



Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association  
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## MEETING MINUTES

**April 2, 2015 (1.30 P.M. – 3.00 P.M.)**

### MID CONFERENCE ROOM 3A

The meeting was called to order at 1.30 p.m.

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The following members of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association (STRGBA) were present:

Modesto Irrigation District (MID):	John Davids
Oakdale Irrigation District (OID):	Eric Thorburn
City of Modesto:	Glenn Prasad, Jack Bond, Beneda Ledezma
City of Oakdale:	Michael Renfrow
City of Riverbank	Eric Tackett
Stanislaus County	Amber Minami

Also in Attendance:

City of Waterford	Matt Erickson
Department of Water Resources: (DWR)	Jason Preece

#### **2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **3. Approve 03/05/2015 Meeting Minutes**

The Meeting Minutes for 03/05/2015 were unanimously approved.

#### **4. Work Plan for 2015 – STRGBA Outreach Material**

Mr. Davids provided the draft PowerPoint® slides, which were intended to facilitate future STRGBA outreach efforts. Mr. Preece recommended adding the objectives of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and how the STRGBA is working to meet these objectives. The Committee discussed the various forums where such a presentation could be used. Mr. Prasad suggested highlighting this presentation at a future Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee (WAC) meeting or the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting.

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The Committee discussed the new Executive Order signed by Governor Jerry Brown in order to achieve a statewide reduction in potable water use by 25%. Each agency updated the Committee with their planned strategies to comply with this mandate. Mr. Bond raised his concerns that despite increased efforts by the City of Modesto to reduce water usage, there appears to be no State funding accompanying this mandate.

## 5. Governance Discussion

Mr. Davids informed the group that he had not been in contact with the Knights Ferry Community Service District (KFCSD). After a brief review, the Committee concluded that an outreach to KFCSD is not necessary, since they are not water purveyors within the STRGBA management area.

Mr. Davids facilitated a comprehensive review of the *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) relating to the Formation and Operation of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association*. In general, the Committee discussed various language changes that could streamline future business of STRGBA, including inclusion of the City of Waterford, election of key officials, and possibly extending the duration of the MOU from its current 5-year term. The possibility of defining the structure of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) within the revised MOU was also discussed.

No action was taken on any of the discussions. The Committee was advised to revisit the MOU and provide comments during the next STRGBA meeting.

## 6. Collaborative Groundwater Projects

### a. Groundwater Characterization and Recharge Study (LGA Grant)

Mr. Prasad informed the Committee of the selection of Todd Groundwater to complete the grant-funded Groundwater Characterization and Recharge Study, and the corresponding Council award date of April 14, 2015. Mr. Prasad will be proceeding with a time extension with DWR to complete the revised Work Plan.

### b. Water Well Facilities Mapping and Development of Database Management System.

Mr. Ward was not present to provide an update of this project.

## 7. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for May 14, 2015 at 3.30 p.m. in the MID Conference Room 3A.

## 8. Items too late for the Agenda

There were no items too late for the Agenda. The meeting was adjourned at 2.45 pm.