



City Council

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: John Jansons, City Manager *J.J.*

DATE: October 10, 2016

SUBJECT: Greater Kaweah Ground Water Sustainability Agency Stakeholder Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File report of the opportunity for Farmersville residents to apply to become a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the newly formed Greater Kaweah Ground Water Sustainability Agency.

BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION:

The attached materials outline the opportunity for residents of Farmersville to become active in the Greater Kaweah Ground Water Sustainability Agency by applying to become a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

COORDINATION AND REVIEW:

The recommendation has been coordinated with the City representative to the Greater Kaweah Ground Water Sustainability Agency (GK GSA), City Staff and the Board of Directors of the GK GSA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

CONCLUSION:

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ATTACHMENT (s): 1 - GK GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee information

Recommended By:



John Jansons, City Manager

Greater Kaweah GSA

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE SEATS

Objective:

- Committee originally envisioned and included in the JPA to ensure broad participation, and especially as area to include mutual water companies' interests.
- A need to balance legal aspects to “include interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater,” and the actual local stakeholders who want to be a part of the process.
- Stakeholders include Board and committees in total.
- Over time, there may be reason to revise the committee or add committees to best cover interests in the GSA.
- Regardless of initial formation, the door will be open to consider additional representation.

Stakeholder Committee Categories:

- Consider what groups/interest are outstanding in current structure.
- Ag interests should be itemized for best coverage and balance

Groups/Interests:

- Ag
- Environmental
- Tribes
- Other

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- Potential categories;
 - Mutual companies (Consolidated People DC, Farmers DC...)
 - Crop (fruit, nuts, citrus, dairy, permanent, non-permanent)
 - Supply industry (packing house, processor...)
 - Commodity organization (Cal Citrus Mutual, Cal Tree Nut Assoc)
 - Support organization (T C Farm Bureau, Western Growers Assoc)
 - Farm size (small – large)
 - Individual

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Support groups (Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners, Sequoia Riverlands Trust)
- Individual

TRIBES (Tachi-Yocut Tribe)

OTHER (“At Large”, or other interest not envisioned today)

SGMA "beneficial users of groundwater" as it Applies to the Greater Kaweah Structure

(For discussion purposes only)

SGMA	Category	Description	Board of Directors	Rural Communities Committee	Stakeholder Committee
10723-2			Kaweah Delta WCD Kings County WD Lakeside IWD St. Johns WD Tulare County		Mutual Water Companies
(a), (1)	Agriculture groundwater right holders	individual farm pumps entity pump			
(a), (2)	Domestic groundwater right holders	individual rural pumps	Kaweah Delta WCD Tulare County		
(b)	Municipal well operators	Public rural water systems pumps	Cal Water SC Tulare County	Exeter Farmersville Woodlake	
(c)	Public water systems	15 or more connections as per California Health & Safety Code §116275	Cal Water SC Tulare County	Exeter Farmersville Woodlake Ivanhoe PUD Lemon Cove SD Patterson Tract CSD Tract 92 CSD	
(d)	Land use planning agencies	public agencies	Tulare County	Exeter Farmersville Woodlake	
(e)	Environmental groundwater users	habitat pumps			
(f)	Hydrologically connected surface water users*	pumps adjacent to channels			Interested individuals, groups
(g)	Federal government land managers*	BLM, Interior...			
(h)	Native American tribes	Local tribes			Local tribe
(i)	DAC's	individuals, unincorporated water systems	Kaweah Delta WCD Tulare County	Exeter Farmersville Woodlake Ivanhoe PUD Lemon Cove SD Patterson Tract CSD Tract 92 CSD	
(j)	Entities monitoring and reporting GW conditions	public agencies	Kaweah Delta WCD Kings County WD		
n/a	At Large	non-classified stakeholder	Tulare County		Interested individuals

* deemed not applicable to the Kaweah Subbasin

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Option A Option B Option C Option D Option E

Mutual companies	3	3	3	2	
Crops					
Supply Industry		1			
Commodity organizations	1	1	1	1	
Support organizations					
Farm size	2	2		2	
At Large	1	1	2	1	

Environmental:

	1	1	1	1	
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Tribes:

	1	1	1	1	
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Other:

	2	1	1	1	
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TOTAL

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STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE

What is the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act?

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, was approved by Governor Brown in 2014 to encourage local groundwater basins to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, or GSAs, to better manage groundwater supplies. These new GSAs need to be formed by July of 2017, and then they need to put together a plan for how to best manage groundwater in the local area. The ultimate goal of a GSA is to manage the basin to reach sustainability in twenty years.

Who is the Greater Kaweah GSA?

The Greater Kaweah GSA has just formed to become the GSA for parts of the Kaweah Subbasin, and it is made up of the County of Tulare, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, Kings County Water District, Lakeside Irrigation Water District, and St. Johns Water District. The five agencies have formed a Joint Powers Authority and established a Board of Directors to manage the business of the agency.

What is the purpose of the Stakeholder Committee?

The Greater Kaweah GSA is looking to identify and engage the varied interest in the Kaweah Subbasin to best insure that SGMA is implemented effective and efficiently and is successful in reaching sustainability. Therefore, the Greater Kaweah GSA is working to make sure that through the involvement of the Board of Directors and establishment of various specific committees, the interests of beneficial uses and user of groundwater are involved in the process.

The Stakeholder Committee is being established to play a key role participating and engaging in the steps the Greater Kaweah GSA will perform in the development and implementation of the local plan. The committee will be given direction and items to review by the GSA board, and the committee has been given one seat on the Board of Directors so that a representative of their efforts can be a part of the planning and decision making process.

The Stakeholder Committee will be made up of eleven members anticipated to come from interests in agriculture, environmental, tribal, or other groundwater users in the Kaweah Subbasin. It is anticipated the committee will meet at least once a month and maybe more frequently during specific projects. Those wishing to serve on the committee must submit an application. Stakeholder Committee applicants will be reviewed and subject to appointment by the Board of Directors.

Who should submit an application for the Stakeholder Committee?

Anyone is welcome to submit an application for the Committee. When selecting from the applicants, the GSA Board will be looking to balance the representation of interest of the basin to groundwater use and for individuals that can, based on skills and experience, best contribute to the planning and implementation necessary to manage groundwater in the basin.



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Application Form

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE

The Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency is seeking applications for its Stakeholder Committee. The Committee will be focused on advising the Board of Directors regarding policy and procedures of the Authority and development and implementation of the Plan. Committee members shall be appointed by the Authority's Board of Directors.

Date: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Employer _____ Position _____

Area of groundwater interest (circle):

Agriculture

Environmental

Tribal

Other

How are you associated with the interest you've designated above?

Reason for Applying?

Applicable Training, Education and/or Experience?

Community Service, Board, Committee or Commission Experience?

Signature _____

_____ Date

**Please return application to:
Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District,
2975 N. Farmersville Blvd., Farmersville, CA 93223
(559) 747-5601*FAX (559) 747-1989
Email: kaweah@kdwcd.com**