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Inquiry Forms</b>	39	28	21	3	91
<b>Wells Tested</b>	0	9	6	5	20*
<b>Nitrate Exceedance</b>	0	4	5	3	12
<b>Water Delivery</b>	0	4	9	5	18*
** Three wells that exceeded 10 mg/L served multiple homes					

Committee Member Osorio expressed concern with the reduction in the number of inquiry forms received by the Management Zone during the month of August. The Management Zone staff requested feedback from the Committee for additional opportunities to outreach to those that may be impacted, and while awaiting feedback would continue to implement and plan to submit another postcard mailer in November

Committee Member Eric Warren requested the Management Zone coordinate with the RWQCB on ILRP parcels that inquiries from households are received for to ensure the landowner is fulfilling their drinking water well testing requirement.

Management Zone Staff member Patricia Pullen added that much of the outreach conducted in the past two months consisted of attending drive thru food distribution events or vaccination events, at which the Management Zone is not able to collect specific community member information but focus on providing outreach material on the safe drinking water program.

Committee member Tami McVay requested that if a homeowner has a well going dry due to the drought, the Management Zone share this information to be included in Self-Help Enterprises drought relief program.

Chairman De Groot reminded the Committee that the Management Zone welcomes any feedback or suggestions for improvements of the Tule MZ's outreach and partnership efforts.

Chairman David De Groot stated that the TBMZ is working on the SAFER Program co-funding application and anticipates completion of the application at the end of the calendar year.

Chairman De Groot inquired as to the preference of meeting attendees regarding monthly or bimonthly meeting scheduling. Tami McVay recommended the Committee continue with monthly meetings to receive updates on the Management Zone EAP implementation efforts while the program was in the

initial stages of being established; the Committees unanimous consensus was to continue with monthly meetings for the foreseeable future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 5, 2021, at 10:00 am.

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