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**STRGBA GSA AGENDA**  
**December 18, 2024 (1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**  
**Webinar Digital Platform or Phone Meeting**  
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**In person:** Oakdale Irrigation District 1205 E. F Street, Oakdale

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1. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions  
(Four agencies are needed for a quorum)
2. Business from the Public  
Who: Public  
Expected Outcome: Interested persons are welcome to introduce any topic within the Agency's jurisdiction. Matters presented under this heading may be discussed but no action will be taken by the Agency at this meeting. It is not required, but speakers may provide their name and address. Public Comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker.
3. Topic: Approve 11/13/2024 Meeting Minutes [[Action Item](#)]  
Who: Eric Thorburn, Committee  
Expected Outcome: Approval
4. Topic: Discussion and Take Possible Action to Proceed with Well Mitigation Program and Management Actions Public Workshops in lieu of Formation of a Workgroup [[Action Item](#)]  
Who: Christy McKinnon, Committee  
Expected Outcome: Approval
5. Topic: Approve Cancellation of the Regularly Scheduled January 8, 2025, STRGBA GSA Meeting [[Action Item](#)]  
Who: Eric Thorburn, Committee  
Expected Outcome: Approval
6. Next Meeting  
*Tentative: January 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.*
7. Committee Comments/Reports



## MEETING MINUTES

**November 13, 2024 (1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The following members of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency (STRGBA GSA) attended either in-person or via Zoom.

#### **In-Person Member Agency Attendees:**

Modesto Irrigation District (MID): Jesse Franco  
Oakdale Irrigation District (OID): Eric Thorburn  
Stanislaus County: Christy McKinnon  
City of Oakdale: Ian Sather  
City of Modesto: Tim Barahona  
City of Riverbank: Darin Smallen  
City of Waterford: Mike Pitcock

#### **Other Attendees:**

Larry Byrd  
Louis Brichetto  
Lucas Hayes  
Stacy Henderson  
Kira Becker  
Anthony Ratto  
John Schneider  
Julia Stornetta  
Louie Brichetto  
Margaret Calgary  
Alexis Stevens  
David Cameron  
John Brichetto  
Scot Moody

### 2. Business from the Public

N/A

### 3. Approve 10/9/2024 Meeting Minutes [Action item]

McKinnon moved, with a second by Sather to approve the 10/9/2024 meeting minutes.



**4. Approve Draft Well Mitigation Program and Management Actions Workgroup Member List [Action item]**

Smallen moved, with a second by Pitcock, to have the ad hoc committee develop a recommendation and present it at the next meeting.

**5. Approve Contract with Woodard Curran for the Development of a Well Mitigation and Management Actions Plan [Action item]**

Barahona moved, with a second by Sather to approve the contract with Woodard Curran.

- Ratto commented per the proposal Woodard Curran will attend two in-person meetings. His suggestion is to reconsider more in-person meetings.
- Moody mentioned that in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, most meetings are held virtually, with only the board meetings being conducted in person. He suggested that occasionally hosting virtual meetings could be a more efficient approach.

**6. DWR's Draft Interconnected Surface Waters Paper**

Elliott gave a presentation on the Interconnected Surface Waters Paper. The presentation can be found here: [www.strgba.org/Home/Meetings](http://www.strgba.org/Home/Meetings).

**7. Discussion of Formation of STRGBA GSA Attorney Group**

Thorburn suggested after the WMP and MA workgroup recommendations are finalized and submitted to the GSA for approval, then an attorney group will be needed to establish policy. Additionally, the attorney workgroup will assist with handling public records requests.

- Moody highlighted the importance of forming an attorney group and mentioned that they already utilize a similar group in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.

**8. Next Meeting**

December 11, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

**9. Committee Comments/Reports**

Thorburn inquired with McKinnon about an item related to the Delta Mendota Subbasin and a countywide well monitoring and reporting program, to which McKinnon provided further details.

# **STRBGA GSA**

## **Well Mitigation & Management Actions**

### **Workgroup Update**

December 18, 2024

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**Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

# Background

- Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) includes development of a Well Mitigation Plan (WMP) and Management Actions (MA).
  - Development by January 31, 2026.
  - Implementation of MAs by January 31, 2027.
- Ad Hoc Committee solicited stakeholders input early in the process:
  - Gather perspectives, share concerns and discuss expectations.
  - Identify potential challenges and opportunities to create effective solutions.
  - Evaluate approaches for stakeholder participation.
- Workgroup vs. Workshops:
  - Moved forward with workgroup formation for building WMP and MA for consideration.

# Workgroup vs. Workshops

- Workgroup formation
  - Feedback in the workgroup formation process led to further reflection on effectively proceeding.
- Pivoting to workshop approach
  - Forum for all interested stakeholders to participate.
  - Fosters open discussion, brainstorming and sharing of diverse perspectives and expertise.
  - Provides opportunities to explore and build innovative, effective, and sustainable solutions.
  - Aligns with stakeholder input provided during workgroup formation discussions.

# Next steps

- Develop a workshop schedule
  - Varied locations and formats to encourage participation.
  - Agendas will highlight topics of focus.
  - Workshops noticed via STRGBA website, emails and social media and member agencies' networks.
- Continued evaluation of workshop approach
  - Modifications for enhancements can be made as we proceed.





**Questions?**