

## WATER USERS GROUP (WUG)

TCCA Area: Dan Ruiz, Tom Charter; Non Organized Areas: Peter Bradford, Richard Selover (*Vice Chair*), Ben Carter (Alternate) Cities & PUDs: Jesse Cain (Colusa), Greg White (Williams), Jim Scheimer (Arbuckle PUD) Sacramento River Settlement Contract Area: Sandy Denn (*Chair*), Doug McGeoghegan; RD 108: Bryan Busch

**Location: Colusa Industrial Properties**

**Date: Jan 13, 2015**

**Time: 10:00 am**

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER (\*action item)

##### a. Introductions

**Public in attendance:** Mary Fahey, CC AG; Elly Guttierrez, CC AG; Mark Morris, Groundwater Commissioner; Jim LaGrande, landowner; Darrin Williams, Groundwater Commissioner, Suzie Dawley, CC Env. Health; Darren Cordova, MBK Engineers; Lee Emrick, landowner, Jeff Sutton TCCA; Daryl Brun, landowner

##### b. Roll Call

**WUG Members in attendance:** Sandy Denn, Chair; Jim Scheimer, Bryan Busch, Ben Carter, Pete Bradford

**WUG Members not in attendance:** Dan Ruiz, Tom Charter, Richard Selover, Greg White, Jesse Cain, Doug McGeoghegan

##### c. \*Acceptance of Agenda

*There was not a quorum present. Acceptance of agenda tabled to next meeting.*

##### d. \*Acceptance of Minutes of the November 13, 2014 WUG meeting

*There was not a quorum present. Acceptance of Minutes from Nov. 13, 2014 tabled to next meeting.*

##### e. Period of Public Comment

*There were no comments from the public.*

#### 2. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

##### a. Staff Report

###### i. Report on Groundwater Commission Activities

*Ms. Fahey reported on GWC activities. (See WUG Meeting Packet for more details).*

*Ms. Fahey reported that the December GWC meeting was canceled due to weather. That meeting was rescheduled to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Commission will be discussing the proposed ordinance revisions. She encourages as many people from WUG to attend this meeting. The recommendations will go to the Commission, who will forward their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The goal is to have the revisions in place before GW Substitution transfer requests start coming in this year.*

###### ii. Report on Technical Support Team Activities

*Ms. Fahey reported that the TST continues work on the monitoring network, GIS mapping of wells and updating groundwater and surface water use statistics. The current GMP and CASGEM monitoring networks need updating. It was decided at the last meeting to wait until the spring groundwater level measurements come in March before choosing wells for the network. With the drought and changing cropping patterns and irrigation techniques, the landscape is changing and it will be interesting to see how/if the groundwater levels have recovered. DWR provided well frequency charts in 9 square mile blocks throughout the county to TST. Right now the network is two dimensional, but there are other things to take into consideration such as what is going on underground and surface water ground water interaction.*

*Ms. Fahey mentioned that the well mapping project will begin with a part-time employee at the Ag Department as soon as they get a computer for that employee. DWR did a 2014 land and water use study in Colusa County. They are putting that report together now and should be available in a couple months. That report will help us estimate surface water and groundwater use in the county.*

### **3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (\*action item)**

#### **a. \* Discussion/Action --- Groundwater Ordinance modifications/revisions**

##### **i. Discussion – Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations**

*No quorum was present to take any action. The Ad Hoc Committee recommendations were briefly introduced and discussed:*

##### **Discussion - In County Transfers**

- No Permit Process
- Admin Review good for one year
- Administrative Review to include:
  - Signed County Agreement
  - Copy of full Transfer Submittal prior to pumping, which includes:
    - Env. Review
    - Monitoring Program
    - Mitigation Program
  - Commission is copied on Monthly Monitoring Data
  - Commission is copied on Final Transfer Report (May)

*It was noted that the completion of the Final Transfer Reports should be May.*

##### **Discussion - Out of County Transfers**

- Permit required
- Proposals should be reviewed on a case-by case basis
- Permits good for one year (not three)
- Commission to be copied on Monthly monitoring data
- Addition of Drought language:

*Transfers prohibited during any of the following circumstances:*

1. Critically Dry Year – DWR Sac Valley Water Index (Bulletin 120, comes out in May, transfers start in April. Suggested to look at preliminary readings from Bureau to see where it is trending)
2. Emergency Drought Declaration – County

3. *Emergency Statewide Drought Proclamation – State*

• **Other to Consider**

- - *Fee structure to support admin and data gathering/studies*
- - *Beneficial Use language (use language from Constitution)*
- - *Water Quality*
- - *Stronger mitigation plan (Can be part of “Conditions”)*
- - *Process to notify neighbors*

**ii. \*Preliminary recommendations (from item i. above) to present to the Groundwater Commission at their January 15, 2015 meeting**

*WUG members agreed to forward the above recommendations to the Groundwater Commission.*

**b. \*Set 2015 meeting dates**

*No quorum was present to discuss meeting dates. Ms. Fahey will email proposed dates for meeting.*

**c. Member Reports – WUG members are encouraged to discuss items that may be of interest to the group**

*Sandy Denn reports on Glenn County’s plan for Public meetings regarding state legislation. Glenn County is coordinating public meetings on what the legislation is going mean to the average person. Everyone is welcome to these meetings. They will happen in February.*

*Ms. Fahey reports she will be coordinating with Supervisors to develop a plan of action for public outreach meetings.*

**d. Next Meeting of the WUG (date and time to be determined in Discussion/Action Item b.)**

*No meeting date set.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 11:40am*