

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



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MEETING MINUTES, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Matt Parker	Siskiyou County Core Team Member	Absent	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	Present	1:00 PM
Matt Huffman	Residential Domestic Water User	Absent	1:00 PM

1:02 PM Call to Order

Public Present: Kyle Knutson, and Angela Bezzone - MBK Engineering

Public Comment

Ken Masten reported he is on the Oregon Groundwater Advisory Committee. Masten stated he has requested a committee be formed on the Oregon side that could work with the Core Team to coordinate on groundwater issues.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Ordered on a motion by Committee Member Martinez, seconded by Committee Member Ebinger to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Committee Member Beasly reported he attended the Tulelake City Council meeting to discuss proposed monitoring well locations on City property for the DWR Technical Support Services (TSS) grant.

Consideration/Action

1. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Review and approval of the Tule Lake Subbasin Revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan. (Tulelake Core Team)**

MBK Engineering, Kyle Knutson, provided an update on the background of the incomplete Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Knutson reported DWR requires a redlined version and a non-redlined version for submittal to DWR. Knutson detailed the changes as recommended by DWR to the revised GSP. Knutson provided an overview of the technical memorandum that covers the following: 1) Well-completion report analysis; 2) Minimum Threshold; 3) Potential Dewatered Wells.

MBK Engineering, Angela Bezonne, stated that while there were changes to the minimum thresholds they do not believe that any of the newly established minimum thresholds are not achievable or cause concerns for operations throughout the basin.

Committee Member Wright asked if the list of dewatered wells in the technical memorandum is complete.

Knutson stated that it is the best list they have. Knutson reported they have to rely on the best information available in DWR's data set. Knutson reported they do not have any idea if a well has been abandoned or destroyed, so there is no way to know unless they went door to door.

Committee Member Wright reported there are a number of areas where a well has been removed and there is still a well but it has not been removed.

A discussion was held on the need to improve the procedures for documenting the destruction of abandoned or inactive wells.

Committee Member Martinez asked about Table 2 and the verbiage that "irrigation wells are not the main source of supply"

Knutson reported on the verbiage and stated surface water is the main source of supply if allowed to be provided to the basin.

Committee Member Martinez asked if DWR accepted the technical memorandum and not actual documented changes in the GSP document.

Knutson reported DWR stated the technical memorandum was acceptable because they documented the change by mentioning the technical memorandum in the plan.

Bezonne asked about Table 2 and if there were requested changes.

Committee Member Martinez recommended more information be included on the lack of surface water due to water shut-offs. Committee Member Martinez stated this would assist individuals from outside the basin to understand the challenges the basin is facing. Committee Member Martinez recommended including additional verbiage to clearly state the basin should be supported by the historical flow of surface water, not groundwater.

The other committee members concurred with the recommendation.

MBK reported they would update Table 2 with the recommendation.

Committee Member Martinez requested the location of the potentially abandoned wells be provided to the counties so they could follow up with the landowners.

Ordered on a motion by Committee Member Martinez, seconded by Committee Member Ebinger to approve as amended the Tule Lake Subbasin Revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) with the change to Table 2.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Committee Member Beasley requested the committee to set the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

Committee Member Beasley reported that Tulelake Irrigation District is meeting on July 8, 2024, to review and approve the revised GSP.

Committee Member Martinez reported that Modoc County Groundwater Sustainability Agency is meeting on July 9, 2024, to review and approve the revised GSP.

Committee Member Ebinger reported the Tulelake City Council will meet on July 2, 2024, to review and approve the revised GSP.

The committee determined the following dates for the remainder of 2024:
September 18, 2024 and December 18, 2024

Ordered on a motion by Committee Member Ebinger, seconded by Committee Member Wright to approve the Tulelake Core Team meeting dates.

Motion carried unanimously.

Core Team Member Comments

Committee Member Parker: None

Committee Member Ebinger reported on the following: 1) Special meeting to discuss monitoring well location for TSS Grant.

Committee Member Martinez reported on the following: None.

Committee Member Beasy reported on the following: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried unanimously.