



MEETING MINUTES – Merced GSP

SUBJECT: Merced GSP Coordinating Committee Meeting

DATE/TIME: May 29, 2018 at 1:30 PM

LOCATION: Castle Conference Center at Castle Airport, 1900 Airdrome Entry, Atwater, CA 95301

Coordinating Committee Members In Attendance:

	Representative	GSA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Dietz	Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Justin Vinson	Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Daniel Chavez	Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Elwin (alternate)	Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Kelley	Merced Subbasin GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nic Marchini	Merced Subbasin GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rodrigo Espinoza	Merced Subbasin GSA
<input type="checkbox"/>	George Park (alternate)	Merced Subbasin GSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Harris	Turner Island Water District GSA #1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Skinner (alternate)	Turner Island Water District GSA #1

Meeting Notes

1. Approval of minutes for April 23, 2018 meeting
 - Minutes were unanimously approved
2. Stakeholder Committee (SC) Update
 - Unanimous approval to add City of Livingston representative Alex McCabe to the SC (was left off initial list due to administrative error)
 - Samantha Salvia provided an update on the first SC meeting, held earlier in the day.
 - i. First SC Meeting was held morning of 5/29/2018, attended by 20 members.
 - ii. SC members expressed interest in regular updates on interbasin coordination as well as meeting time allocated for educational topics including water quality related to SGMA and Bay Delta Plan. These items will be worked into future meetings on an ongoing basis.
 - iii. SC members requested ability to designate alternates when they are unable to attend a meeting. CC members were open to alternates provided they represent the same interests as the SC member. Consultant team was directed to put together a

proposal for Stakeholder Committee procedures for attendance and designation of alternates.

- Hicham EITal reported that UC Merced has offered to present on effective communication of water topics.
 - i. CC group agreed to direct consultant team to schedule an optional “brown bag” lunchtime presentation for both SC and CC members in June or July.

3. Presentation by Woodard & Curran on GSP Development

- Charles Gardiner (Catalyst Group) provided an update on the Stakeholder Outreach Plan
 - i. This is envisioned as a living document and will be updated roughly quarterly.
 - ii. Any additional comments are requested from CC members by June 8.
- Dominick Amador (Woodard & Curran) gave a presentation on the Merced Water Resources Model (MercedWRM).
 - i. The MercedWRM historical and existing conditions baseline was developed through the MAGPI group and is available to support GSP implementation.
 - ii. W&C is currently incorporating additional data from Turner Island WD.
 - iii. Additional discussion by the CC is needed to refine the assumptions required for development a projected conditions baseline.
 - iv. Bob Kelley (Stevinson Water District) requested the committee consider extending the hydrologic period though the 2017 water year to capture the effects of drought recovery.
- Samantha Salvia (Woodard & Curran) provided a summary of feedback on the Undesirable Results Exercise from the CC members of all 3 GSAs

4. Update on DWR’s SGMA Technical Support Services (TSS) opportunity

- Hicham EITal (Merced Irrigation District) reported that discussions with Chris White (Central California Irrigation District) have continued re: installing a monitoring well in the southwest corner of the Subbasin. A landowner has volunteered a site but is requesting well characteristics information which Hicham is working on providing.
- Next steps include locating a site for the desired monitoring well in the Le Grand area.
- Amanda Peisch from DWR attended the 5/29/2018 SC meeting and indicated that limited funds are available in this first TSS round. More funds may be available in the future and will be dependent on state budget because source is the General Fund.

5. Discuss Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability Request for Letter of Support

- Amanda Monaco (Water Policy Coordinator at Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability) provided a description of her organization’s work with Disadvantaged Communities and how it fits into GSP development in the Merced Subbasin.
 - CC directed staff to write a letter of support for Leadership Counsel.
6. Opportunity for public comment on items not on agenda
 - No questions
 7. Next steps and adjourn