

TULELAKE SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER CORE TEAM

CORE TEAM MEMBERS

Gary Wright, Tulelake Irrigation District
Kraig Beasly, Tulelake Irrigation District
Henry Ebinger, City of Tulelake
Matt Parker, Siskiyou County
Tiffany Martinez, Modoc County



Kraig Beasly
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MEETING MINUTES, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Matt Parker	Siskiyou County Core Team Member	Present	1:00 PM
Gary Wright	Tulelake Irrigation District Core Team Member	Present	1:00 PM
Kraig Beasly	Tulelake Irrigation District Core Team Member	Present	1:00 PM
Henry Ebinger	City of Tulelake Core Team Member	Present	1:00 PM
Tiffany Martinez	Modoc County Core Team Member	Present	1:00 PM
Advisory Members to the Tulelake Core Team			
David King	Agricultural Groundwater/Surface Water User	Absent	1:00 PM
Mike Byrne	Environmental Conservation Water User	Absent	1:00 PM
Ken Masten	Oregon Groundwater/Surface Water User	Absent	1:00 PM
Matt Huffman	Residential Domestic Water User	Absent	1:00 PM

2:03 PM Call to Order

Public Present: Gene Lewis and Debbie Spangler- DWR, Angela Bezzone and Kyle Knutson - MBK Engineering, Brad Kirby, Tulelake Irrigation District, and Grayson Fish Oregon Water Resources Department.

Public Comment

None.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Chairperson Beasly reported an error on the agenda of the call to order time which should be corrected to 2:00 p.m. from 1:00 pm.m

Ordered on a motion by Committee Member Martinez, seconded by Committee Member Ebinger to approve the agenda as amended with the noted correction to the call to order time of 2:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Committee Member Beasly reported on correspondence from Tulelake Irrigation District (TID) regarding two well permits TID is trying to obtain on the Modoc County side. Committee

Member Beasley reported all of the information on the proposed well permits has been provided to a hydrologist.

Consideration/Action

- 1. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the following Tulelake Subbasin Groundwater Core Team meeting minutes. (Tulelake Core Team)**
 - a. November 17, 2021**
 - b. October 5, 2022**
 - c. November 18, 2022**
 - d. March 24, 2023**

Committee Member Martinez reported a correction to the October 5, 2022 minutes under agenda item 1. where a motion and a second were missing. Committee Member Martinez reported the motion was made by Committee Member Ebinger and the second was Committee Member Parker. Committee Member Martinez provided a corrected set of minutes to the Core Team.

Ordered on a motion by Committee Member Wright, seconded by Committee Member Ebinger to approve the meeting minutes as listed on the agenda with the correction to the October 5, 2022 minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. DISCUSSION: DWR Determination of Tulelake Subbasin GSP and Next MBK Engineering.**

MBK Engineering, Kyle Knutson reported the Tulelake Subbasin received its determination from DWR on January 18, 2024, regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that was filed in January 2022. Knutson reported DWR had completed their review and deemed the plan incomplete. Knutson provided an overview of the letter from DWR. Knutson reported there are two corrective actions being requested by DWR as follows: 1) Related to the minimum threshold that was set for four of the representative monitoring wells which were TID production wells. Knutson reported the minimum thresholds were pumping levels and DWR has requested they be static levels; 2) Further describe or define what the impacts are if the minimum thresholds are exceeded, as the number of domestic or irrigation wells that could go dry. Knutson reported that he and TID Manager, Brad Kirby, had a meeting with DWR staff member Shane Edmunds on January 31, 2024, to discuss the incomplete letter. Knutson reported the first consultation meeting with DWR will be on February 14, 2024. Knutson reported they have 180 days to amend the GSP and resubmit to DWR by July 16, 2024. Knutson reported they are in discussion with the TID legal team on the requirement of readoption by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Knutson reported the TID legal advisor is recommending completing the formal adoption process again just to be conservative.

3. DISCUSSION: Tulelake Subbasin Water Year 2023 Annual Report Update.

Knutson reported the required first GSP annual report was due in April 2022, the second annual report was filed in April 2023, and now the third annual report will be due in April 2024. Knutson reported they are still collecting information to add to the template that they created for the annual report and each year they are becoming more efficient.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: 2024 Annual GSP Budget. (Tulelake Core Team)

Committee Member Martinez reported per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), that TID is responsible for 84%, Modoc County is 7.5%, City of Tulelake is 1%, and County of Siskiyou is 7.5%.

Committee Ebinger asked if a bill was sent to the City of Tulelake for the 1%.

Committee Member Beasly reported they do need to get the billing process set up because previously the grant was covering all the costs.

Committee Member Martinez asked if they had an estimate for the annual report costs.

Knutson reported the 2022 annual report was \$40,000, the 2023 report cost \$31,000, and he anticipates the 2024 annual report estimates are anticipated to be \$30,000 or less as they have become more efficient over the years of completing the annual reports.

Knutson reported he does not have cost estimates on the revised GSP but should have a better idea after they meet with DWR.

Committee Member Parker asked if there was a due date for billing in the MOU.

Committee Member Martinez reported she did not see a due date in the MOU.

A discussion was held on the budgeting and payment process.

Committee Member Beasly stated he would follow up with the TID staff and get back to the Core Team.

5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Next meeting and schedule of meetings. (Tulelake Core Team)

A discussion was held on meeting dates and the following dates were set for the Core Team meeting schedule.

March 20, 2024, June 19, 2024, September 18, 2024, and December 18, 2024

Possibility of a special meeting before or after the June meeting.

Ordered on a motion by Committee Member Martinez, seconded by Committee Member Ebinger to approve the 2024 meeting schedule.

Motion carried unanimously.

Core Team Member Comments

Committee Member Parker reported on the following: 1) Butte Valley Basin was deemed incomplete and provided an update; 2) Scott and Shasta Valley emergency regulations from the State Board have gone into effect again which impacts the groundwater plans and updates on other issues in these basins.

Committee Member Ebinger reported on the following: 1) Incident of a malfunction on a well sensor for the City of Tulelake which was corrected immediately; 2) Grant application for the feasibility study to consolidate eight outside water districts was submitted.

Committee Member Martinez reported on the following: 1) Update on the Big Valley Groundwater Basin.

Committee Member Beasley reported on the following: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered on a motion by Committee Member Ebinger, seconded by Committee Member Parker to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.