

**GLENN COUNTY
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
For the Water Advisory Committee**

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Minutes

Meeting Date: February 15, 2012

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Glenn County Agriculture Dept.
720 N. Colusa Street
Willows, CA 95988

TAC Members Present:

Allan Fulton	UCCE
George Wilson	North Area
Ben Pennock	Central Area
Kevin Backus	GC Dept. of Health Services
Andrew Farrar	East Area
Jim Donnelly	Glenn Co. Ag Commissioner

Others in Attendance:

Gaylee Curcio	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Lisa Hunter	Glenn Co. Ag Dept.
Zac Dickens	GCID
Lester Messina	GC Ag. Dept.
Roy Hull	DWR

TAC Members Absent:

Lance Boyd South Area

- I. INTRODUCTIONS:** Those in attendance introduced themselves.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the January 25, 2011 meeting were approved as mailed.
- III. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion on BMO Revisions for Sub-areas 4 and 5.

To create a more consistent approach in evaluating BMOs, sub-areas 4 and 5 were proposed to be modified with 1-2 standard deviation and a longer period of record (1977-2010) similar to what was done with sub-areas 8, 9, and 10 the previous year. After a number of delays, the matter is being revisited again. After some discussion, it was agreed that the TAC go forward with the change to provide the sub-areas a more improved upgraded methodology.

2. CASGEM discussion and its influence on previously established BMOs.

There are 27 dedicated monitoring wells in the county. Some have three zones, some have four zones; all zones will be reported in the CASGEM program. Lisa Hunter discussed the work she has been doing with

previously established BMO wells and the dedicated wells that are within approximately 2 miles of them. She wanted input from the TAC to see if they could see any other approaches that would be more conclusive. Allan Fulton believes that a fully operational well infrastructure and the satisfaction of water users are important considerations. Ben Pennock proposed setting up a BMO per aquifer set at certain levels. It was proposed that perhaps the most effective and efficient way to go about it is to pare down the existing BMO wells to the ones with the best data, then bring in dedicated monitoring wells and when comfortable in using these, the original BMO wells may be discarded.

3. Discussion and review of the well depth distribution and infrastructure of wells in the County and how they may be utilized for establishing BMOs.

Previously established BMOs were selected due to having historic measurements but were not necessarily representative of the wells in the area. The TAC discussed ideas on how to go about the process of monitoring? Should we continue to compare BMO wells with dedicated wells to see if they are mimicking each other even though some of the wells have no construction logs or were not representative of the wells in the area? The challenge is setting up a BMO that is indicative of the trend within the aquifer, according to Ben Pennock. There must be a high level of confidence in the new process of monitoring but the existing BMO cannot be thrown out just because there is a lack of confidence in it either.

4. Other topics of interest

No formal report was received at the time of the meeting but a private pumper has informed the TAC that his well has gone dry. Several options were discussed at the meeting on how to mitigate the situation. Some of the solutions discussed were having surface water delivered to the private pumper through the Orland project (not the easiest solution due to district boundary limitations and cost) and assemble a group of TAC and WAC members to start a monitoring program in the area. The implication for a well spacing policy in the future was also discussed.

The current Ordinance outlines specific steps of action. The TAC agreed to inform the WAC at its upcoming meeting on March 13th and do a series of outreach in the area to see if any of the neighbors are experiencing similar problems.

MEMBER REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next TAC meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

The next WAC meeting has been scheduled for March 13, 2012 at 1:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gaylee Curcio