

TULARE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION
3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2018
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
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VISALIA, CALIFORNIA 93291

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment Period
3. Approve August 13, 2018 minutes (Action Item)
4. Presentation of Urban Water Management Plan update from the City of Delano (Discussion, Possible Action)
5. Disadvantaged Community Update. (Discussion, Possible Action)
6. Proposition 3 Discussion (Discussion, Possible Action)
7. Subcommittee Reports (Discussion, Possible Action)
 - a. Water Legislation
8. Staff Reports
 - a. Sustainable Groundwater
 - b. Management Act
 - i. Implementation in Tulare County
 - c. Prop 1 DAC IRWM Involvement Program Update
9. Commissioners' Comments
10. Next meeting –Monday, October 8, 2018, 3:00 p.m. – Board of Supervisors Chambers
11. Adjourn

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3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018

MEETING NOTES- REVISED

Members Present:

Pete Vander Poel, Board Representative and Chairman
Richard L. Schafer, District 5 Appointee
Dale Brogan, District 2 Appointee
Paul Boyer, At-Large Appointee
Zack Stuller, District 1 Appointee
Tamara Kelly, District 3 Appointee
Martha Flores, TCAG Representative
Chad Wegley, District 4 Appointee

Members Absent:

VACANT, At-Large Appointee
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Staff Present:

Denise England, Tulare County Board of Supervisors
Matt Wang, Tulare County Counsel

Members of the Public Present:

Richard Garcia	Nilsa Gonzalez	Tricia Blattler
Mike Hickey	Michael Tharp	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 3:00pm.

2. Public Comment Period

a. Correspondence from City of Delano-

Denise England, Water Resources Director, provided a letter from the City of Delano notifying the Commission of the city's intent to review and revise their Urban Water Management Plan. The Commission requested a presentation from the City at the next Water Commission Meeting.

3. Approve February 12, 2018; March 12, 2018; and May 14, 2018 minutes (Action Item)-

On a motion made by Commissioner Schafer and seconded by Commissioner Kelly the minutes were approved with Commissioner Flores abstaining.

4. Water Commission Annual Reorganization

a. Vice Chair- Supervisor Crocker was nominated on a motion made by Commissioner Boyer and seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Secretary- Commissioner Schafer was nominated on a motion made by Commissioner Boyer and seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Update from Staff regarding potential Groundwater Exportation Ordinance. (Discussion, Possible Action)

Ms. England provided Board of Supervisors Resolution 2017-0718 and informed the Commission that a Groundwater Exportation Ordinance was infeasible to pursue at this time. Commissioner Boyer asked why it was deemed infeasible. Ms. England explained that the Board of Supervisors also directed staff to work with the Water Commission and the Agricultural Advisory Committee to provide specific problems an exportation ordinance should resolve with no response. Additionally, Ms. England reported that Kings County had abandoned pursuit of a groundwater exportation ordinance. Ms. England stated that as Groundwater Sustainability Agencies write Groundwater Sustainability Plans County staff will look for ways to bolster those efforts.

6. Subcommittee Reports (Discussion, Possible Action)

a. Water Legislation- Ms. England advised that the three Commissioners on the Subcommittee have not been able to meet due to scheduling conflicts. Ms. England suggested that the

Subcommittee set a standing meeting day and time. 9:00 AM on the Friday preceding the Water Commission meeting was agreed upon and Ms. England will send the dates to the Subcommittee members for confirmation.

7. Legislation Update (Discussion, Possible Action)

Ms. England provided an update on legislation being tracked by the County.

- a. AB 2050- Small Water System Authority Act. On a motion made by Commissioner Schafer and Seconded by Commissioner Boyer the Commission voted unanimously to recommend an oppose position.
- b. AB 2975- Wild and Scenic Rivers- Commissioner Schafer reported that the bill had been enrolled and no action should be taken. Commissioner Schafer reported that significant revisions were made to the Bill in the final hours to prevent a misapplication of protected status by the State.
- c. SB 623- Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund. Ms. England reported that revisions to the bill occurred last week which included an opt-out of the residential fee. This change allows the legislature to pass the provisions of the bill with only a majority vote instead of a 2/3 vote. There were also changes to the fertilizer mill tax. Ms. England reported that the Board has taken a support position on the bill.
- d. SB 495-Take Permit: Blunt-nosed Leopard Lizard. Ms. England reported that the bill provided a path forward for Allensworth's drinking water project and is awaiting the Governor's signature. On a motion made by Commissioner Boyer and seconded by Commissioner Schafer the Commission voted unanimously to recommend a support position.
- e. SB 998- Discontinuation of Residential Water Service. The Commission discussed the bill then on a motion made by Commissioner Brogan and seconded by Commissioner Boyer voted 5-1, with Commissioner Kelly dissenting, to recommend an oppose position.
- f. Prop 3- Ms. England informed the Commissioners that the Meral Water Bond will appear on the November ballot as Proposition 3. An information sheet was provided to the Commissioners. On a motion made by Commissioner Boyer and seconded by Commissioner Schafer the Commission voted unanimously to recommend a support position.

8. Staff Reports

- a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 - i. Implementation in Tulare County

Ms. England reported that GSAs continue to work on their Groundwater Sustainability Plan components and negotiating coordination agreements. Ms. England added that the Kings River East GSA had issued invoices to fund their activities in June. Commissioner Wegley reported that the GSA had received approximately \$340,000 in revenue from the effort with an 85% of the invoices being paid.

- b. Prop 1 DAC IRWM Involvement Program Update

Ms. England provided an update on the Program. The next Project Advisory Committee meeting will be held on August 30, 2018 at 9 AM at Provost and Pritchard's office in downtown Visalia. The focus of this meeting will be on developing the DAC Engagement and Involvement task.

9. Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Stuller asked for clarification on how groundwater would be allocated in future annexations into cities under SGMA. Commissioner Schafer stated that in the Tule Sub-basin cities were viewed as appropriators and all groundwater extraction would be limited to the sustainable yield of the sub-basin.

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11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.