



UKIAH VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

10:00 A.M. – Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Mendocino County Department of Transportation
340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah CA, 95482
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Supporting Documents:

- October 20, 2021 Agenda
- October 13, 2021 Minutes Summary

Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

TAC Members Present: Elizabeth Salomone, James Linderman, Sean White, Mike Webster, Laurel Marcus, Don Seymour, Laurel Marcus, Ken Todd

Absent: Levi Paulen, Javier Silvia

All Others Present: Michael Harrigan, Amir Mani, Devon Jones, Dominic Guterrez, Laura Foglia, Emily Finnegan, Marisa Perez-Reyes, Kristen Pringle, Jared Walker, Stephen maples

Meeting Called to order at 10:03 AM

2. Approval of Meeting Summary from the October 13, 2021 Meeting

Committee Action: Motion to approve October 13, 2021 minutes by Laurel Marcus; seconded by James Linderman. Motion Carries.

3. Approval of Meeting Summary from the October 20, 2021 Meeting

Committee Action:

- James Linderman: had a chance to read minutes morning of; will make a motion to approve.
 - No TAC member seconds the motion
- Beth Salomone: recommends postponing approval of October 20, 2021 Meeting minutes until additional TAC members have an opportunity to review minutes.

4. Presentation from Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., and Discussion on the Communication and Engagement Plan Update and Planned Stakeholder Interviews

Presenter(s): Marisa Perez-Reyes, Kristin Pringle, Emily Finnegan (Stantec)

- Marisa Perez-Reyes: Introduces Stantec team members working on Ukiah Valley GSP Facilitation Support.
 - Work is subdivided into 3 main task: GSP adoption support, communication and engagement plan updates, public and committee meeting support.



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- Focus of presentation will be on 2nd task: Communication and Engagement Plan Update.
 - The update will identify and elaborate on post-GSP adoption C&E activities based on input from: the February 2021 C&E plan, the GSP chapter on PMAS on implementation activities, interviews with the TAC and other local stakeholders.
 - 12 interviews (individual and/or small groups)
 - Topics include:
 - Assessing the effectiveness of existing outreach strategies
 - Determining coordination opportunities with local agencies and organizations.
 - Understanding preferred level of stakeholder involvement during GSP implementation.
 - Identifying stakeholders that may have not been engaged in GSP development.
 - Understanding barriers to stakeholder engagement.
- Marisa Perez-Reyes: pauses presentation; solicits any questions from TAC members about presentation so far.
 - Laurel Marcus: in relation to Stantec mentioning that there's not a lot of funding available for outreach, Laurel mentions California Department of Conservation Watershed Coordinator Grant. However, it's not for stakeholder meetings rather it's for public attendance in public meetings. Watershed coordinator kicked off in May of 2021; scoped for 3 years. Public meetings are just one task among many for Watershed Coordinator.
 - Elizabeth Salomone: asks Stantec about stakeholder interviews schedule and how Stantec will go about contacting interviewees.
 - Marisa Perez-Reyes: interviews will be conducted over the next month and a half. Aiming to wrap up by end of the year but will extend it if they encounter scheduling hurdles.
- Marisa Perez-Reyes (resumes presentation):
 - Developed a list of potential interviewees with Michael Harrigan and Amber Fisette; settled on all the members of the TAC committee.
 - Budgeted for 12 interviews; can group individuals into groups in order to interview more people.
- Amir Mani: since we've received a comment from Consortium of NGOs regarding beneficial users it may be a good idea to include individual from one of the NGOs. Suggests Russian River Keepers since they're more local.
- Laura Foglia: Also suggests Nature Conservancy.
- Elizabeth Salomone: wants to encourage Devon Jones to consider recommending interviewing a member of an organization such as the Mendocino Winegrowers Association.
- Devon Jones: if they can get some specific dates she would be happy to reach out to Bernadette with Mendocino Winegrowers.
- Kristin Pringle: asks Elizabeth Salomone about her contacts and connections with the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.



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- Elizabeth Salomone: Deborah Edelman (not present) would be a good individual to connect with in regards to North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.
- Marisa Perez-Reyes (resumes presentation):
 - Schedule, Next Steps:
 - Marisa Perez-Reyes and/or Emily Finnegan will reach out to individuals to schedule interview sessions through November/December.
 - Findings will be shared at the January TAC and Board Meetings.
 - C&E Plan Update will be prepared and distributed.

