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Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, August 11, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Lindmore ID Board Room 240 West Lindmore Street, Lindsay CA 93247

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Paul Buldo (Sentinel Butte)
Matt Klinchuch (Non-Voting)
Craig Wallace (Lindsay-Strathmore)
Craig Hornung (Wutchumna)
Neyba Amezcua (City of Lindsay - remote)
Aaron Bock (County/County Appointed)
Calvin Monreal (Lindmore ID)

Absent:

Nick Keller (Exeter/Ivanhoe) Gene Kilgore (SCID) (At-large)

Staff/Consultants:

Michael Hagman (EKGSA) Kaitlyn Palys (INTERA) Ryan Alward (INTERA)

Members of the Public

- 1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.
- 2. Self-Introductions: Executive Director Hagman provided introductions and the roll was taken.
- **3. Public Comment** No public comment was provided.

4. Committee Administration

a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes July 14, 2023, Committee meeting: Hornung/Wallace – Passed (unanimous)

5. Committee Business

a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date

Hagman/Palys updated the TAC on the letters sent to MKGSA and GKGSA for SMC and Mitigation issues sent under direction of the Board and with Board Chair signature. Hagman/Palys also provided the status mitigation plan comment letters sent to MK/GK from EKGSA under the Executive Director's signature. of the MKGSA and GKGSA comment letter provided

Palys provided a PowerPoint that identifies the GSA's necessary efforts towards submittal of the GSPs. Expressed in the presentation were the criteria for analyzing impacts to wells (well susceptibility analysis). The analysis identified pre-SGMA impacts (legacy impacts) and those wells were removed. Then the analysis set levels at 20% of the well depth and compared those wells based on the GSP submitted MTs and the 2022 conditions. It was very apparent that going to the submitted MTs the number of wells (at 20% protection) would be substantial. TAC was asked to provide feedback on where well levels should be relative to "protection". DWR's guidance document identifies 20% (not necessarily a recommendation) of the well as being sufficiently protective of a domestic well. After discussion it was noted that in some cases 20%

seems reasonable and in many other situations it is overly conservative. The TAC provided some parameters to consider in setting the protective space in wells within the basin. This TAC guidance will be submitted to the basin technical team to develop an impact analysis. It was clear from the data, that MTs in the subbasin will have to move up, or the amount of dollars for mitigating domestic wells, in particular, will likely be unaffordable. Palys will take input to the basin technical team.

b. GSP Implementation Items

- i. Projects and Management Actions Hagman reported on the progress of the grant funded projects.
- ii. LandIQ Update Hagman provided the latest LandIQ report.
- iii. Water Dashboard Data Update
 - 1. Rules & Regulations Order of Use Discussion Hagman reminded the TAC that that Board directed staff to generate an option in the Water Dashboard that allows landowners the option of choosing their order of use and that staff is just about to send out the invoices with a 60-day payment period. Additionally, Hagman noted that the landowners can choose to "auto adjust" their usage to allow for credits in a landowners account to offset debit in other APNs in there account automatically or they can do it manually.
- iv. Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy A brief discussion was had on has a system been established at all to determine the value of the transferred water. The answer is no, but it appears there have been deals made at varying rates at least in the EKGSA.
- v. Precipitation Credit Evaluation It was determined that since we have to set the allocation in September, we should also visit this issue at the same time. Hagman asked for an additional TAC meeting this month.
- 6. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel Potential Litigation: [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]. Started at 10:00 AM and ended at 10:47 AM with no reportable action.
- 7. New/Other Business: None

8. Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: August 11, 2023, 8:30 AM. Hagman also asked if he could send out a calendar request for a meeting later this month to go over the Allocation and Precipitation Credit
- **8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned 10:47.50 AM.