

# COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

## Flood Control and Water Conservation District

---

P.O. Box 750 □ 1312 Fairlane Rd  
Yreka, California 96097  
[www.co.siskiyou.ca.us](http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us)

(530) 842-8005  
FAX (530) 842-8013  
Toll Free: 1-888-854-2000, ext. 8005

### SHASTA VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### Meeting MINUTES, March 5th, 2018

The regular meeting of the Shasta Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee was called to order at 4:08 p.m. on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Siskiyou County Administrative Office, Shasta Room by County Natural Resource Specialist and GSA coordinator Matt Parker.

**Present:**

Beth Sandahl, Justin Holmes, Pete Scala, Blair Hart, Teresa Baxman, Tristan Allen.

**Absent:**

John Tannaci

**Others present:**

Pat Vellines – DWR P.O.C

**Public Comments:**

- Comments via email from Felice Pace were read into the minutes. (attached below)
- Petey Brucker commented that he represented downstream and environmental interests and asked how the committee was formed.

**Introductions**

- Members of the committee introduced themselves

**Action**

- Motion to name Beth Sandahl Chairman by Blair Hart, second by Tristan Allen. Motion passed 6-0, 1 absent
- Motion to name John Tannaci Vice Chair by Tristen Allen, second by Beth Sandahl. Motion passed 6-0, 1 absent
- Term limits were decided with 3-year terms for Chair & Vice-Chair, and 2-year terms for regular committee members

**County Staff Update – Matt Parker**

- Grant submittal was still in public comment process. Pat Vellines (DWR) added that DWR is hurrying through the process as fast as they can.

# COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

## Flood Control and Water Conservation District

---

P.O. Box 750 □ 1312 Fairlane Rd  
Yreka, California 96097  
[www.co.siskiyou.ca.us](http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us)

(530) 842-8005  
FAX (530) 842-8013  
Toll Free: 1-888-854-2000, ext. 8005

- Matt and Elizabeth held initial coordination meetings with the Karuk, Shasta Indian Nation, and Quartz Valley tribes. During these meetings it was discussed to develop individual MOU's between the tribal entities that would describe the level of engagement and participation between the specific tribe and the GSA.
- An outreach letter to the Yurok Tribe was going before the Flood Control District board for approval and the following days Flood Control District meeting.
- UC Davis researchers were going to be attending the March 20<sup>th</sup> Flood Control District meeting to provide a presentation to the board regarding their work in Scott Valley, and to also discuss current known conditions in the Shasta Valley
- Shasta Valley outreach meetings regarding boundary line modification were scheduled for 3/13 & 3/14.

### Discussion Items

- Item d "Discussion/possible action regarding secretarial duties"
  - There was not volunteer or nomination for a Secretarial role. At this time, Matt or another county staff person will record minutes.
- Item f "Shasta groundwater basin boundary modification"
  - Matt provided an update regarding initial public outreach efforts with basin-wide irrigation districts regarding the potential for the GSA to research and pursue a boundary line modification submittal to DWR. Official outreach meetings were scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to provide more information to the public, and offer a forum for discussion. Public comment regarding a possible boundary line modification will be welcomed in order to provide direction to the GSA. Justin Holmes asked if criteria had been established regarding that would dictate whether the line would be changed. Following discussion outlined that no criteria had been established and that was one focus of the public outreach meetings.
- Item g "Communication and Engagement development"
  - Matt provide a description that the GSP's will require a "communication and engagement" section to be developed that outlines how stakeholder interests can participate in the GSP process and implementation. Beth Sandahl asked if the plan had to be done by the June meeting. Matt replied that the engagement section had to be included within the final GSP plan.
- Item h "Notification of intent to develop GSP" letter

# COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

## Flood Control and Water Conservation District

---

P.O. Box 750 □ 1312 Fairlane Rd  
Yreka, California 96097  
[www.co.siskiyou.ca.us](http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us)

(530) 842-8005  
FAX (530) 842-8013  
Toll Free: 1-888-854-2000, ext. 8005

- Matt provided a brief description that once the GSA officially begins the GSP development process, a “Notification of intent to develop a GSP” letter must be submitted to DWR that outlines how interested parties can be involved. Pat commented that this process is intended to officially inform the public of the GSP development process and notifies the public how to stay informed.
- Next Steps
  - Matt described how the current committee as it sits is not finalized and there will be opportunity, should the board of directors approve, to expand the committee to outside interests, technical folks, or interested parties outside the current basin line. Beth Sandahl wanted to have this discussion at a later date, so the committee can familiarize themselves with the process.

### Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Tristan Allen and second by Teresa Baxman at 4:49pm

### Attachments

*Dear Matt Parker,*

*Please share this immediately with each member of the GSA for the above named groundwater basins.*

*On behalf of the GSA, you recently distributed the agenda for the first meeting of the Shasta SGMA Advisory Committee. There is no agenda item for the committee to consider a recommendation to the GSA that the committee be expanded to include other interests in addition to agricultural and other local landowners.*

*Therefore, I am requesting that the GSA add to the agenda (and to first meeting agendas for the Scott and Butte Valley Groundwater Advisory Committees as well) an item for the Committee as currently constituted to consider whether or not to advise the GSA that those committees be expanded to include all interests named in SGMA and, in particular, downstream interests whose livelihoods and well being depend on the GSPs that are developed for these basins.*

*Adding that agenda item early in the first committee meetings will begin to demonstrate that the GSA intends to comply with SGMA by encouraging and facilitating EFFECTIVE*

# COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

---

## Flood Control and Water Conservation District

P.O. Box 750 □ 1312 Fairlane Rd  
Yreka, California 96097  
[www.co.siskiyou.ca.us](http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us)

(530) 842-8005  
FAX (530) 842-8013  
Toll Free: 1-888-854-2000, ext. 8005

*input from those interests which SGMA specifically calls out as requiring extra outreach efforts in lieu of CEQA.*

*There can be no doubt that downstream interests, including tribes, salmon fishermen and environmental organizations, have a material stake in the GSPs that are developed for the Shasta, Scott and Butte Valley Basins. I am respectfully requesting that the GSA recognize the validity of those interests by, at minimum, asking those already appointed to committees that will advise the GSA during GSP development to make recommendations on other interests which should be represented on the three advisory committees.*

*Thank you.*

*Felice Pace*

*Water Chair, North Group Redwood Chapter Sierra Club*