

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 23, 2023**

**2:00PM**

**2222 M Street, Merced, CA  
Livingston Room (Basement)**

**AGENDA**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: In addition to attending the physical location in person, the public may observe or provide comment through the virtual option below.

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**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. 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.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 28, 2023

**4. 2023 LAND REPURPOSING PROGRAM**

Discussion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Land Repurposing Program.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

July 25, 2023

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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**THE MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 28, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING**

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The regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee for the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) was called to order at 2:00 p.m., on March 28, 2023 in the Livingston room, public participation available via Zoom.

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

All attendees did roundtable introductions.

Committee members present in person:

Blake Nervino  
Brad Samuelson  
Michael Brazil

Public present:

Larkin Harman  
Jean Okuye  
Geoff Vanden Huevel  
Kirk Teixeira  
Chris Heppner, EKI  
Patrick O'Connell, EKI  
Greg Young, Zanjero  
Jeanne Zolezzi, GSA Legal Counsel

Staff present:

Lacey McBride, Water Resources Manager  
Adriel Ramirez, Environmental Health Specialist  
Danielle Bettencourt, Recording Secretary

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for January 24, 2023 and February 28, 2023 were presented to the committee and no edits were suggested.

**No action due to lack of quorum.**

**IV. ALLOCATION APPROACH DISCUSSION**

Mr. Greg Young with Zanjero, provided an overview of the Native Groundwater Allocation Policy Framework for irrigated land within the Merced Subbasin GSA, highlighting changes of the allocation approach for non-irrigated grazing lands, as recommended by the TAC at a previous meeting.

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Mr. Young provided an overview of two options of the allocation approach that are being discussed by the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee, for the framework to address spatial variances across the Sustainability Zones.

Time was available for the TAC members to discuss and provide feedback on the presented recommended two framework options addressing spatial variances.

**Discussion item only.**

**V. INSTRUMENTATION OF EXISTING WELLS TO FILL DATA GAPS**

Mr. Chris Heppner, with EKI, provided an update and overview of the Data Gap Filling Project, the current status, and the next steps to potentially bring in some existing wells into the monitoring program.

Mr. Heppner provided information on four brands of water level instrumentation options and estimated cost per well for water level monitoring, by brand and configuration options.

**Discussion item only.**

**VI. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.