

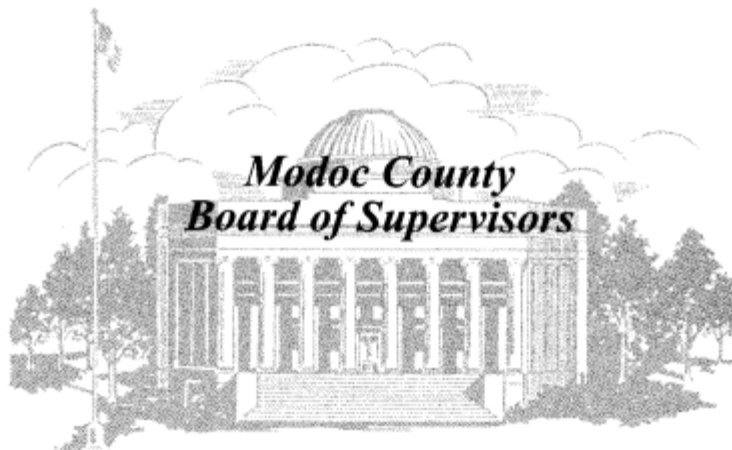
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**GROUND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 27, 2015**

**1:30pm Call to Order**

**01:30 p.m.** Meeting called to Order by Chairman, Ned Coe. Ned Coe, Herb Jasper, Jimmy Nunn, Jay Younger, Joe Carey, Mark Steffek, and Brad Kirby are present. Edith Asrow, and Deputy Clerk Mason are also present.

Committee Member Edith Asrow was present via conference call. Due to the meeting not being posted at her remote location she is a non-voting member for this meeting only.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval or additions/deletions to agenda**

Brad Kirby requests for item 4 to be amended to be a Discussion item.

Motion by Herb Jasper, seconded by Mark Steffek to approve

the agenda as amended.

Motion passed 6 - 0 with 1 absent.

Ned Coe: yea

Herb Jasper: yea

Jimmy Nunn: yea

Joe Carey: yea

Mark Steffek: yea

Brad Kirby: yea

Jay Younger: absent

**1. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Approval of April 23, 2015 meeting minutes. (Deputy Clerk of the Board)**

Attachment

Motion by Brad Kirby, seconded by Joe Carey to approve the April 23, 2015 meeting minutes with typographical corrections. Motion passed 5 - 0 with 1 absent.

Ned Coe: yea

Jimmy Nunn: yea

Joe Carey: yea

Mark Steffek: yea

Brad Kirby: yea

Jay Younger: absent

Herb Jasper: abstain

## **2. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Department of Water Resources (DWR) guest speaker.** Cal- Water Code

Sustainable Groundwater Management Brochure

Prop 1 - Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program Draft Guidelines

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Draft Guidelines - DWR Public Meetings

Engineering Geologist Erin Smith from DWR provides an overview of CASGEM & SIGMA requirement to the committee.

Ms. Smith states that a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) must be formed no later than June 30, 2017 for all high and medium priority basins. Once a GSA has been formed a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) must be created by 2020 or 2022. SIGMAs goal is for basins to avoid undesirable results such as chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater storage, seawater intrusion, degrade water quality, land subsidence and depletions of interconnected surface waters.

Ms. Smith provides the background of CASGEM. The goal was to capture the seasonal highs and lows of groundwater levels. The CASGEM Monitoring Plan requires DWR to have groundwater data “readily and widely available” to the public.

DWR was directed by CASGEM to consider, the extent that it is available, eight statewide data components; population, population growth, number of public supply wells, irrigated acreage, groundwater reliance, documented impacts and “other” information.

Aaron Albaugh asks regarding irrigated acreage if this is from surface water or pumping water.

Ms. Smith states it is a combination of both.

Mr. Albaugh also asks what the appeal process is, if they don't agree with their prioritization of a basin.

Ms. Smith states that there was an appeal process when they had their draft basin prioritization. This draft was created in the spring of 2014, and they held workshops throughout the state where they asks the public to review the basin ranking information. In regards to the Big Valley basin in question, she states that no one came forward from that area with new or pertinent information. The next period of when basin reprioritization will occur is in 2017.

Ms. Smith shows the group the CASGEM Basin Summary for the Big Valley basin. The group questions the accuracy of the information that is shown in the summary.

Natural Resources Advisor Laura Snell questions the fact that the ranking values are all whole numbers, but the scale below has confidence intervals of two decimal places.

Ms. Smith states that she will follow up on this.

Ned Coe states that there are several flaws in the criteria that basins are expected to comply with and this has serious repercussions.

Ms. Smith states that if a GSA is not formed by June 30, 2017 for all medium and high priority basins the state will intervene and charge their own fees. They will also intervene if a GSP is not also created. For Big Valley the deadline for a GSP would be 2022. She states that the goal is in twenty years following 2022, that the basin will be sustainable.

Ms. Smith states that there are funding opportunities to assist with this. Mary Randall would be the committees contact to take advantage of the support services. She provides the group with the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program Draft Guidelines and the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.

**3. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Amendments to GRAC bylaws.**

Motion by Mark Steffek, seconded by Herb Jasper to continue the Amendments to GRAC bylaws to the next Groundwater Advisory Committee meeting, scheduled for October 22, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Formal declaration by TID to be the GSA for the Tulelake GW basin.**

Brad Kirby shares that TIDs attorneys are currently working on getting everything in order. He anticipates this to be on the next TID meeting agenda. He doesn't anticipate any hard push back from the community, but most likely just concern.

Brad Kirby recommends this item to be brought back at the next Groundwater Advisory meeting as an action item.

**5. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Recent interest by Lassen County into the Lassen-Modoc Flood Control District to be the GSA or the BV GW basin.**

Aaron Albaugh states that the Lassen-Modoc Flood Control District meeting is to occur during a regularly scheduled Lassen County Board of Supervisors meeting on September 15, 2015 in Bieber at their Veterans Hall.

**6. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Recommendation to Board of Supervisors to groundwater meeting in BV.**

Planning Director Hunter recommends a community meeting be conducted in Big Valley.

The committee is in support of this. It is recommended that Director Hunter work on the creation of a Workshop to be conducted in Big Valley prior to the next Groundwater Advisory meeting, which is scheduled for October 22, 2015.

Director Hunter states that she will work with Jimmy Nunn regarding the Big Valley area needs and ensure that this is put on the agenda.

**7. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Agenda items for October 22, 2015 meeting.**

There are no suggested agenda items at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Joe Carey, seconded by Herb Jasper to adjourn at 3:30 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Amber M. Mason, Deputy Clerk

Ned Coe, Chairman