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Groundwater Resource Advisory Committee Minutes December 8, 2016

1:30 PM Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brad Kirby	Committee Member	Present	1:36 PM
Joe (J) (J) Carey	Committee Member	Absent	
Herb Jasper	Committee Member	Present	1:23 PM
Pete (P) Carey	Committee Member	Present	1:25 PM
Jay Younger	Committee Member	Present	1:34 PM
Edith Asrow	Committee Member	Present	1:28 PM
Ned Coe	Committee Member	Present	1:30 PM
Jimmy Nunn	Committee Member	Present	1:23 PM
Mark Steffek	Committee Member	Present	1:23 PM
Robert Fisher	At Large Committee Member	Present	1:23 PM
David Allan	Board of Supervisors Representative	Absent	
Geri Byrne	Board of Supervisors Representative	Absent	
Tiffany Martinez	Deputy Clerk of the Board	Present	1:16 PM
Kim Hunter	Planning Director	Present	

Public Comment

None.

Approval or Addition/Deletions from Agenda

Chairman Coe reported a correction to the next regular meeting date be amended to January 26, 2017.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended

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

Discussion/Information Items::

- 1. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Staff update from Planning Director, Kim Hunter, detailing the November 15, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting, submittal of application to the Department of Water Resources for facilitation support services program and Sustainable Groundwater Management news.**

Committee member, Brad Kirby, entered the room.

Planning Director, Kim Hunter, provided an update of the recommendation from the Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee to the Board of Supervisors for the Facilitation Support Services application to the Department of Water Resources, Tulalake time line to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and the formal declaration by Resolution to pursue becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency which were presented and approved on November 15, 2016.

Committee member Jasper asked about the information presented in the Modoc Record. Jasper wanted clarification on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency only addressing the Tulalake and Big Valley groundwater basins.

Director Hunter stated the Groundwater Sustainability Agency is only for the Tulalake subbasin and Big Valley basin.

Committee member Asrow asked if both the Tulalake and Big Valley basin timelines were adopted.

Director Hunter clarified that only the Tulalake timeline was adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Planning Director Hunter reported she did not receive any feedback from Lassen County staff on direction to work in collaboration regarding the Big Valley groundwater basin. Director Hunter also reported Associate Planner, Lori Galvin, is no longer with the Planning Department. Director Hunter reported the consultants from GEI contacted her regarding groundwater management planning. Director Hunter reported the consultants stated they recently compiled a Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation assistance package and scope of work for Lassen County for \$5,009. Director Hunter reported GEI Consultants stated they would render services for a scope of work for both Big Valley and Tulalake basins for \$5,000. Director Hunter stated public outreach will occur in January.

Director Hunter stated committee member Nunn and Steffek attended the Board of Supervisors meeting to present the recommended items. Director Hunter thanked the committee members for their presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Committee member Asrow commented on the per hour rate in the GEI Consultant contract.

Chairman Coe thanked the committee members for attending the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Big Valley Groundwater Basin Items:**1. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Update on the Big Valley groundwater basin.**

Committee member Nunn stated he has no report.

Chairman Coe asked about the time frame for public outreach meetings regarding the Big Valley groundwater basin.

Committee member Nunn stated when a public meeting is scheduled, all members of Big Valley groundwater basin will be invited, regardless of where they are located in context to the county line.

Don Meyer stated within the last few weeks Lassen County has removed all Lassen Modoc Flood Control District bookkeeping records, funds, and information regarding the metering of wells in the area. Meyer stated he is very concerned about what has occurred and about sustainable groundwater. Meyer asked for assistance in retrieving the long term information packet from the Lassen Modoc Flood Control District.

Deputy Clerk Martinez stated she will relay the reported information to Supervisor Rhoads who will follow up with Lassen County on the location of the records.

Committee member Nunn asked for clarification on the individuals who removed the information.

Meyer stated Mr. Bob Burns and Mr. Richard Eagan from Lassen County removed the information.

