



MEETING MINUTES – Merced GSP

SUBJECT: Merced GSP Stakeholder Committee Meeting

DATE/TIME: May 29, 2018 at 9:30 AM

LOCATION: Castle Conference Center at Castle Airport, 1900 Airdrome Entry, Atwater, CA 95301

Stakeholder Committee Members In Attendance:

	Representative	Community Aspect Representation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alex McCabe	City of Livingston
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arlan Thomas	MIDAC, growers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ben Migliazzo	Live Oak Farms, growers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Spriggs	City of Merced, Merced Irrigation District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Salles	Leap Carpenter Kemps Insurance, insurance industry and natural resources
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brad Robson	Buchanan Hollow Nut Co. Le Grand-Athlone Water District, growers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Breanne Ramos	Merced County Farm Bureau
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Carter	D&S Farms, growers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol Bonin	Winton M.A.C.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Daniel Machado	Machado Backhoe Inc., construction industry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frenchy Meissonnier	Rice Farmer, rice growers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Galen Miyamoto	Miyamoto Farms
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gino Pedretti III	Sandy Mush Mutual Water Company
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greg Olzack	City of Atwater resident
<input type="checkbox"/>	James (Jim) Marshall	City of Merced
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Scoto	Scoto Bros Farms / McSwain Union School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ladi Asgill	East Merced Resource Conservation District / Sustainable Conservation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maria Herrera	Self-Help Enterprises
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Maxwell	University of California, Merced
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maxwell Norton	Retired agricultural researcher
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parry Klassen	East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition, growers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rick Drayer	Drayer Ranch, Merced cattlemen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Simon Vander Woude	Sandy Mush Mutual Water Company, dairies

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

- GSP outreach consultant Charles Gardiner (Catalyst Group) started the meeting
- Introductions were given for Charles, the GSP technical consultant Samantha Salvia with Woodard & Curran, and members of GSA leadership attending the meeting, as well as audience members
- Attending GSA leadership included: Larry Harris, Turner Island GSA, Governing Board; Hicham EITal, Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Governing Board; Lacey Kiriakou, Merced Subbasin GSA, Water Resource Coordinator; Nic Marchini, Plainsburg Irrigation District and Merced Subbasin GSA, Vice Chair Governing Board

2. Stakeholder Outreach Approach and Committee Purpose

- Lacey Kiriakou (Merced Subbasin GSA) reviewed the requirements of GSP Outreach and provided information on approach and committee purpose
 - i. The website is www.mercedsgma.org and information will be posted as it becomes available
 - ii. Each of the GSAs will be the final decision makers and the Coordinating Committee (CC) is formed by agreement among all three GSAs
 - iii. The role of the Stakeholder Committee (SC) is to provide community feedback to the Coordinating Committee
- Charles Gardiner (Catalyst Group) reviewed the SC Meeting Agreements and Guidelines for Successful Meetings
 - i. The technical team will bring ideas to the SC to test ideas, see how they work, and seek input
 - ii. SC members should bring information and input to meetings from their constituents and help educate constituents about SGMA and groundwater management
 - iii. Discussion and recommendations from the SC will go to the CC and from there to the three GSAs

3. Overview of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and Groundwater Sustainability Planning

- SGMA purpose and timeline
 - i. Samantha Salvia (Woodard & Curran) reviewed: common language used, SMGA fundamentals, a map showing the high priority basin and critical overdrafted basins in California, and a map showing the Merced Subbasin as one of the high priority and critically overdrafted basins in California
 - ii. Hicham EITal (MIUGSA) reviewed that SGMA allows local management of groundwater basins with oversight from two agencies - DWR and State Water Resource Control Board and approval of a GSP by both agencies is needed to maintain local control
- Elements of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan

- i. Samantha Salvia (Woodard & Curran) reviewed: GSP requirements; six undesirable results that are addressed during the development of the GSP; what the Basin Setting includes; what areas of the Merced Subbasin are either designated as a disadvantaged community or severely disadvantaged community; neighboring GSAs (Chowchilla, Delta-Mendota, and Turlock); options for the basin management approach and Merced Subbasin chosen approach (three GSAs to adopt one GSP for Merced Subbasin)

4. Pre-SGMA Groundwater Understanding

- Hicham ElTal (MIUGSA) reviewed what work has been done to date in the Merced Subbasin including data compilation and gaps, monitoring plans, model updates, and key findings

5. SGMA Grants, Scope, and Timeline of Planning Activities

- Lacey Kiriakou (Merced Subbasin GSA) reviewed where the funding was coming from to develop the GSP, with most of it coming from grant funding and reviewed grant funded projects that will assist Planada, El Nido, and Meadowbrook.
- Samantha Salvia (Woodard & Curran) reviewed the progress made on the GSP to date and Samantha and Charles (Catalyst Group) reviewed the GSP Roadmap

6. Stakeholder Committee Schedule and Decision-Making

- Charles Gardiner (Catalyst Group) reviewed the stakeholder committee decision-making options
- Charles suggested the SC develop consensus agreements or comments to share with the CC and three GSAs explained how the committee may want to define and reach consensus
- Samantha Salvia (Woodard & Curran) asked whether there was other feedback from the SC that can be presented to the CC in the afternoon meeting
- Lacey Kiriakou (Merced Subbasin GSA) asked if the meetings should be accessible by phone for members and the public to listen-in if these persons cannot participate
- The group discussed preferred meeting location and the Airdrome Conference Center was identified as comfortable and accessible

7. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

- No comments on public items not on the agenda.

8. Next Steps and Next Meeting

- The next two SC meeting are June 25th and July 23rd at 9:30 am.
- Items for Coordinating Committee:
 - i. A request was made to receive regular updates from CC on interbasin coordination between the GSAs and for an alternate attend on a member's behalf be presented to CC for decision
- Topics for Future Discussions:

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- i. Water Quality and how it will be addressed in the Merced Subbasin GSP
- ii. Bay Delta Plan impact on the water and the Merced Subbasin GSP