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**GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 10, 2015**

**1:30pm Call to Order**

Meeting called to Order by Chairman, Ned Coe. Ned Coe, Edith Asrow, Jimmy Nunn, Herb Jasper, Jay Younger, and Pete Carey are present. Mark Steffek is excused.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval or additions/deletions to agenda**

None.

**1. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of October 22, 2015 meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**

Motion by Herb Jasper, seconded by Edith Asrow to approve the October 22, 2015 meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed 6 - 0 with 1 absent.

Ned Coe: yea  
Edith Asrow: yea  
Jimmy Nunn: yea  
Herb Jasper: yea  
Jay Younger: yea  
Pete Carey: yea  
Mark Steffek: absent

**2. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Status of GRAC bylaw amendments. (Kim Hunter)**

Planning Director, Kim Hunter states that there were some minor changes made after a review by the Board of Supervisors. The committee requested to strike out "but shall not be less than (7) members." Under Section 11. C. The removal of "every third Thursday" in item 9A. The committee recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the amended by-laws at the upcoming December 22, 2015 meeting.

**3. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Big Valley Groundwater Basin Update. (Jimmy Nunn)**

Jimmy Nunn reported on the workshop held on November 2, 2015 by the Groundwater Advisory Committee in Adin. Thomas Harder gave a presentation on the Sustainably Groundwater Act to the attendees. He mentioned irrigation or flooding of ground in off seasons. Jimmy Nunn reported an observation of this method last summer, when a dam broke, causing a diversion of water to many locations. The wells in this area showed a recharge due to the additional water. He feels this method may be a viable option and needs to be noted going forward. Jay Younger discussed information on the

water rights on the Pit River, noting that PG&E holds rights to winter flows to the river. Jimmy Nunn reported on the Big Valley Water Users Association general meeting of their members and the mediation hearing. The Board of the Big Valley Water Users Association may decide to form a water district which could affect some of the decisions the Groundwater Advisory committee will make. He stated he will have more information at the next meeting. Ned Coe stated that Jack Rice, California Farm Bureau, suggested a preliminary assessment of basin condition from an independent engineering firm who specializes in groundwater management for the Big Valley Basin. Possible funding for assessment will need to be researched. Planning Director, Kim Hunter stated she supports this suggestion due to correspondence from DWR informing her of their decision to determine Big Valley as a medium priority basin was due to the lack of data. After a lengthy discussion the committee recommended to the Board of Supervisors for a potential contract with a hydrologist to make an assessment of the Big Valley Basin condition.

**4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Tulelake Groundwater Basin Update. (Brad Kirby)**

Brad Kirby sent a map to Chairman Coe to present to the committee members defining the Tulelake Irrigation District boundaries, and the boundaries of the Tulelake Groundwater Basin. The Tulelake Groundwater Basin goes outside of the District in several areas, including within the city limits of Tulelake. These areas of the basin which are outside of the district may require a JPA between Modoc County, Siskiyou County, the city of Tulelake, and the Tulelake Irrigation District to allow Tulelake Irrigation District to be the GSA for the Tulelake Basin.

**5. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Develop a two-year timeline for SGMA implementation. (Kim Hunter)**

Stacy Hafen presented a draft timeline to ensure that the committee is meeting their deadlines to DWR for the GSA. Ned Coe requested that the timeline be revised with the defined deadlines. Edith Asrow requested the joint powers deadlines be added for the JPA. Michelle Dully from the DWR in Red Bluff will release the GSP regulations in July 2016.

**6. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to request facilitation support services from the Department of Water Resources (DWR). (Kim Hunter)**

Planning Director, Kim Hunter reported on the potential sources for funding. DWR funding is currently focusing on stressed basins. Modoc County currently does not have any stressed basins at this time and will not qualify for the funding. DWR does offer facilitation support services if the county request funding. The committee directed staff to not utilize the services at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be on February 25, 2016 at 1:30 PM

Motion by Jimmy Nunn, seconded by Herb Jasper to approve adjournment. Motion passed 6 - 0 with 1 absent.

Ned Coe: yea

Edith Asrow: yea

Jimmy Nunn: yea

Herb Jasper: yea

Jay Younger: yea

Pete Carey: yea

Mark Steffek: absent

Tiffany A. Martinez, Deputy Clerk

Ned Coe, Chairman