

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**November 22, 2022**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**9:00AM**  
**AGENDA**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. STATE OF EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE FINDINGS**

Action Item: The Technical Advisory Committee will consider the circumstances of the State of Emergency and determine whether to make the following findings:

1. The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and
2. State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Agency's jurisdiction including items on the Agency's agenda. Testimony limited to three minutes per person.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 22, 2022, May 24, 2022, and September 27, 2022

**5. PHASE 1 LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM UPDATE**

Informational update on the implementation of the Phase 1 Land Repurposing Program since the TAC meeting held on September 27, 2022.

**6. RECHARGE FRAMEWORK FOR WATER YEAR 2023**

Review the Recharge Framework for Water Year 2023 as well as discuss and possibly recommend the registration form.

**7. ALLOCATION APPROACH DISCUSSION**

Discuss and possibly recommend elements of an allocation approach.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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**THE MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING**

The special meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee for the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on September 27, 2022 via Zoom Meeting due to the COVID-19 crisis and as authorized by Assembly Bill 361.

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

All attendees did roundtable introductions.

Committee members present:

Lou Myers  
Randal Edwards  
Breanne Vandenberg  
George Park  
Blake Nervino  
Brad Samuelson

Public present:

Stacie Ann Silva  
Susan Walsh

Consultants present:

Greg Young, Zanjero  
Chris Heppner, EKI  
Patrick O'Connell, EKI

Staff present:

Lacey McBride, Water Resources Manager  
Adriel Ramirez, Environmental Health Specialist  
Ana Muñoz-Laguna, Recording Secretary  
Danielle Bettencourt, Recording Secretary

**II. STATE OF EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE FINDINGS**

TAC to determine whether to make the findings:

1. The state of the emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and
2. State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

**No determinations made, due to lack of quorum.**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Susan Walsh expressed her appreciation for everyone serving on the Committee and the advisors.

**IV. MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes for March 22, 2022 and May 24, 2022 were presented to the committee and no edits were suggested.

**No suggested edits were suggested. Lack of quorum, no action.**

**V. PHASE 1 LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM**

Mr. Chris Heppner provided overview on the Land Repurposing Program (LRP) materials that are available online.

Mr. Heppner noted an LRP workshop was held earlier this month, which is available to view online. The solicitation period or application period is September 1, 2022- October 31, 2022, once this period closes, application will be processed and scored and applicants will be notified of approval status no later than December 2022.

**No action taken.**

**VI. PHASE 1 FUNDING MECHANISM APPEAL PROCESS**

Mr. Adriel Ramirez provided an overview on the Phase 1 Funding Mechanism Fee and appeals process for the 218 fees.

This will go to the board in the October meeting. Committee members had no recommended changes to the appeal process.

**No action taken.**

**VII. GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF DEMAND REDUCTION**

Mr. Young provided an overview on the Guiding Principles of the Demand Reduction that are for the probable groundwater allocation approach and a recharge credit framework.

Ms. Silva mentioned she tracks a number of GSA'S across the state and mentioning this is the first set of guiding principles she has come across.

Committee agreed with the draft principles.

**No action taken.**

**VIII. ET TRACKING TOOL NEEDS**

Ms. McBride noted this relates back to one of the items in the Phase 1 demand reduction fee passed in July, that included putting together water budgets for tracking. Tracking will be done through a Request of Proposal to assist with developing a tracking tool.

A draft RFQ is anticipated to be brought back for TAC discussion in a future

meeting

**No action taken.**

**IX. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.