



MINUTES OF THE COMBINED MEETING OF RURAL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE AND STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE Held January 22, 2024

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on January 22, 2023, at the office of the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District and remotely via Go-To Meeting, GKGSA Rural Community Committee Chair Tantau called to order a meeting of the Combined Rural Communities and Stakeholder committees.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

RURAL COMMUNITIES

Paul Boyer
Barbara Sally
Emmanuel Llamas, Alt.
George Barnes
Chris Tantau

STAKEHOLDER

Brian Watte
Joe Cardoza
Blake Mauritsen
Marty Toomey
Zack Stuller
Matt Hutcheson
John Gailey
Collin Fernandes
Jonathan Vaughn
Soapy Mulholland

MEMBERS ABSENT:

RURAL COMMUNITIES

Monroe Self
Rudy Mendoza
Carol Fina
Danny Holguin
Chris Tantau

STAKEHOLDER

James Silva

i. CALL TO ORDER

Brian Watte, called the meeting to order.

ii. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken for the meeting and documented above.

iii. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was received.

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iv. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

General Manager Larsen provided an update on the new Greater website, the Year End Summaries to be mailed this week, and the Open Houses.

v. MINUTES:

General Manager Larsen presented the meeting minutes of the November 27, 2023, Combined Rural Communities Committee (RCC) and Stakeholder Committee (SC), attached hereto and incorporated by reference are the minutes.

A motion was made by Committee Member Hutchenson, seconded by Committee Member Kasbergen, and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved.

vi. KAWEAH SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS:

General Manager Larsen reviewed status and direction addressing Incomplete Determination. Reviewed the Subbasin work being performed by the GSAs' technical consultants, and the upcoming meeting with State Board Staff.

4Creeks consultant Don Tucker gave an update, answered questions, and received comments regarding the Subbasin work on the Dry Wells Susceptibility Analysis (DWSA) as a process to determine Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs).

Thomas Harder gave an update on the Subbasin work on Subsidence and the Model update.

Public Comment received from Geoff Vanden Heuvel

vii. OCTOBER 27, 2023, COMBINED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION STATUS:

4Creeks consultant Dave De Groot gave an update on the assignment he received to evaluate options to allocate Precipitation. He summarized the options and labeled the decision as a policy decision and not technical. He explained how the other GSAs were allocating precipitation and answered many questions from the committees.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kasbergen and seconded by Member Fernandes for the following recommendation to the Board of Directors.

a. Recommendation

- a. The committees recommended the Greater Board consider adopting a 25 year Rolling Average at 100% allocation, with precipitation zones every 1" from East to West (there is a 7" difference from east to west).

The committees review current and potential policy changes regarding Carryover water and Priority of water use.

- b. Don Tucker/Dave DeGroot 4 Creeks to develop a Technical Memo on precipitation for the GSAs.

A motion was made by Committee Member Gailey and seconded by Member Kasbergen along with Rural Community Member Boyer, seconded by Member Llamas, unanimously carried, for the following recommendations to the Board of Directors.

b. Recommendations

- a. The committees recommended the Greater Board consider changing the Rules and Regulations policy for Carryover of Tiered water to 1) a landowner will only be able to carryover water if they

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pay for the unused water immediately after the year that the water was allocated, 2) give the landowner 60 days to pay for it, 3) the price of the Carryover water will be the Tier water rate set in the year it was allocated, and 4) remove the Tiered water Carryover requirement of a yearly 10% leave behind.

The committee's recommended the Greater Board consider changing the Rules and Regulations policy to remove the requirement of 10% leave behind on the Carryover of Sustainable Yield water.

A motion was made by Stakeholder Committee Member Gailey, and Cardoza along with the Rural Community Members Llamas and Sally unanimously carried the following recommendations:

c. Recommendation

- a. The committees recommended the Greater Board consider changing the Rules and Regulations policy allowing the ability to select the Priority of water use for all water types to be reprioritized by the landowner with the exception that Precipitation is the first to be used (and cannot be carried over).

viii. Miscellaneous:

ix. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES:

The next meeting was scheduled for February 26, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

i. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the committees, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Larsen, Combined RCC & SC Secretary