



# TULE BASIN MANAGEMENT ZONE

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## MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 7, 2023

The Tule Basin Management Zone (TBMZ) Advisory Committee met jointly on November 7, 2023, at the 4Creeks Office in Visalia, CA and via Zoom Video Conference. The meeting was called to order by Samir Trehan at 10:06 AM. Those in attendance included:

### **Advisory Committee Members**

#### **TBMZ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

Josh Pitigliano *TBWQC*

#### **INTERESTED PARTIES REPRESENTATIVES**

Travis Wentworth *Self Help Enterprises*  
Eric Warren *RWQCB*

### **Others Present:**

Charlotte Schuil, 4Creeks  
Liz Chapman, 4Creeks  
Samir Trehan, 4Creeks  
Susan Greenwood

Patricia Pullen, TBMZ  
Bill Hendrickson, California Dairies  
Skye Grass  
Allison Tristao

### **ADMINISTRATION**

No additions or deletions from the published Agenda were provided.

The minutes of the September 5, 2023, Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee meeting, by motion of Mr. Eric Warren, and seconded by Member Josh Pitigliano, were unanimously carried and approved.

### **OPERATIONS**

Samir Trehan provided a Management Zone Implementation Plan Update and Progress, which was submitted September 5, 2023, and included a review upcoming outreach efforts, upcoming meetings with environmental justice groups, a workshop with the RWQCB, and next steps.

Patricia Pullen presented Safe Drinking Water Program updates including data well tests, and water deliveries. Patricia Pullen presented outreach activities through October. The data is summarized in the tables below.

<b>Safe Drinking Water Program</b>	<b>Historical Data May 2021 - August 2023</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Inquiry Forms	387	17	12	416
Wells Tested	150	5	4	159
Nitrate Exceedances	65	0	1	66
Water Deliveries	80	0	0	80

<b>In-Person Outreach Statistics</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
Attendees	1073	757



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People Reached	966	676
Brochures Distributed	875	671
Inquiries Completed	17	12
Surveys Completed	17	6
Outreach Events	11	6

Charlotte Schuil provided a Fill Station update and indicated that a Pixley Fill Station was constructed through grant funding received by the PUD and the fill station is currently available for use. TBMZ is now exploring a fill station collaboration with the community of Tipton to best serve the management zone service area with free, clean drinking water. In Porterville, a PRC Draft Application was submitted to the City of Porterville for a location review by Porterville Irrigation District. The City of Porterville gave engineering comments on the project, and the engineering comments are being addressed and plans updated.

Charlotte Schuil provided an update on the SAFER Grant Proposal indicating that Management Zone received funding approval from the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Division of Financial Assistance on March 23, 2023, for the SAFER Program Expanding Co-contaminant Well Sampling and Replacement Water Project. TBWF is working with DFA through various project components to execute a final agreement and DFA staff has indicated they expect it to take approximately two or more months.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 9, 2024. There being no further business at this time, the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Samir Trehan, Alternate Secretary