Committee member Nunn stated the Modoc Lassen Flood Control District Board is made up of both the Lassen and Modoc County Board of Supervisors. Nunn stated Modoc County should have the ability to obtain the information and determine where the funds are currently located.

Meyer stated both Burns and Eagan visited the residence of the Lassen Modoc Flood Control District secretary/bookkeeper and removed all information regarding the Lassen Modoc Flood Control District. Meyer stated a large volume of wells have been monitored for many years. Meyer reported on a possible private meeting in Big Valley regarding the Lassen Modoc Flood Control District which he will be attending.

Committee member Nunn stated he will attend the meeting.

Committee member Asrow stated Big Valley is much different than Tulelake due to there being no entity to guide the process.

Director Hunter stated GEI Consultants are working with Lassen County and will be beneficial if Modoc chooses to select them as consultants.

Committee member Asrow asked if GEI Consultants would assist in facilitating the public workshop meeting.

Director Hunter stated the public outreach meeting facilitation is included in the \$5,000 contract.

Committee member Nunn asked about the draft timeline and dates for public workshop meeting.

Director Hunter stated the end of January will remain the goal for completion.

A discussion followed on the clarification of the difference between a public workshop versus public hearing and the timeline of completion involving GEI Consultants.

Chairman Coe stated January 24th and 25th is a viable option for the public outreach meeting.

Tulelake Groundwater Basin Items:

1. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Update on the Tulelake groundwater basin.

Committee member, Brad Kirby, reported the City of Tulelake, Tulelake Irrigation District, Siskiyou County and Modoc County have adopted Resolutions to support the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Committee member Kirby suggested that Modoc County gets direction in writing regarding Newell County Water District allowing Modoc County to be the designated Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Director Hunter stated part of the process is to alert all agencies which could be affected.

Committee member Asrow suggested a formal affirmation for the record from Newell County Water District.

Committee member Kirby stated they are in the process of drafting a notice for the public hearing as well as the Memorandum of Understanding for review by the affected parties. Kirby stated they will have a public outreach meeting in Modoc and Siskiyou. Kirby stated they have contacted MBK Consulting to get an estimate on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and he reported that depending on the need of involvement, the GSP could cost between \$75,000 and \$150,000.

Committee member Asrow asked where the funds will come from.

Committee member Kirby stated this will need to be determined by the Memorandum of Understanding.

Committee member Asrow asked how the funds will be obtained for the Modoc portion of the Tulelake subbasin and the Big Valley basin.

Director Hunter stated in the future there is supposed to be grant funding which the County will work to obtain.

Chairman Coe asked if Director Hunter or committee member Kirby anticipate any difficulty with GEI Consulting or MBK Consulting.

Committee member Kirby stated he did not anticipate any challenges of GEI Consulting and MBK Consulting to work together.

Director Hunter stated she anticipates GEI Consulting would help to facilitate the applications. Director Hunter stated the proposed fee to create a Groundwater Sustainability Plan will be much larger for the Big Valley basin due to the lack of data, complex hydrology and geology.

Consideration/Action Items:

1. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the October 27, 2016 Groundwater Resource Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

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

2. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve of an agreement between the County of Modoc and GEI Consulting, Inc., not to exceed \$5,000.

Committee member Mark Steffek asked about the scheduled time frame.

A discussion followed on the time frame for completion by GEI Consultants within the proposed agreement.

2:42 p.m. Committee member Asrow left the room.

Committee member Steffek asked about Item D. This Agreement is to be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth Massachusetts.

Clerk Martinez asked about page 13 through 15 not being included in the packet.

Director Hunter stated she will update the contract before it is presented to the Board of Supervisors. Director Hunter stated GEI Consulting home office is in Massachusetts and therefore is the law which governs.

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

2:48 p.m. Committee member Asrow returned. Committee member Asrow added her support of the contract to the record.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the December 8, 2016 meeting.

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

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