

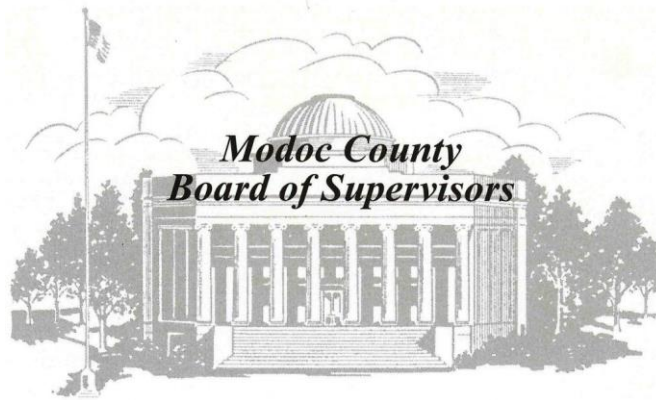
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## Groundwater Resource Advisory Committee Minutes

April 28, 2016

### 1:30 PM Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brad Kirby	Committee Member	Present	1:41 PM
Joe Carey	Committee Member	Present	1:22 PM
Herb Jasper	Committee Member	Present	1:22 PM
Pete Carey	Committee Member	Present	1:22 PM
Jay Younger	Committee Member	Present	1:36 PM
Edith Asrow	Committee Member	Remote	1:21 PM
Ned Coe	Committee Member	Present	1:22 PM
Jimmy Nunn	Committee Member	Present	1:22 PM
Mark Steffek	Committee Member	Present	1:24 PM
David Allan	Board of Supervisors Liaison	Absent	
Geri Byrne	Board of Supervisors Liaison	Present	1:22 PM
Kathie Rhoads	Supervisor	Present	1:22 PM
Kim Hunter	Planning Director	Present	1:30 PM

### Public Comment

Correspondence from Pete Carey.

### Approval or Addition/Deletions from Agenda

1. Motion to approve the agenda as amended

Deputy Clerk of the Board Martinez amended item #1 to read: Update on Big Valley Groundwater Basin.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Herb Jasper, Committee Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Carey, Committee Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Joe Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Pete Carey, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Brad Kirby, Committee Member

### **Big Valley Groundwater Basin Items:**

1. **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION:** Update on Big Valley Groundwater Basin and the possible inclusion of Big Valley in the GSA formation for Lassen County.

Planning Director, Kim Hunter, provided an update on the Big Valley groundwater basin and the activity with Lassen County. Hunter stated there can only be one Groundwater Sustainability Plan but there needs to be two Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Jay Younger enters the room at 1:36 p.m.

Committee members provided comments on the update.

Brad Kirby arrived at 1:41 p.m.

Director Hunter recommends outreach to the Modoc County area which would include additional workshops.

There were several comments from the committee on the activity regarding Lassen County and their request.

Hunter stated Lassen County issued a public records act to the Department of Water Resources on the information used to prioritize the basin.

Hunter recommended Modoc County go on record as concurring with Lassen County regarding the incorrect data used to prioritize the basins.

Committee member Nunn stated it was possible Assembly Member Dahle is working on the issue of deprioritization groundwater basins.

Committee member Kirby stated the recommendation he received from the Department of Water Resources was to continue the collection and verification of data used to prioritize basins in parallel with the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Supervisor Byrne suggested a meeting with Director Hunter, Chairman Coe, herself and Assembly Member Dahle to discuss the issues.

- 2. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on issues relating to the Big Valley Groundwater Basin.

Committee member Asrow moved to accept the following staff recommendation:

**Recommend to County staff to organize a meeting with Assembly Member Dahle to discuss the groundwater basin issues.**

**Recommendation to have County staff validate the number of irrigated acreage in relation to the criteria for medium verse low priority basins.**

Vote was called. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee member Asrow amended her motion to include the following recommendation:

**Recommendation to Modoc County Board of Supervisors to proceed with the investigation to form a separate Modoc County Groundwater Sustainability Agency which would include the Modoc portion of Big Valley and provide outreach and education to the public.**

Committee Member Jasper reaffirmed his second of the amended motion. Vote was called. Motion passed unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Edith Asrow, Committee Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Herb Jasper, Committee Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Brad Kirby, Committee Member, Joe Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Pete Carey, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member

**GRAC Staff Recommendations**

- 3. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to submit comments by May 10th regarding the request from Lassen County to enlarge the Big Valley Groundwater Basin boundaries to include the Big Valley area.

Chairman Coe provided a background on the recommendation.

Planning Director Hunter provided a background on the request from Lassen County to enlarge the Big Valley groundwater basin to include the Big Valley area.

Committee member Kirby and Asrow commented on the report.

Hunter stated the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on May 10, 2016 and staff will need to have comments drafted and ready to present for approval.

**Committee member Asrow moved to accept the following recommendation:  
 Recommendation for County staff to draft comments regarding the  
 opposition of the proposed boundary modification by Lassen County and  
 request Board of Supervisors approval and submittal on May 10, 2016.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Edith Asrow, Committee Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Steffek, Committee Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Brad Kirby, Committee Member, Joe Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Pete Carey, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member

Department of Water Resource letter

Map

**Tulelake Groundwater Basin Items :**

1. **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION:** Update on the Tulelake Groundwater Basin by Brad Kirby.

Committee member Kirby provided an update on Tulelake groundwater basin. Kirby stated Tulelake Irrigation District has notified all affected agencies on the proposed groundwater subbasin modification. He provided a background on the determining factor of the subbasin modification. Kirby reported the proposed subbasin modification is now in the public comment stage.

Committee member Asrow stated she wanted to point out the scientific background present in the Tulelake Irrigation District subbasin boundary modification application. She asked Director Hunter to review in preparation for comments to Lassen County.

Director Hunter stated there are three days left to comment and recommends committee members to place individual comments in support of the Tulelake subbasin boundary modification.

2. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on issues relating to the Tulelake Groundwater Basin.

Committee member Jasper moved to accept the following staff recommendations:  
**Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to support the proposed  
 boundary modification request for the Tulelake Groundwater SubBasin.**

**Given the time frame of the comment period, the committee recommends  
 County staff submit comments in support of the proposed boundary  
 modification of the Tulelake SubBasin directly to Department of Water  
 Resources by April 29, 2016.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [8 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Herb Jasper, Committee Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joe Carey, Committee Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Joe Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Pete Carey, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Brad Kirby, Committee Member

### Action/Discussion Items:

1. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the February 29, 2016 meeting minutes.

Committee Member Asrow asked to have a correction to the gender of the Forest Supervisor. Don Meyer, public member, clarified the reference was to Big Valley Ranger, Chris Christofferson. Asrow requested the minutes be amended to reflect the correction.

Committee Member Younger asked the acronym for the Lassen Modoc Flood Control and Water Conservation District be reviewed and corrected.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVE AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brad Kirby, Committee Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Pete Carey, Committee Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Brad Kirby, Committee Member, Joe Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Pete Carey, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member

2. **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION:** Update and discussion of Senate Bill 1317.

Director Hunter provided a background on the Senate Bill 1317.

There was a consensus from the committee to oppose Senate Bill 1317.

### ADJOURNMENT

- VIII. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Edith Asrow, Committee Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member
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