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MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2015 (3.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.)

MID CONFERENCE ROOM 3A

The meeting was called to order at 3.35 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, Jordyn Doyle
City of Oakdale:	Michael Renfrow
City of Riverbank:	Michael Riddell
Stanislaus County:	Walter Ward (partial attendance)

Also in Attendance:

City of Waterford:	Matt Erickson
Department of Water Resources (DWR):	Jason Preece
Agricultural Preservation Alliance (APA):	Kevin Kauffman

2. Public Comment

Mr. Kauffman stated that although the APA will not be included in the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation, he will attend the STRGBA meetings on their behalf, as a member of the public. APA is north of the Stanislaus River, in the County's "Triangle" area.

3. Approve 05/14/2015 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes for 05/14/2015 were unanimously approved with one change in the last paragraph of Item 5: Governance Discussion. In the last sentence, the word "Sustainable" should be changed to "Sustainability".

4. Governance Discussion

Mr. Davids informed the group that there was no change in the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) since the last meeting. He has not had the

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chance to move the MOU through his legal counsel. Through this MOU, the City of Waterford will be brought into the STRGBA.

Mr. Davids led the discussions on the Regional Groundwater Coordinating Committee (RGCC). Many expressed their concerns about who may be on the committee and the data collection needs. The Committee discussed the desired makeup of the RGCC and decided to add this as a standard item in the agenda until it is deemed appropriate to remove.

5. USGS Groundwater Model

The Scientific Investigations Report (SIR) for the groundwater flow model developed by Steve Philips at USGS has been published (<http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2015/5045/>). Mr. Davids mentioned that he hadn't read the report yet because his hard copy was being printed.

Mr. Prasad discussed Todd Groundwater's (Todd GW) review of the model. Todd GW has discovered that it is in the most current version of MODFLOW (i.e. MODFLOW One Water Hydrologic Model), which was released in November 2014. However, due to its recent release, this version has not permeated as an industry standard. The model cannot make visuals of the output yet, but the model can incorporate surface water scenarios in a way that the previous models could not.

Mr. Davids stated that using the new MODFLOW version was a good thing, even with the shortcomings so far, because it is a step forward instead of a step back. Mr. Prasad reminded a group that a list of modeling scenarios was put together by the STRGBA; these scenarios must be revisited while determining how to proceed with the model developments and updates.

Mr. Davids wanted to know how Todd GW plans to use the model going forward. Mr. Prasad stated that Todd GW is trying to pull the model apart right now to examine its components. Todd GW will tell us what they found with the model and how we can use it in the future.

Mr. Bond stated that the City of Modesto is using City funds to get the model into a usable state. Mr. Preece also mentioned that there could be funding from DWR to perform this kind of work.

Overall, STRGBA members raised several concerns about the usability, accuracy and currency of the Model.

6. Letter of Support for AB1242

The City of Modesto has drafted a letter of support for Adam Gray with AB1242. Mr. Ward stated that the County and the Water Advisory Council (WAC) have sent in their support for AB1242. Mr. Bond will draft a letter so that Mr. Davids could distribute it to the group and STRGBA member agencies could send a letter of support if they so wish.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for July 9, 2015 at 3.00 p.m., after the Stanislaus County Technical Advisory Council (TAC) meeting, 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 4.21 p.m.