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Meeting of the

Technical Advisory Committee

July 19, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

Lindmore ID Board Room

240 West Lindmore Street, Lindsay CA 93247

TAC Members Present: Paul Buldo (Sentinel Butte) Craig Wallace (Lindsay-Strathmore) (8:32AM - 8:49AM) Calvin Monreal (Lindmore) Matt Klinchuch Craig Hornung (Wutchumna) Nick Keller (Exeter/Ivanhoe) Gene Kilgore (SCID) Aaron Bock (County/County) Daymon Qualls (City of Lindsay) **TAC Members Absent:** Brian Watson (At-large) Craig Wallace (Lindsay-Strathmore) (out 8:49AM-9:47AM)	**Staff/Consultants:** Mike Hagman (EKGSA) Chris Hunter (EKGSA) Scott Maskell (EKGSA 10:00AM) Kaitlyn Palys (remote) Abhishek Singh (remote) Matt Klinchuch **Members of the Public**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. **Self-Introductions:** Executive Director Hagman provided introductions and the roll was taken.

3. **Public Comment** –Kait Palys provided detail on the proposed schedule to address the SWRCB staff noted deficiencies of Interconnected Surface Waterways and Groundwater Quality. The committee had a robust discussion on the options to meet the timeline and ensure the public and committee had an appropriate review and input process.

4. **Committee Administration**

    a. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2024: Kilgore/Hornung P(U)
    b. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2024: Kilgore/Hornung – P (Buldo Abstain)

5. **Committee Business**
    a. GSP Implementation Items:
        i. Maskell/Hagman presented a review of the AY2022 and AY2023 Water Dashboard Account data, highlighting the delinquent accounts and potential revenues.
            i. Maskell informed the committee that after all efforts to assist landowners in the AY2022 overdraft collection process, there is $404,417.92 in unpaid balances. Staff made a recommendation to the Committee to place all non-paid AY2022 in “Delinquent” status and impose a permanent 1:1 loss of allocation for AY2023 and

allowing for any credits in an account in AY2022 to be transferred to next "Open" year upon payment of delinquent overdraft fees.

1. **ACTION:** Motion and second (Keller/Kilgore) was made to recommend to the EKGSA Board to accept staff recommendation. Passed unanimously by those present.

ii. Maskell presented four landowner protests (per Section 7.03 R&R) for review by the committee. Each landowner was identified by a numerical value to protect the privacy of the landowner requesting the protest review. The following are the presented protest and actions of the committee:

Landowner 1: Landowner notified EKGSA via email that Porterville Irrigation District (PID) did not provide EKGSA surface water credits acquired in AY2022. The landowner requests that PID credits be applied to their AY2022 overdraft to mitigate overdraft fees.

ACTION: Motion and second (Kilgore/Keller) was made to recommend to the EKGSA Board to accept landowner protest. Passed unanimously by those present.

Landowner 2: Landowner does not protest penalty overdraft fees and is willing to take accountability for accrued fees but is unable to pay the penalty in full. Landowner seeks to pay $500 per month to avoid delinquent account penalties (1:1 allocation loss/lien).

ACTION: Motion and second (Kilgore/Keller) was made to recommend to the EKGSA Board to deny landowner protest, and in lieu of, lien the property and offer a 24 month no interest payment plan. Passed unanimously by those present.

Landowner 3: Landowner has not created a user account on the Dashboard to claim their parcels. The "unclaimed" water account did not complete transfers prior to the close of year but has available AY2022 credits on parcels within the account. Seeking Board approval to transfer surplus AY2022 credits within water account to mitigate AY2022 penalty overdraft fees and update AY2022 invoice.

ACTION: Motion and second (Kilgore/Hornung) was made to recommend to the EKGSA Board to accept landowner protest. Passed unanimously by those present.

Landowner 4: Account holder added two "unclaimed" water accounts after the AY2022 billing cycle closed to their dashboard account. Seeking Board approval to apply surplus AY2022 credits either within water account or allow transfers from water accounts claimed by user to mitigate penalties and update AY2022 invoices.

ACTION: Motion and second (Kilgore/Hornung) was made to recommend to the EKGSA Board to accept landowner protest. Passed unanimously by those present.

iii. Staff reviewed the process in which Consolidated People's Ditch Company had allocated credits to their shareholders and requested the committee to provide direction on those shareholders transferring Native Yield allocations to EKGSA.

1. **ACTION:** Motion and second (Keller/Kilgore) was made to recommend to the EKGSA Board to accept Native Yield transfers per EKGSA Rules and Regulations. Passed unanimously by those present.

ii. Projects and Management Actions.

i. The committee held discussion on a concept that would allow surface water contract holders to in lieu their surface water up to the Native Yield allocation.

iii. LandIQ Water (tabled)

iv. Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy (tabled)

6. Announcements

a. Next Regular TAC Meeting Date and Time: August 9, 2024, at 8:30 AM

7. Adjournment: Committee Vice Chair Klinchuch adjourned the meeting at 9:47 AM.