

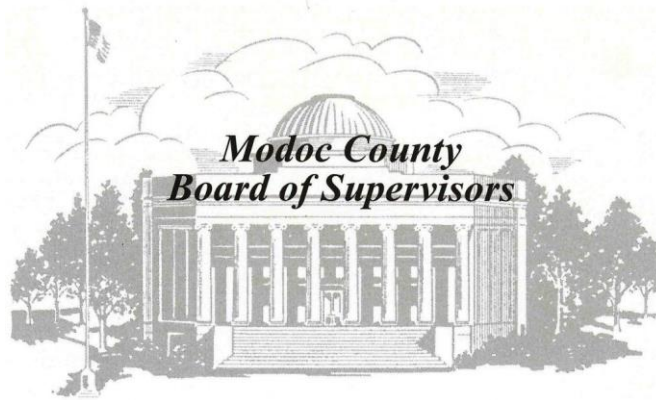
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Groundwater Resource Advisory Committee Minutes

October 27, 2016

1:30 PM Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brad Kirby	Committee Member	Absent	
Joe (J) (J) Carey	Committee Member	Present	1:30 PM
Herb Jasper	Committee Member	Present	1:30 PM
Pete (P) Carey	Committee Member	Absent	
Jay Younger	Committee Member	Present	1:30 PM
Edith Asrow	Committee Member	Present	1:30 PM
Ned Coe	Committee Member	Present	1:30 PM
Jimmy Nunn	Committee Member	Present	1:30 PM
Mark Steffek	Committee Member	Present	1:30 PM
Robert Fisher	At Large Committee Member	Absent	
David Allan	Board of Supervisors Representative	Absent	
Geri Byrne	Board of Supervisors Representative	Absent	
Kathie Rhoads	Supervisor	Present	
Lori Galvin	Associate Planner	Present	
Kim Hunter	Planning Director	Present	
Joe Moreo	Ag Commissioner	Present	
Tiffany Martinez	Deputy Clerk of the Board	Present	

Public Comment

None.

Approval or Addition/Deletions from Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Steffek, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Edith Asrow, Committee Member
AYES:	Joe (J) (J) Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member
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Discussion Items:**1. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion of the proposed fee schedule for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.**

Chairman, Ned Coe, provided a background on the proposed fee schedule.

Engineering Geologist from the California Department of Water Resources, Erin Smith, introduced herself to the committee.

Smith answered questions from the committee on the proposed fee schedule.

2. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Update from Planning Department regarding the status of the basin boundary modification request from the Tulelake Irrigation District and CASGEM update on Big Valley basin.

Planning Director, Kim Hunter, reported the Tulelake Irrigation District basin boundary modification was approved through the Department of Water Resources while the Big Valley basin boundary modification was denied. Director Hunter provided a map of the modified Tulelake Irrigation District boundaries. Hunter reported there will be several workshops on Best Management Practices from the Department of Water Resources and will send any information on the workshops to the committee.

Consideration/Action Items:**1. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the August 25, 2016 Groundwater Resource Advisory Committee meeting minutes.**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Edith Asrow, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Herb Jasper, Committee Member
AYES:	Joe (J) (J) Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member
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2. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to combine the November/December Groundwater Resource Advisory Committee meetings to December 8, 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Herb Jasper, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Edith Asrow, Committee Member
AYES:	Joe (J) (J) Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member
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3. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to apply for the Department of Water Resources Facilitation Support Outreach Program.

Planning Director, Kim Hunter, provided a background on the program for Facilitation Support Services Program (FSSP) to assist local agencies in the process of complying with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Department of Water Resources, Erin Smith, reported Mary Randall at the Department of Water Resources will be able to answer any questions on the facilitation grants. Smith reported if Modoc County applies the grant amount could be up to \$50,000 and facilitation could begin by December 2016. Smith recommended Managing Senior Mediator, Dave Ceppos from Center for Collaborative Policy for assistance during the groundwater management agency and plan process.

Director Hunter and Smith answered questions on the possible need to apply for a facilitation support services grant.

Motion by committee member Asrow for a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to pursue two Facilitation Support Services Program (FSSP) grant applications, for each groundwater basin (Tulelake subbasin and Big Valley basin). Committee member Nunn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman elected to move to item 7. Tulalake Groundwater Basin Items.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Edith Asrow, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member
AYES:	Joe (J) (J) Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member
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Big Valley Groundwater Basin Items:

1. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve and schedule a Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation public outreach meeting.

