



Minutes of the Kaweah Subbasin Management Team Meeting

July 15, 2020 – 9:00-9:58 am

Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District – via teleconference

Item 1. Call to Order

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on July 15, 2020, at the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, the Kaweah Subbasin Management Team Committee meeting was called to order via teleconference by Interim Chair Mike Hagman of the East Kaweah GSA.

Item 2. Roll Call

Chairman Hagman conducted roll call documenting the following:

Management Team Members and Alternates Present

Eric Osterling, Greater Kaweah GSA
Michael Hagman, East Kaweah GSA
Terry Peltzer, East Kaweah GSA
Tom Weddle, East Kaweah GSA
Aaron Fukuda, Mid-Kaweah GSA
Mark Larsen, Greater Kaweah GSA

Management Team Members Absent

Trisha Whitfield, Mid-Kaweah GSA
Leslie Caviglia, Mid-Kaweah GSA
Don Mills, Greater Kaweah GSA
Denise England, Greater Kaweah GSA

Item 3. Public Comments

No public comment was received.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

Item 4a. Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes.

Interim Chair Hagman presented the meeting minutes of the January 15, 2020 Kaweah Subbasin Management Team Committee meeting. A motion was made by Tom Weddle, seconded by Mark Larsen, and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved.

Item 5. Annual Reports, Comment Letters and DWR Review of GSP's

Manager Osterling provided an update on the latest activities. The Annual Report was submitted by Provost & Pritchard and is available on the DWR website. All three of the GSA's are coordinating on the process for the next annual report submittal. The data transfer from GEI is underway and the process of storage and management is being reviewed. There have been 2 waves of comment periods, with comments being received up to the ending date. Most comments received were similar across all three GSA's. DWR has expressed issues in regards to subsidence.

Item 6. Basin Technical Consultant/Date and Tools Status

Manager Osterling reported that a letter was sent on behalf of the 3 Kaweah GSA's to GEI requesting all data and tools from the Basin and GSP efforts be returned. A cloud storage area was provided and files were recently downloaded, but it appears there may be additional materials requested. Provost and Pritchard has been tasked with hosting those files in a master location, with each GSA keeping their own copy for easy access. The letter also stated that no further development of the DMS is authorized. Comment was received from Aaron Fukuda, Mid Kaweah GSA, stating that they are going through data by the hydro geologist to see what might be missing or not received from GEI.

Item 7. Prop 68 Planning Grant

Manager Hagman provided an update on the Prop 68 Planning Grant. There are three projects included in the Planning Grant; SkyTEM, well video and logging, and well metering and management. Each GSA is allowed 2 wells for the well video and logging. Provost & Pritchard has submitted a proposal for the well video logging, but a discussion was had recommending to research the possibility of other vendors and possible alternatives to video.

Item 8. Water Budget and Water Accounting Framework

Manager Osterling reported on the Water Budget and Water Accounting Framework. The development of the Water Accounting Framework requires some filling in of better detail. David's Engineering is being utilized by Greater Kaweah for estimated pumping, while East Kaweah is contracted with Land IQ, and both are being monitored, along with metering study, utilizing the findings from David's Engineering and Land IQ for better granularity and to better refine the Water Accounting Framework and assignment of responsibility.

Item 9. USBR Water Market Planning Grant

Interim Manager Aaron Fukuda reported that the Planning Grant contract has been received from DWR. Tulare Irrigation District board members have approved the execution of the grant for all three GSA's. Focus was given on the strategy of development in that the planning recommendations do not have to be implemented as a condition of the grant, but rather develop a strategy in each GSA or area and make the individual decision at that time after a strategy is developed. The strategy will be a basin-wide strategy including all users within the basin. A committee will be formed that will help work through the process, along with assistance from a consultant that has the knowledge of developing a water marketing strategy. Comment was received from Stacy Ann Silva.

Item 10. Update on RCIS Grant

Manager Mike Hagman reported that the Kaweah Subbasin is working with the RCIS Grant as an opportunity to look at the subbasin and evaluate listed species (or to consider species that need improvement and/or enhancement of their environment), and then match the work with objectives under SGMA. Various committee members are on the Steering Committee. A meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2020 to lay out groundwork / procedures.

Item 11. County Policies and Permitting Coordination

Manager Eric Osterling reported that well permits are being received as they come in for review by the County of Tulare. The well permits are being utilized internally during the well canvassing and well registration progress. Kings County is eager to collaborate with Tulare County counterparts to develop a similar relationship with the GSA's. County of Tulare is going through a General Plan Amendment and reached out to the GSA for participation to make sure the integration of GSP's and General Plans are effortless.

Item 12. Other GSA Updates

- a. Mid Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Interim Manager Aaron Fukuda stated that they have hired Montgomery & Associates as the GSA hydrogeologist. The search for a new GSA General Manager continues.

- b. East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Manager Hagman reported that work continues on their Prop 218 election. The Engineers Report has been completed and outreach will hopefully begin soon. It is not decided if they will pursue Prop 218 this year or hold off until 2021.
The Land IQ report has been received and the data lines need to be refined. Work continues on metering and looking into other possible measurement methods. Manager Hagman discussed the allocation of water in regards to groundwater extraction.

- c. Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Manager Osterling, GKGSA, reported that the GSA's Prop 218 roll out has been delayed due to various timing constraints. He is working with Provost & Pritchard on completing the Engineers Report and refinement of a new schedule. The current plan is to start in the Fall on with approval of the Engineers Report and early outreach efforts. Election in Spring 2021.
Work continues on development of a Rules and Regulations document that will eventually contain most of the GSA's policies.

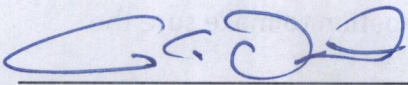
Item 13. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting date was scheduled for October 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Location to be determined.

Item 14. Adjournment

There being no further Business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric Osterling, Interim Secretary