



SPECIAL MEETING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE April 20, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on April 20, 2023, at the office of the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (“District”), Dennis Mills, Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee, called to order a meeting of the Committee Members.

Members	Dennis Mills - <i>Chair</i>	Aaron Bock
Present:	David DeGroot	Larry Dotson
	Dennis Keller	
Members	Scott Wagner	
Absent:		

Staff and Agency consultants presented an agenda packet that followed the agenda. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is the packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Following calling the meeting to order, Chairman Dennis Mills conducted Committee member roll call (documented above) and then opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was received.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

General Manager Larsen reported that all three GSA’s have hired their own technical consultants. The GKGSA has hired 4Creeks, and sub-contracted with Thomas Harder & Company.

MINUTES:

Chairman Dennis Mills presented the Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 18, 2022, March 24, 2022, and March 30, 2022. A motion was made by Aaron Bock, seconded by Dennis Keller, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

GSP ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT (AMR):

General Manager Larsen reported that the AMR has been submitted. Highlighted items were reviewed. Comment was received from Matt Klinchuch.

SUBBASIN DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DMS) UPDATE:

General Manager Mark Larsen reported on alternative proposals for the Data Management System (DMS). There was agreement of the importance of having clear lanes for review and comment on the data being inputted, and also the understanding of who holds ownership of the data. The proposal will be split into 3rds between the three GSAs. Upon motion by Member Dotson, to recommend the Greater Kaweah board accept the Montgomery & Associates proposal with the

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inclusion a GSA is allowed to review, input and approval process; the Subbasin have ownership of the developed DMS; the Subbasin eventually house the DMS and not a consultant, and an “out” provision, should a GSA decide to do its own separate DMS, seconded by Member Keller, the motion was approved.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL UPDATE:

General Manager Larsen reported that the Groundwater Flow Model needs to be reviewed and updated. Comment was received from Thomas Harder and Jim Van de Water of Thomas Harder Group. Discussion ensued. Upon recommendation from Member Keller, seconded by Member Bock, the TAC committee voted to recommend to the Greater Kaweah Board to accept the Montgomery & Associates proposal with the inclusions, GSA is allowed to review and offer input and approve process (including distributing latest Model every 3 weeks for review); the Subbasin have ownership of the developed Model; the GSA’s supporting consultants roles and responsibilities are clearly defined; a conflict resolution process is defined, and an “out” provision should a GSA want to do its own separate Modeling.

The TAC recommend the Greater Kaweah Board consider the value of hiring a third-party manager to ensure the Modeling process kept on task, on schedule, and respected all three GSA’s input. Additionally, there was a discussion around the concept of starting a parallel Groundwater Flow Modeling process within the Greater Kaweah as a backup should the Subbasin effort stall or fall short of its goal.

KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS:

General Manager Mark Larsen reported on the DWR’s Determination Letter regarding the GSP, and reviewed the three areas they deemed as inadequate. The three GSA’s continue to collaborate and meet to establish and achieve goals necessary to keep from enforcement action .

Discussion ensued.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATE(S):

The next meeting was scheduled for May 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Mills, Committee Chair