Planning Director, Kim Hunter, reported on the possibility of having a public outreach meeting in Big Valley.

Chairman Coe stated he felt there is a need to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to declare intent to pursue a Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Smith detailed information from "GSA Formation Notification Guidelines for Local Agencies" as follows:

Step 1: Decision to Form a GSA

The first step in the GSA formation process is public notification that a local agency is either (1) deciding to become a GSA or (2) deciding to form a GSA together with other local agencies. Water Code §10723(b) requires that a local agency or group of local agencies hold a public hearing(s) in the county or counties overlying the groundwater basin.

WATER CODE §10723

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c), any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin may decide to become a GSA for that basin.
- (B) Before deciding to become a GSA, and after publication of notice pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code, the local agency or agencies shall hold a public hearing in the county or counties overlying the basin.
- (C) [Includes list of 15 “exclusive” local agencies - these agencies do not become a GSA until they submit a notification of GSA formation to DWR].

GOVERNMENT CODE §6066

Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for two successive weeks. Two publications in a newspaper published once a week or oftener, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such

publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences upon the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the fourteenth day, including therein the first day.

Step 2: Consideration of Interests of Beneficial Uses and Users of Groundwater
Water Code §10723.2 requires GSAs to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs.

Step 3: Submittal of GSA Formation Information to DWR for Completeness Review

A local agency or group of local agencies must notify DWR and document its intent to become or form a GSA

The committee discussed a timeline for the Big Valley basin as follows:

1) Each entity formally acknowledge and declare intent to pursue becoming a GSA for the Big Valley Basin.

Modoc County - Oct-Nov 2016

Lassen County - Oct-Nov 2016

2) Special Workshop as an informational outreach to the community to discuss the steps of the GSA formation. (Jan 2017)

3) Entities publish joint notice in local media for Modoc and Lassen Counties. Jan-Feb 2017.

4) Conduct public hearing in both Modoc and Lassen Counties. Jan-Feb 2017

5) Adopt a Resolution deciding to be a GSA for the Modoc portion of the Big Valley groundwater basin. (Mar- Apr 2017)

6) Each entity prepare notification of election to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for their portion of the Big Valley groundwater basin. (Apr 2017)

7) Entities prepare a notification of filing and notify the Department of Water Resources within 30 days of adopting a Resolution deciding to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the their portion of the Big Valley groundwater basin. (Apr-May 2017)

Motion by committee member Nunn for a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to adopt the proposed timeline for the Big Valley groundwater basin. Committee member J. Carey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Joe (J) (J) Carey, Committee Member
AYES:	Joe (J) (J) Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member
ABSENT:	Brad Kirby, Committee Member, Pete (P) Carey, Committee Member, Robert Fisher, At Large Committee Member

Tulelake Groundwater Basin Items:

1. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve of the proposed Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation timeline for the Tulelake subbasin.

Planning Director, Kim Hunter, provided a background on the proposed timeline for the Tulelake subbasin.

Committee member Asrow reported the dates for the timeline should be amended to state 2017. Asrow expressed concerns regarding the public outreach meeting. Asrow stated all marketing information should be very clear of the process to educate the public on the need to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and not be subject to the proposed fee schedule.

Motion by committee member Steffek for a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to accept the amended proposed timeline for the Tule Lake subbasin election process. Committee member Jasper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Steffek, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Herb Jasper, Committee Member
AYES:	Joe (J) (J) Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member
ABSENT:	Brad Kirby, Committee Member, Pete (P) Carey, Committee Member, Robert Fisher, At Large Committee Member

ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the October 27, 2016 meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Edith Asrow, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Herb Jasper, Committee Member
AYES:	Joe (J) (J) Carey, Committee Member, Herb Jasper, Committee Member, Jay Younger, Committee Member, Edith Asrow, Committee Member, Ned Coe, Committee Member, Jimmy Nunn, Committee Member, Mark Steffek, Committee Member
ABSENT:	Brad Kirby, Committee Member, Pete (P) Carey, Committee Member, Robert Fisher, At Large Committee Member

No further business to come before the Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Tiffany Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Ned Coe, Chairman
Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee