



TULE BASIN MANAGEMENT ZONE

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MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 4, 2022

The Tule Basin Management Zone (TBMZ) Advisory Committee met jointly on January 4, 2022, at the 4Creeks Office in Visalia, CA and via Zoom Video Conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman De Groot at 10:02 AM. Those in attendance included:

Advisory Committee Members

<u>TBMZ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES</u>		<u>INTERESTED PARTIES REPRESENTATIVES</u>	
David De Groot	<i>Committee Chairman</i>	Tami McVay	<i>SHE</i>
Dana Horne	<i>California Dairies, Inc.</i>	Eric Warren	<i>RWQCB</i>
Vincent Sola, Jr.	<i>TBWQC</i>	Bryan Osorio	<i>CWC</i>
Fernando Rios	<i>Setton Pistachio</i>	Rogelio Caudillo	<i>GSA Representative</i>

Others present:

Don Tucker, 4Creeks	Sean Geivet, PID, SID, TBID
Alexis Meneses, 4Creeks	Eddie Chavez, SHE
Charlotte Schuil, 4Creeks	Mikayla Tran
Anne Walters, RWQCB	Laura Sutterlee, SHE
David Wierenga, DEID GSA	Kern-Tulare Water District
Marliez Diaz, SHE	

ADMINISTRATION

No additions to or deletions from the published Agenda were provided.

The minutes of the November 2, 2021, Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee meeting, by motion of Eric Warren, seconded by Committee Member Dana Horne and unanimously carried, were approved.

OPERATIONS

Don Tucker presented program updates for the safe drinking water program including well testing and water delivery. The following table summarizes the results from the Safe Drinking Water Program are summarized in the following table.

Safe Drinking Water Program Summary to Date	
Number of Safe Drinking Water Program Inquiries Received	142
Number of Domestic Wells tested to date	36
Nitrate Exceedances	19
Number of households receiving bottled water	26

** Three wells that exceeded 10 mg/L served multiple homes



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Outreach efforts conducted by Management Zone staff since the November Advisory Committee meeting were presented to the committee, noting the Management Zone continues to partner with local organizations involved within the communities by attending four (4) food distribution events and two (2) community-based events. Management Zone staff also circulated information flyers in rural convenience stores in the community of Richgrove as well as several of the elementary schools. The Management Zone continues to plan and find local partners for the first Management Zone hosted outreach event in March at the Porterville Fair Grounds.

Don Tucker also reported that the County permits have been approved for the Pixley Community Fill Station and contractor bids have been requested. Staff is working with the PUD to finalize agreements and construction can begin and be completed before summer of 2022. Preliminary Site plans are being reviewed by Porterville Irrigation District and discussions with connecting to the City of Porterville water system are on-going for the West Porterville fill station.

Chairman De Groot presented an update on SAFER Co-Funding and stated that the development of a nonprofit public benefit 501(c)(3) corporation will be coordinated with Attorney Jill England. A meeting with legal counsel and the Management Zone is scheduled for later January.

Chairman De Groot discussed nitrate retesting according to the Revised Early Action Plan and stated that if well sample results show NO_3N levels less than or equal to 10.0 mg/L but greater than or equal to 7.5 mg/L- NO_3N , the Management Zone will offer follow-up well testing at no cost within one year of the initial well test. If the property owner does not want their well re-tested, no additional follow-up will occur. If the property owner agrees to have the well re-tested and the result remains between 7.5 and 10 mg/L- NO_3N , the Management Zone will reach out on an annual basis and offer to retest at no cost.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee is scheduled for March 1, 2022.

There being no further business at this time, the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David De Groot, Secretary