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BUTTE VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting MINUTES, April 5th, 2018

The regular meeting of the Shasta Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:10pm at Dorris City Hall by County Natural Resource Specialist and GSA coordinator Matt Parker.

Committee Members Present:

Carol McKay, Patrick Graham, Steve Lutz, Don Bowen, Don Crawford, Greg Herman, Richard Nelson, Stephen Albaugh

Guests Present:

Supervisor Brandon Criss

Public Comments:

- Comments via email from Felice Pace were read (attached below)

Introductions

- Members of the committee introduced themselves

Presentations

- Matt provided a brief overview of the roles for the members of the advisory committee members, how the committee operates under the Brown Act, and the activities performed as a committee.
- Matt gave a general overview of SGMA, and the requirements, work conducted, and developmental activities of a GSP. There was significant discussion and questions between the committee and attending public regarding what SGMA entails, the nuances of developing a GSP and the potential of conditions or restrictions placed on water users.

County Staff Report – Matt Parker

- The Prop 1 grant proposal was approved by DWR for funding, and the next steps are to finalize a contract agreement with DWR, and then an eventual RFP will be posted.
- UC Davis researchers attended the March 20th Flood Control District meeting and provided a presentation to the board regarding their work in Scott Valley, and known current groundwater conditions in the Shasta Valley.

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- County staff has held initial coordination meetings with the Karuk, Shasta Indian Nation, and Quartz Valley tribes. During these meetings it was discussed to develop individual MOU's between the tribal entities that would describe the level of engagement and participation between the specific tribe and the GSA.

Action

- Motion by Steve Albaugh to appoint Richard Nelson as Chair, second by Don Crawford, motion passed 8-0
- Motion by Steve Lutz to appoint Don Bowen as Vice Chair, second by Carol Mckay, motion passed 8-0
- No Secretary was nominated
- Term limits were set at 4 years, with 3 year chair position lengths

Discussion Items

- Review and discussion regarding the "Committee Tasks and Guidelines" Document
- Matt presented that there will be possibility of adding additional advisory committee seats including tribal and environmental/conservation seats.
- Matt provided information regarding the required development of a "Communication and Engagement" section within a GSP.
- Matt provided information regarding the "Notification of Intent" letter to be submitted to DWR once GSP development officially begins.
- Further discussion was held regarding the grant process and RFP timeline
- Next step items included having DWR representation at next meeting

Next Meeting:

Tuesday June 12th 5pm at Dorris City Hall

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm

Attachments

Dear Matt Parker,

Please share this immediately with each member of the GSA for the above named groundwater basins.

On behalf of the GSA, you recently distributed the agenda for the first meeting of the Shasta SGMA Advisory Committee. There is no agenda item for the committee to

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consider a recommendation to the GSA that the committee be expanded to include other interests in addition to agricultural and other local landowners.

Therefore, I am requesting that the GSA add to the agenda (and to first meeting agendas for the Scott and Butte Valley Groundwater Advisory Committees as well) an item for the Committee as currently constituted to consider whether or not to advise the GSA that those committees be expanded to include all interests named in SGMA and, in particular, downstream interests whose livelihoods and well being depend on the GSPs that are developed for these basins.

Adding that agenda item early in the first committee meetings will begin to demonstrate that the GSA intends to comply with SGMA by encouraging and facilitating EFFECTIVE input from those interests which SGMA specifically calls out as requiring extra outreach efforts in lieu of CEQA.

There can be no doubt that downstream interests, including tribes, salmon fishermen and environmental organizations, have a material stake in the GSPs that are developed for the Shasta, Scott and Butte Valley Basins. I am respectfully requesting that the GSA recognize the validity of those interests by, at minimum, asking those already appointed to committees that will advise the GSA during GSP development to make recommendations on other interests which should be represented on the three advisory committees.

Thank you.

Felice Pace

Water Chair, North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club