



TULE BASIN MANAGEMENT ZONE

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MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 5, 2024

On March 5th, 2024 the Tule Basin Management Zone (TBMZ) Advisory Committee was called to order by Samir Trehan at 10:04 AM. Those in attendance at the 4Creeks Office in Visalia, CA and virtually via Zoom Video Conference included:

Advisory Committee Members

TBMZ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

J.P. Cativiela	<i>CVDRMP</i>
Vincent Sola	<i>TBWQC</i>
E.J. Werlyklein	<i>RWQCB</i>
Tami McVay (absent)	<i>Self Help Enterprises</i>
Josh Pitigliano	<i>TBWQC</i>

INTERESTED PARTIES

Travis Wentworth	<i>Self Help Enterprises</i>
Eric Warren (absent)	<i>RWQCB</i>
Michael Knight (absent)	<i>City of Porterville</i>
Kija Rivers	<i>Community Water Center</i>
Lauren Chew	<i>Community Water Center</i>

Others in Attendance

Charlotte Schuil, 4Creeks	Patricia Pullen, TBMZ
Liz Chapman, 4Creeks	Lisa McEwen, SJV Water
Samir Trehan, 4Creeks	Carol Vaught, Tipton CSD
Jenna Meyer, 4Creeks	Ed Glass, Community Representative

ADMINISTRATION

No additions or deletions from the published Agenda were provided.

The minutes of the January 9, 2024, Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee meeting, by motion of Mr. J.P. Cativiela, were unanimously carried and approved.

OPERATIONS

Samir Trehan provided an update for the Management Zone Implementation Plan, submitted September 5, 2023, along with a review of previous and upcoming MZIP related activities. Mr. Trehan updated the group on the letter of completeness received by the Central Valley Water Board, the Board Workshop that was held on December 7, 2023, and the public comment letters received regarding the MZIP from various organizations. Mr. Trehan informed the Committee of the upcoming Regional Water Board Public Hearing to take place on April 19th, 2024.

Patricia Pullen presented Safe Drinking Water Program updates including program applications, wells tested, and water deliveries. Patricia Pullen presented outreach activities through February 2024. The data is summarized in the tables below.



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Safe Drinking Water Program	Historical Data May 2021 – October 2023	January 2024	February 2024	Cumulative
Inquiry Forms	434	9	11	454
Wells Tested	167	5	3	175
Nitrate Exceedances	71	4	1	76
Water Deliveries	83	8	4	95

In-Person Outreach Statistics	January 2024	February 2024
Attendees	815	946
People Reached	733	871
Brochures Distributed	720	871
Inquiries Completed	9	11
Surveys Completed	5	1
Outreach Events	10	6

Charlotte Schuil provided a Fill Station update and informed the Committee that TBMZ is exploring a fill station collaboration with the community of Tipton to best serve the management zone service area with free, clean drinking water. The Porterville fill station site is now proposed at the Porterville Irrigation District (PID) office and to be connected to the City of Porterville’s distribution system. This will require annexation of the PID office into the city of Porterville and additional review of the project by the City of Porterville. Charlotte Schuil indicated the project was presented at the City of Porterville Project Review Committee meeting held May 17, 2023, and formal engineering comments from the City of Porterville for annexation were received September 21, 2023. TBWF addressed these engineering comments and resubmitted plans to the City of Porterville on December 7, 2023.

Charlotte Schuil provided an update on the SAFER Grant Proposal indicating that the Tule Basin Water Foundation 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. Ms. Schuil shared that TBWF has begun co-contaminant testing and has tested 18 wells.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 7, 2024 at the 4Creeks Office located at 324 S. Santa Fe St. Visalia, CA. There being no further business at this time, the Tule Basin Management Zone Advisory Committee was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Samir Trehan, Alternate Secretary