

# COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

## Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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### SHASTA VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### Meeting MINUTES, June 8th, 2018

The special meeting of the Shasta Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee was called to order at 4:03pm at the Siskiyou County Administrative Office, Shasta Room by Chair Beth Sandahl.

**Present:** Beth Sandahl, John Tannaci, Pete Scala, Tristan Allen, Justin Holmes, Blair Hart

#### **Public Comments:**

- Petey Brucker – comments were read see below attachment
- Ethan Brown, Shasta Valley RCD – Formally introduced himself as staff for the Shasta Valley RCD and that the RCD through their DWR grant will be collaborating with the GSA on SGMA related work.
- Angelina Cook – Works in south county on water issues and have been encouraging the City of Weed to considered being included in the basin boundary modification. After a previous meeting there were comments why the City of Weed should be included. Angelina introduced City Council member Bob Hall and Mayor Ken Palfini from the City of Weed and they want to get more information about the Shasta Boundary modification efforts.

#### **Previous meeting minute approval**

- Tristan Allen motioned to approve, John Tannaci 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 6-0

#### **County Staff Update** – Matt Parker, County Natural Resource's Specialist

- Committee member Teresa Baxman, representative for Grenada Irrigation District resigned so GID will have to choose a replacement.
- Work schedule – No more committee meetings or new appointment seats will be made until RFP consulting hire process is complete.
- The Shasta Valley basin *Initial Notification* has been posted on the DWR SGMA portal
- The Siskiyou county natural resource's webpage is being utilized more for posting information, reports, and updates.

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### Discussion/Action Items

- Discussion was held regarding approving the staff proposed Shasta basin boundary application. The recommendation was moved by Tristan Allen and second by Pete Scala. The motion passed 6-0 to recommend to the District board to approve the Shasta basin boundary modification application.

### Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm

### Attachments

*To the Shasta Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee,*

*Until recently, surface-water storage and conveyance have been the major focus of water management. Yet, as surface water becomes less reliable, Californians are increasingly turning to groundwater to meet its water needs. Today, groundwater supplies up to 50 percent of California's water, but the state's prolonged drought has led to the overpumping of groundwater, overdrafting of the medium and high priority aquifers and adjudicated groundwater basins. We need to something for the future generations.*

*I would like to read some things related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. These include, but are not limited to: principles, definitions, steps to take for implementation, beneficial users, processes and ways a stakeholder can participate.*

*Core Principle is Locally Controlled*

*To ensure enough water for generations to come, the focus must shift to make groundwater supplies more reliable and sustainable. What is "sustainable"? The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) defines sustainable in many ways.*

*The management and use of groundwater in a manner that can be maintained without causing the following UNDESIRABLE RESULTS:*

*• Chronic lowering of groundwater levels • Reductions in groundwater storage • Degraded water quality  
Surface water depletions that have adverse impacts on beneficial users Land subsidence Salt Water Intrusion*

*Three steps for implementation as directed by SGMA :*

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*1. Form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) by June 30th, 2017 2. Develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans by the year 2022 3. Implement GSPs to achieve sustainability*

*Beneficial Users, including:*

- (a) Agricultural and domestic well owners;*
- (c) Public water systems;*
- (e) Environmental users of groundwater; (f) Surface water users;*
- (h) California Native American tribes;*

*Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.*

*Use of a common framework for setting thresholds that quantitatively describe what is considered unsustainable. Protective triggers that require the type of management actions to avoid crossing thresholds.*

*This framework will pave the way for successful implementation of SGMA.*

*We should help reduce over the top soil flooding and also help to prepare us for dry periods, when we can use the stored water to make up for surface-water cumulative groundwater loss shortfalls. In addition, higher groundwater levels can decrease the energy intensity of groundwater pumping, thus ease the negative impacts from global climate change.*

*How can stakeholders participate? GSAs must:*

- Consider all beneficial users.*
- Notify “interested” persons of notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents.*
- Provide written notice of how stakeholders can participate.*

*GSAs can have advisory boards in implementation on SMGA.*

*Sustainable groundwater management offers a new pathway, allowing the state both to mitigate and to adapt to climate change while increasing water reliability in the future.*

*Thank You for your attention to this.,*

*Petey Brucker for the Klamath Forest Alliance*