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Butte County Groundwater Pumpers Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2017

Time: 8:30AM

Place: Chico State University Farm, Room A009 & 0010, Chico, CA

Agenda Items

1. Welcome – Chair Heringer
2. Roll Call

Members Present: Heringer, Strachan, Daly, Schooling, Rice, Sohnrey, Lavy (late), Edgar (late)

Members absent: Cole

3. Review and approval of the March 20, 2017 GPAC minutes

Motion by Daly and seconded Schooling to approve the March 20, 2017 minutes. Motion carried 6-0

4. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to adopt GPAC Bylaws

Motion by Strachan and seconded by Sohnrey to recommend that Board of Supervisors approve the by-laws as amended. Motion passed 6-0

5. Presentation on Groundwater Sustainability Plan requirements
Mary Randall, Department of Water Resources, Northern Regional Office made a presentation on the groundwater sustainability plan regulations. Her presentation is posted on the GPAC webpage. The GSP Guidebook produced by DWR is on the department's SGMA webpage.

6. Update on GSA Formation Process and Status

Staff gave an update on the GSA formation status. A letter of support for Butte County to obtain a grant to develop groundwater sustainability plans is being considered by other GSAs. Staff will provide the GPAC with a template letter.

7. Discussion of and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on Draft Guiding Principles

The GPAC raised issues about the Guiding Principles and suggested that the guiding principle related to basin boundary modifications be changed to include the phrase, “where appropriate”. The department will provide the GPAC with a copy of the guiding principles being used in Glenn and Colusa counties.

8. Update of other SGMA issues

DWR may open the process for local agencies to request basin boundary modifications in July.

9. GPAC members wishing to address items not listed on the agenda. (The GPAC is prohibited by state law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda).

None

10. Public members wishing to address the Commission on items not listed on the agenda. (The GPAC is prohibited by State law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to five minutes per person)

None

11. Next meeting – May 15, 2017, 8:30AM, CSU Chico Farm.

12. Adjournment