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Special Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, August 22, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Lindmore ID Board Room

Exeter Museum 204 E. Pine Street Exeter CA 93221

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| <p>TAC Members Present: Paul Buldo (Sentinel Butte) Matt Klinchuch (Non-Voting) Craig Wallace (Lindsay-Strathmore) Craig Hornung (Wutchumna) Neyba Amezcua (City of Lindsay) Aaron Bock (County/County) Calvin Monreal (Lindmore ID - remote) Nick Keller (Exeter/Ivanhoe) Gene Kilgore (SCID)</p> <p>TAC Members Absent: Brian Watson (At-large)</p> | <p>Staff/Consultants: Michael Hagman (EKGSA) Kaitlyn Palys (INTERA)</p> <p>Members of the Public</p> |
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1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. – Approval of Agenda was considered. Wallace asked why the “order of use” discussion was not on the agenda. Hagman reported that it was already decided by the Board that landowners would have the right to choose the order of use and that the Water Dashboard was enhanced to allow landowners that option. Wallace requested the item be placed on this agenda as it relates to the allocation. After some discussion Wallace made a motion and Keller seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of “Item 4(b)(iii) – Order of Use” Motion passed unanimously.

2. Self-Introductions: Executive Director Hagman provided introductions and the roll was taken.

3. Public Comment – No public comment was provided.

4. Committee Business

a. Status Report on Kaweah Subbasin Efforts to date

A brief summary of technical activity on basin GSP updates and SMC modification was provided by Kait Palys.

b. GSP Implementation Items

- i. Water Year allocation discussion: Klinchuch reported on an “extrapolated” status of water. His spreadsheet identified the amount of water available after the Fall 2021 contours were developed, less already allocated, plus average native inflows. There were several areas without water to allocate given that extrapolation. The TAC asked for detail transaction of water from ET, Surface Supply, and better understanding of inflows (native, imported and salvaged). TAC members were asked to provide their available records on delivered supply since 2021.

- ii. Precipitation Credit Evaluation: Hagman reminded everyone that the Board approved a precipitation credit of 92% of rainfall. However, on very wet years, much more of the precipitation becomes groundwater as it flows beyond demand zones and into recharge. After discussion there was a request that staff provide the average of 25 years or some other range of time for applying the 92%. Some other ideas were provided with the intent of getting a better application of how precipitation works in this area.

The TAC also would like to consider evaluating Native Allocation on the same time period. Meaning, if there is a deviation from the precipitation numbers (up or down) the Native Allocation would go up or down based on that deviation.

- iii. Rules & Regulations Order of Use Discussion – TAC member Wallace noted that there are ways to game the system by allowing the order of use. Specifically, as it applies to Penalty Tiers of supply. After some discussion it was apparent that with the Penalty Tiers are likely going away and that the impact of this gaming would minimal and eventually eliminated. It was suggested we table it and monitor such activity.

6. New/Other Business: None

7. Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: Friday, September 8, 2023, 8:30 AM.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM.