



# **Greater Kaweah GSA Combined RCC & SC Meeting**

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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**ITEM 2: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ITEM 3: MINUTES**

**ITEM 4: COMMITTEE APPS/APPTS**

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## **ITEM 5: Subbasin Coordination**

- a. Coordination Agreement
- b. County Coordination
- c. Grants / Studies / Reports
- d. Other Activities

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## **ITEM 6: GSP Public Review Draft Schedule**

- GKGSA Board approved Public Review Draft GSP schedule on September 9<sup>th</sup> and released the Draft to the Public September 16<sup>th</sup>
- 90-day notice issued for public hearing on December 16<sup>th</sup>
- Combined RCC/SC meeting December 17. Management Team Committee, another Combined RCC/SC and possibly TAC meetings in January to address comments
- Adoption and submission to DWR week of January 20<sup>th</sup>
- DWR is required to establish its own GSP public comment period of no less than 60 days for an adopted plan
- A GSP that is determined to be incomplete after the deadline may be revised and resubmitted to DWR within 180 days from the date DWR issues the assessment

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## **ITEM 6: GSP Public Review Draft Public Comments Received**

- One week prior to the close of the 90-day Public Comment period on 12/16/19, only 4 written public comments received. In the final week, an additional 10 were received.
- 6 members of the public provided oral comments at the Draft GSP Public Hearing on 12/16/19
- Member and other administrative comments also received (Counties of Kings and Tulare, KDWCD, KCWD, EKGSA)

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## **ITEM 6: GSP Public Review Draft Public Comments Received**

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • City of Visalia               | • CDFW                      |
| • Exeter ID and LSID            | • The Nature Conservancy    |
| • Kings River Water Association | • Ag Innovations            |
| • Westchester Group             | • City of Woodlake          |
| • Wonderful Citrus              | • Tulare County Farm Bureau |
| • Self-Help Enterprises         | • Mr. Del Strange           |
| • Leadership Council            | • Ms. Karen Yohannes        |

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Public Comments Received  
CITY OF WOODLAKE**

- Asserts that protection of the quality and quantity of municipal water supplies should be a key priority of the GSP
- Requests the GSA consider metering all ag wells to reduce uncertainty in pumping estimates
- Requests clear and enforceable measures that lead to the Sustainability Goal

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Public Comments Received  
CITY OF VISALIA**

- Concern regarding permission to use existing City-owned facilities (Basin 4) described in the GSP
- Concern that the Hanna Ranch Project may have unintended consequences on the City's water situation

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### **LCJA / SHE**

- Include a focused technical review prepared by their consultant(s)
- Include results of their own analysis of drinking water well impact that disagrees with analysis conducted by GKGSA
- Assert that the GSP is incomplete and must include additional info for the Public to evaluate
- Assert inadequate consideration of Public input and adherence to required process
- Assert that the water budget, SMCs, monitoring network, and Projects and MAs are inadequate and require revision
- Assert that the GSP threatens to infringe on water rights, reasonable and beneficial use and public trust doctrines

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### **EXETER ID & LSID**

- Differences between MTs and MOs in the EKGSA GSP and GKGSA GSP
- Provides summary tables to illustrate
- Asserts that in some cases variances are significant and may impair EKGSA's ability to achieve sustainability.
- Encourages related discussion continue until resolved

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Public Comments Received  
WESTCHESTER / WONDERFUL**

- Request clarifying language regarding water budget (Native supply in particular) to assure the reader that the numbers are non-precedent setting
- Request stakeholder-driven process to determine allocations
- Suggest an equal-per-gross acre allocation approach is not sound
- Future pumping restrictions should be according to best available data
- Pumping ramp-down schedules should be coordinated across the basin
- Request recharge and banking flexibility for landowners
- Stress the importance of a robust monitoring system and DMS that are capable of implementing a water market

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Public Comments Received  
TNC / CDFW/ LGC & Audubon**

- Request use of GDE and checklist tools developed by TNC and its partners
- Asserts “Environment” was not adequately considered as a beneficial user of water
- Request more robust biological and hydrological monitoring and explanation of analysis conducted in identification of GDEs and ISWs – suggest a methodology
- Request more robust discussion about linkage to well permitting and environmental protection elements of general plans
- Request strengthening existing and adding new projects and MAs that target protection of GDEs and ISWs

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Public Comments Received  
KINGS RIVER WATER ASSOCIATION**

- Lists several GSP proposed projects and MAs that include Kings River flood waters in their descriptions
- Concern that all land within the GKGSA is outside of the Kings River Place Of Use and requests acknowledgement of that potential barrier

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**ITEM 7: GKGSA MEETINGS REPORT**

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## ITEM 8: Communications and Engagement

- Draft GSP Outreach Completed

- Tulare County Water Commission
- K&SJRA
- KDWCD
- Woodlake City Council
- Delta View Water Association
- West Goshen
- Hypericum
- Ivanhoe
- Cal Edison Water Forum
- Downtown Visalia Rotary
- Farmersville City Council
- Farmersville Planning Commission
- Exeter City Council
- Lemon Cove

*\*\* Does not include numerous one-on-one meetings with stakeholders and stakeholder groups*

*\*\* Communication and Outreach will continue throughout GSP implementation and amendments*