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**Stakeholder
Committee**

Thursday, October 12, 2017

City of Porterville
Coleman Conference Rm.
291 N. Main St.
Porterville, California

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- I. Chairman Leider called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm
- II. Roll call – Mike Reed - City of Porterville, Sean Geivet - PID, SID & TBID, Tom O’Sullivan – Stakeholder, Bill Bennett – Stakeholder, Don Castle – Stakeholder, Kathy Briano – Stakeholder, John Konda – Stakeholder, Julia Inestroza – Stakeholder, Matt Leider – Chairman, Matt Watkins – Stakeholder, Jim Parsons – Stakeholder, Jason Guthrie – Stakeholder and Ben Magana – Stakeholder arrived late. Other guests included Brandon Eisen, Bill Wallace, Todd Turley, Adriana Renteria, Terry Schuler, Jordan Parsons, and John Matthiessen.

A comment was made in regards to tracking Stakeholders attendance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Adriana Renteria of the Community Water Center spoke of an upcoming event they are hosting with a meeting of concerned scientists regarding the breakdown of technical components of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Michael Reed shared that there is a South Valley SGMA technical components meeting at the Agri-Business Center in Tulare on October 20th at 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Registration is required as space is limited.

IV. Old Business

a) Stakeholders Committee, a Discussion of Roles, Goals and Mission

Statement – The main purpose of the Stakeholders committee is to assist in the development of the GSP, outreach may involve conversations with known constituents during the development of the Plan. The committee discussed an outreach coordinator; however, it was noted that they, the stakeholders, are the voices of constituents for ideas to include in the Plan.

Mr. Reed reported on the Executive committee's action to recommend the Board of Directors approve a Technical Advisory Committee whose role has yet to be defined, and the recommendation to support the undergraduate students' thesis on transitional pumping for the ETGSA.

Mr. Geivet updated the committee on the presentation to the Board of Directors to approve an interim general manager, himself, to include finding a permanent general manager, and the day-to-day operations currently performed by Mr. Reed until that time.

As part of the DWR plan, they wrote of creating a stakeholders Mission Statement, this discussion will be brought to a future meeting.

- b) Thomas Harder and Associates Groundwater Report – The report is now available on the ETGSA website, and due to its size, will not be printed for handouts.
- c) Bylaws – Mr. Reed updated the committee on the status of the bylaws preparation by Tulare County staff.

V. New Business

- a) Groundwater Sustainable Plan – Mr. Reed reported on the draft discussion Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The Ad Hoc committee felt the ETGSA is more regional vs federal and formed the draft discussion document based on that knowledge. Sustainability was discussed and several scenarios were mentioned. Management of resources was discussed thoroughly. Other subjects talked about were: find a way to work between surface water and groundwater; proposed lucrative economic generator; fair safe yield; develop

bullet point list of the plan; surface water partnership to recharge; stakeholders need to develop the policies and the plan to obtain their desirable result, the coordination agreement, and the share system.

- b) Stakeholder Committee Outreach – This subject was discussed during the roles, goals and mission agenda item, and tabled.

VI. Other Business

- a) Minutes

Member O’Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2017, Member Castle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is November 9, 2017 at 1 pm.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

