

TULARE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION
3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
2800 W. BURREL AVE.
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA 93291

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Water Commission at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for the Water Commission's consideration. Any person addressing the Water Commission will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. At all times, please use the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
 2. Public Comment Period
 3. Approve October 14, 2019 Minutes (Action Item)
 4. Upper Watershed Presentation by Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Sarah Campe, SNC (Discussion, Possible Action)
 5. Overview of County's Flood Control Preparations, Ross Miller, RMA Staff (Discussion, Possible Action)
 6. Overview and Update of Prop 1 DAC IRWM Involvement Program, Denise England, Water Resources Director (Discussion, Possible Action)
 7. Water Resilience Portfolio Draft [LINK](#) (Discussion, Possible Action)
 8. Water Commission Annual Priority Issues (Discussion, Possible Action)
 9. Staff Reports (Discussion, Possible Action)
 - a. SGMA Implementation
 - b. Form 700s
 - c. AB 1234 Ethics Training
 10. Commissioners' Comments
 11. Future Agenda Topics
 12. Next meeting – Monday, February 10, 2020
 13. Adjourn
- Tulare County Water Commission Contact: Denise England, staff (559) 636-5000
Tulare County Water Commission website: <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/board/index.cfm/committees-commissions/water-commission>

Documents related to the items on this Agenda, submitted to the Board after distribution of the Agenda packet, are available for public inspection in the Board of Supervisors Office, 2800 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA during normal business hours. Such documents are also available online, subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting, at the following website: <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/board/index.cfm/committees-commissions/water-commission>

As a courtesy to those in attendance, please turn off or place in alert mode all cell phones and pagers.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerk of the Board's Office at (559) 636-5000

TULARE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION

3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2019

MEETING NOTES

Members Present:

Pete Vander Poel, Board Representative and Chairman
Dennis Townsend, Board Alternate
Zack Stuller, District 1 Appointee
Eric Quinley, District 2 Appointee
Steve Etchegaray, District 5 Appointee
Martha Flores, TCAG Representative
Paul Boyer, At-Large Appointee
Michael Lane, At-Large Appointee

Members Absent:

Tamara Kelly, District 3 Appointee
Chad Wegley, District 4 Appointee
VACANT, At-Large Appointee

Staff Present:

Denise England, Tulare County Administration Office
Marit Erickson, Tulare County Counsel
Mike Hickey, TCiCT
Bob Irvine, TCiCT
Ken Bowers, HHS Environmental Health
Susan Simon, RMA- Planning
Aaron Bock, RMA- Planning

Members of the Public Present:

Mark Larsen
Eric Osterling
Aaron Fukuda

John Lollis
Michael Knight
Vincent Salinas

John Galey
Richard Garcia

1. Call to Order

Chairman Vander Poel called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

2. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

3. Approve August 12, 2019 and June 10, 2019 minutes

On a motion made by Commissioner Boyer and seconded Commissioner Flores, the minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Presentation of New Well Permitting Process,

Ken Bowers, Tulare County Environmental Health Staff, provided an overview of how GSA managers can participate in the County's well permitting process. He provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached). Mr. Bowers also provided the updated Well Permit Form, which included new data fields. He explained the GSA managers requested these new data fields. Commissioner Etchegaray asked which GSAs were involved in the process of the update. Mr. Bowers responded all GSA managers in Tulare County participated. Commissioner Lane asked if GSAs have access to well logs. Mr. Bowers answered yes, with the described permitting process; the GSA managers will have access to the database or can request access. Commissioner Boyer asked if any GSAs have concerns about the updated form or process. Mr. Bowers answered the updates were unanimous amongst GSA managers with no objections. Mr. Boyer also commented it is great to have coordination with the County. Commissioner Stuller asked if GSA does not review the permit within 3-4 days, does staff foresee any issues with the timing. Mr. Bowers indicated any delays are yet to be seen when the new process goes into effect. Commissioner Etchegaray stated he thought for GSA and SGMA purposes it does not matter how many wells there are, but how much water is pumped. Miss England clarified the GSAs would only have authority to add conditions on well permits relative to their minimum thresholds, existing plumes, and other GSP components. Commissioner Lane underscored the importance of data gathering. Commissioner Etchegaray

expressed concerns with the lack of public feedback on process and requested public outreach and feedback through the GSAs. Commissioner Boyer suggested staff work with GSAs to take the matter through their various stakeholder committees. Commissioner Quinley requested Counsel look into what authority GSAs have on well permitting.

