

**Kings River East/Alta Management Zone Pilot Study Steering Committee Meeting
June 13, 2019 Meeting Notes**

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held at the Dinuba Parks & Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room at 9:00 AM. In attendance at the meeting were:

Walter Plachta, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Adam Laputz, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Chad Wegley, Alta Irrigation District / Kings River East GSA
David Cehrs, Grower
Joey Giordano, The Wine Group
Carson Allen, The Wine Group
Justin Mendes, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
Gerben Leyendekker, Dairyman
Maria Herrera, Self-Help Enterprises
Dan Visser, Dutch Valley Farming
Donald Ikemiya, Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association
J.P. Cativiela, Dairy Cares
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno (phone)
Rob Neenan, California League of Food Producers (phone)
Charlotte Gallock, Kings River Water Quality Coalition
Debra Dunn, Kings River Water Quality Coalition
Soua Lee, Kings River Conservation District
Richard Meyerhoff, GEI Consultants
Vicki Kretsinger, Luhdorff and Scalmanini Consulting Engineers
Anne Littlejohn, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (phone)
Mike Tietze, Formation Environmental (phone)
Charles Gardner, The Catalyst Group (phone)

- 1) Introductions/Agenda Review: Overview of meeting purpose and goals.
- 2) Status of State Water Board Approval of Basin Plan Amendment/Nitrate Control Program
 - State Water Board will host a workshop to discuss the Basin Plan Amendment and Management Zone Pilot Study. Current timeframe for potential State Board adoption of Basin Plan Amendment is August 20, 2019. Letters to dischargers regarding compliance with Basin Plan Amendment anticipated January 2020.
- 3) Formalization of Management Zone Steering Committee
 - Charlotte Gallock reviewed timeline of Early Action Plan with associated startup costs.
 - One possible governance structure is to execute a common interest agreement between all dischargers, those affected and other interest groups including Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and irrigation districts. The Committee further discussed the costs to set up Management Zones and how costs will be shared between participants.
 - What is the timing of Steering Committee formations? The governance structure is meant to govern the entire Management Zone itself; however, the governance structure is not required to be completed until submittal of the final Management Zone proposal.

4) Early Action Plan (EAP) - Strawman

- Richard provided an overview of the EAP Strawman:
 - Important to keep format/template of the Turlock and AID/KREGSA EAPs similar so that it may be used by future Management Zones. .
 - Written comments are due by June 26, 2019 to Richard.
 - Section 1 of the EAP covers background and purpose. Lays out what Plan is supposed to do.
 - Section 2 of the EAP covers identification of potentially impacted groundwater users. Vicki Kretsinger referred to a handout of maps and data that will go into Section 2.
 - Section 3 of the EAP covers exiting safe drinking water programs serving a management zone area.
 - Section 4 of the EAP covers the process for identifying affected residents.
 - Section 5 of the EAP covers the process to coordinate with non-dischargers.
 - Section 6 of the EAP covers temporary drinking water provisions. A Committee member commented that the governance structure should include language to allow the Management Zone flexibility in refining the qualification criteria as the group moves along in the process.
 - Section 7 of the EAP covers EAP implementation.
 - The Committee discussed preliminary costs of EAP implementation.
 - Latest list of dischargers will be shared with Committee.

5) Brief Project Status Updates

- Richard reported he has been outreaching to permitted dischargers to discuss involvement in the Management Zone Pilot Study.

6) Other Business

- Nothing to report.

7) Next Meeting

- The next meeting was set for July 30, 2019 at 1:30 pm at the Dinuba Parks & Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room.