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Butte County Groundwater Pumpers Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: July 17, 2017

Time: 8:30AM

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

Agenda Items

1. Welcome – Chair Heringer
2. Roll Call – Chair Heringer
3. *Review and approval of the June 19, 2017 GPAC minutes
4. Overview and discussion of the agenda (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation)
5. *Review and possible recommendation on amendments to the GPAC by-laws (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation)
6. Update on GSA Formation Process and GSP Grant Status (Vickie Newlin, Water and Resource Conservation)
7. Report from the GPAC Guiding Principles Subcommittee (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation and Subcommittee Members)
8. Presentation and discussion of protection of domestic wells under SGMA (Mary Randall, DWR NRO)

9. Update of other SGMA issues – Staff & GPAC

10. 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).

11. 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)

12. Next meeting – August 21, 2017, 8:30AM, CSU Chico Farm.

13. Adjournment

*Materials attached



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1. Welcome – Chair Heringer
2. Roll Call
Members Present: Heringer, Daly, Cole, Edgar, Lavy, Schooling, Rice, Strachan, Sohnrey
3. Review and approval of the May 15, 2017 GPAC minutes
Motion by Schooling and seconded by Lavy. Motion passed 9-0
4. Overview and discussion of the agenda (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation)
The GPAC agreed to begin with agenda 8 - Discussion of Non-Public Groundwater Users Participation Options.
5. Discussion of Non-Public Groundwater Users Participation Options
Discussion only. Rich McGowan gave an overview of the efforts of groundwater dependent growers to improve collaboration with the County and to organize. Formation of a special district in the future is under consideration.
6. Presentation on 2017 Spring Groundwater Contour Maps (Bill Ehorn, DWR-NRO)
Discussion only. Bill Ehorn provided an overview of 2017 spring groundwater contour maps.

7. Presentation on the Interbasin Groundwater Flow Project (Christina Buck, Water and Resource Conservation)
Discussion only. Christina Buck gave an overview of the Interbasin Groundwater Flow project.
8. Update on GSA Formation Process and Status
Discussion only. Vickie Newlin gave an update on the status of GSA formation and the GSP grant process. Staff reported that the Eligible Local Agency forum will not be meeting. Efforts have shifted to subbasin specific discussions.
9. Discussion and possible recommendation on the guiding principles for SGMA governance framework (Paul Gosselin, Water and Resource Conservation)
Paul Gosselin gave an overview of the draft Guiding Principles. Susan Strachan discussed modifications to the Guiding Principles. The GPAC decided to have a subcommittee work with staff on evaluating the Guiding Principles. Susan Strachan, Gary Cole, Darren Rice and Jon Lavy volunteered to be on the subcommittee.
10. Update of other SGMA issues
No other updates.
11. 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).
The GPAC had a general discussion about the role and involvement of domestic well users under SGMA.
12. 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.
13. Next meeting – July 17, 2017, 8:30AM, CSU Chico Farm.
14. Adjournment

BYLAWS OF THE BUTTE COUNTY

GROUNDWATER PUMPERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ART. I NAME AND PURPOSE

Sec. 1 - The name of the Advisory Committee shall be the Butte County Groundwater Pumpers Advisory Committee (GPAC).

Sec. 2 – The purposes of the GPAC shall be to:

First: Act as a liaison between groundwater pumpers and the County on issues regarding the management of groundwater and the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Second: Provide advice to the Board of Supervisors on matters related to Butte County's implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

ART. II GPAC

Sec. 1 – The GPAC shall consist of the nine members appointed by the Butte County Board of Supervisors. Eight members will be independent groundwater pumpers (two from each of the four sub-basins that are not serviced by a surface water district within that basin). There will be one environmental representative preferably with scientific and/or technical credentials relevant to environmental use of groundwater within the groundwater basins within Butte County and preferably a groundwater pumper.

Sec. 2 - The GPAC will remain intact throughout the development of the SGMA planning process.

Sec. 3 - GPAC members shall serve a three-year term beginning from date of appointment. Members may be appointed for additional terms.

Sec. 4 – GPAC members serve voluntarily without compensation or reimbursement.

Sec. 5 - Removal of a member of the GPAC is at the sole discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 6 – Five members shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the GPAC

Art. III OFFICERS AND TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

Sec. 1 – The officers of the GPAC shall be the Chair and Vice Chair to be elected by the GPAC at its first meeting of each calendar year.

Sec. 2 – Officers shall assume the office immediately upon election and serve until the following January.

Sec. 3 – If an office, other than the Chair becomes vacant, the same shall be filled by a vote of the GPAC and the appointee shall serve the unexpired term.

Art. IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1 – The Chair shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the GPAC and receive coordination form the Department on proposed agenda items.

Sec. 2 – The Vice Chair shall assume the powers and duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is absent and shall succeed the Chair when a vacancy occurs in that office.

Art. V MEETINGS

Sec. 1 – Meetings shall be held ~~as necessary including in response to the request of at least three members on the third Monday of each month, at 8:30 AM, at the Chico State University Farm, Hagen Lane, Chico or such other location as specified from time to time by the GPAC. If the GPAC needs to schedule a future monthly meeting on a different day, the GPAC shall initiate the revised meeting date by minute motion made at a regular or special meeting held at least two weeks prior to the proposed meeting date.~~

If any regular meeting day falls upon a holiday, the regular meeting of the GPAC shall be held at the same place on the first succeeding Wednesday that is not a holiday commencing on the same hour, unless otherwise designated by the Commission and noticed appropriately.

If a regular meeting will be cancelled, the Chair shall direct staff to provide notice to all members, those who request GPAC meeting notices and the press.

Sec. 2 – The Chair may call a special meeting of the GPAC. If approved by a majority of the members at a regularly scheduled meeting, the GPAC may schedule a special meeting. The order calling the special meeting shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the business to be conducted, and no other business shall be conducted at that meeting.

Sec. 3 Members may propose, and the membership may vote on items proposed for future meeting agendas. A majority vote will require an item be included on the next agenda.

Sec. ~~3~~4 - Meetings shall comply with the Brown Act

Sec. ~~4~~5 – Meetings shall be public and minutes shall be maintained of all meetings.

Sec. ~~5~~6 – Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors shall be made by a majority vote of the GPAC members present at the meeting.

Art. VI AMENDMENTS

Sec 1 – The Bylaws may be amended by proposals submitted in writing to the Chair. GPAC members will be afforded not less than 30 days to review proposed Bylaw amendments before the date of the meeting at which the said amendment will be voted upon.

Sec 2 – Unless otherwise stipulated, all amendments to the Bylaws shall become effective immediately following approval by the GPAC and ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

Art. VII RULES OF ORDER

Sec 1 – Roberts Rules of Order will be used as a general guideline, subject to the need and at the discretion of the Chair.