5. Presentation of Data Sharing Initiative,

Bob Irvine and Mike Hickey, TCiCT GIS staff, provided an overview of the County's well data sharing initiative. Mr. Hickey provided an overview of the data TCiCT maintains for the Tulare Lake Basin Hydrogeological Region. Mr. Irvine explained their goal is to collect information for the entire region. He reported they built out a model of data, which the state is also working on, but at a slower rate. TCiCT is working with the state, building an application, which is accessible on the web. Mr. Irvine demonstrated the well data tool and showed where it is available on TulareLakeBasin.com. He reported GSAs, USGS, and others can use this to help locate wells in the region. Commissioner Lane asked how to access the site. Mr. Irvine provided the aforementioned website. Commissioner Boyer asked if the database includes GAMA GEOTracker data. Mr. Irvine responded no, but he can put links to the GAMA GEOTracker, if it is helpful. Commissioner Flores thanked the TCiCT staff for the information and acknowledged all of the effort. She asked how new information is integrated into the database. Mr. Irvine responded it is pulled from state sources. He also stated the goal is to allow editing for various water managers.

6. Overview of County's Groundwater Sustainability Plan Review Process and Results To Date

Aaron Bock, RMA- Planning staff provided an overview of the GSP review process by the County. Mr. Bock provided a PowerPoint (attached).

7. Change Water Commission Meeting Schedule

Chairman Vander Poel indicated the Water Commission was canceled every other month for the past year due to lack of business. He asked the Commission if there was a desire to change the meeting schedule to every other month. Ms. England explained this would take a change in bylaws and approval by the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Lane expressed a desire to keep the meetings monthly for scheduling purposes and cancel when necessary.

8. Staff Reports

a. Prop 1 DAC IRWM Involvement Program Update

Ms. England reported the Program continues on schedule. She indicated the Project Advisory Committee would select the final slate of projects to fund at their October 17th meeting. The PAC will receive access to the newly designed Needs Assessment web tool in September and are currently testing the tool before going live. Ms. England indicated she would give a formal update to the Commission in January.

9. Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Boyer commented while he was unable to attend, he was very glad to see Mr. Richard Schafer honored with the renaming of Success Dam. Chairman Vander Poel complimented the Army Corps for putting together a very good event and wonderful tribute to a great man.

10. Future Agenda Topics-

There were no suggestions.

11. Next meeting –Due to the Veteran's Day holiday falling on Monday, November 11, 2019, the next Water Commission meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Documents related to the items on this Agenda, submitted to the Board after distribution of the Agenda packet, are available for public inspection in the Board of Supervisors Office, 2800 W. Burrell Avenue, Visalia, CA during normal business hours. Such documents are also available online, subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting, at the following website: <http://www.tularecounty.ca.gov/cao/index.cfm/water-commission/agenda-minutes/>

As a courtesy to those in attendance, please turn off or place in alert mode all cell phones and pagers.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerk of the Board's Office at (559) 636-5000

2020 Tulare County Water Commission Priorities

- Consolidating Small Water and Sewer Systems
 - Streamlining process for local entity formation for water and sewer systems
 - Funding for ongoing operation and maintenance
 - Funding for extension of service to properties with private domestic wells
 - Evaluate Administrator role
- Funding to address subsidence effects in Tulare County
 - State match for Friant Kern Canal fix
- Implementation of SGMA
- Regular meetings of the Water Legislation Subcommittee
- Support legislation for emergency funding for sewer emergencies

DRAFT

County of Tulare

Water Commission Meetings 2020 Calendar

Tentative - Subject to Change



January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9