5. **Discussion Regarding Public Comment Responses on the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plan**

Presenter(s): Laura Foglia, Amir Mani

- Laura Foglia: this should be a quick discussion; a follow-up really from our discussion regarding public comments in our last TAC meeting.
 - LWA is still working on Implementation chapter of GSP (chapter 5); received a lot of comments requesting more detail on GSP implementation.
 - Based on the UVBGS Board's decision to recommend an RFP for a GSA Administrator, LWA will incorporate that the GSA is planning to have an Administrator the following year into Chapter 5.
- Elizabeth Salomone: does anyone anticipate any issues with the RFP for GSA Administrator?
- Laura Foglia: edits to Chapter 5 regarding GSA Administrator to make any strong commitments beyond just stating that it's an ongoing process expected (but not guaranteed) to resolve next year.
- Elizabeth Salomone: the reason she brought this up was a lot of things, like the implementation of a fee study, hinge on the hiring of a GSA Administrator.
- Amir Mani: the approval of a RFP was a big step forward; we are not planning to hinge any important implementation goals in the GSP on the hiring of a GSA administrator.
- Laura Foglia: after this afternoon's board meeting we will get direction from the board regarding monitoring schedule; whether it's monthly or quarterly. And with that direction we can adopt specific language in the GSP.
- Laura Foglia: biggest change since the TAC committees discussion last meeting-
 - More detail on interconnected surface waters.
 - Greater commitment on data gathering to improve monitoring network.
 - More detail regarding conservation project management actions (PMAs)
 - Drought mitigation, drought resiliency, etc.
- Beth Salomone: question regarding attached spreadsheet and companion document regarding public comments; what is LWA looking for in responses from TAC members?
 - Laura Foglia: we summarized public comments and grouped together similar comments and our proposed responses. LWA wants feedback if TAC members do not agree with or want some more clarification on proposed responses.



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- Beth Salomone: TAC members, please confirm with Michael Harrigan that you have received documents prepared by LWA, *even* if you agree with all of the proposed responses to public comments outlined.
 - Sean White: received documents; agrees with proposed responses and actions.
 - James Linderman: received documents; agrees with proposed responses and actions.
 - Mike Webster: still needs to review documents.
- Amir Mani: reminds TAC that this is the last TAC meeting before TAC adoption; public comment matrix and summary will be included into the GSP as an appendix.

6. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

This time is reserved for the public to address the Committee about matters not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Advisory Committee. Persons wishing to speak on specific agenda items should do so at the time specified for those items.

- Elizabeth Salomone: does anyone have any comments on items discussed so far at today's TAC meeting?
 - Stephen Maples: we have not had a chance to review LWA comment matrix and master comment responses; we're planning to get back to LWA at end of the week.
 - Elizabeth Salomone: does anyone have any questions regarding agenda items on this afternoon's board meeting?
 - Elizabeth Salomone: does everyone have commitment from the member Agency regarding GSA funding contributions?
 - Sean White, James Linderman: approved it.
 - Jared Walker: URRWA approved funding request; just needs to go back to individual boards; delayed due to Willow County Water District board meeting cancellation.
 - Amir: wants to inform TAC that if monthly groundwater monitoring regiment is approved LWA is planning to update Chapter 3 of the GSP; as its written now GSA is committed to quarterly monitoring.
 - Laurel Marcus: why is the GSA not considering continuous monitoring?
 - Laura Foglia: it is being considered; we have already instrumented a few groundwater monitoring wells with continuous monitoring equipment; might be an extended process to instrument all GSA wells in monitoring wells.
 - Elizabeth Salomone: would encourage the board to commit to monthly groundwater monitoring and encourage the eventual transition to continuous monitoring.
 - Don Seymour: most continuous groundwater equipment is also outfitted to continuously monitor temperature which is a great data point in capturing groundwater/surface water interconnectivity.
 - Devon Jones: are these new wells? Or are these just CASGEM wells which are now being incorporated into GSA monitoring network? What's the QAQC for incorporating additional wells into monitoring network?
 - Laura Foglia: Board item is related to CASGEM wells that are currently being monitored biannually.



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- Elizabeth Salomone: reiterates that the TAC committee will not meet again until the GSA board approves the GSP draft.
 - Laura Foglia: this is correct unless something comes up.
- Elizabeth Salomone: does any TAC member anticipate that the TAC committee will need to meet before the board approves the final draft of the GSP for submittal.
 - TAC Member consensus: not necessary to meet.
 - Elizabeth Salomone: when should the TAC committee meet then?
 - James Linderman: do we have a rough timeline when we TAC member will be able to review GSP that has incorporated some of the public comments?
 - Laura: LWA is aiming for next Thursday (by November 18th).
 - Amir Mani: recommends meeting before 1st annual report submission.

7. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58 AM