



## **STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, May 7, 2026, Convenes at 10:00 a.m.

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Action items are listed in **bold**.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Roll Call

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#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Committee at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to provide comments at the time the Committee considers the item. Any person addressing the Committee will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, or at the Chairman's discretion. At all times, please state your name for the record.

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Information for GSAs and Reporters on Extraction Reports Due May 1, 2026. (Update)

### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. **Consider Approval of April 2, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes (Action).**

### **5. POLICY DISCUSSION**

- a. Committee discussion on Proposed 218 Rate Setting for Water Year 2026, and review of the methodology of Extraction of Sustainable Yield Allocation.
- b. Discussion on how the Committee would like to receive review documentation as we begin work on the Unified Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

### **6. REPORTS**

- a. Provide a report to Committee Members on meetings conducted to facilitate the Tule Subbasin Multi-GAS efforts and progress.

### **7. OTHER MATTERS**

- a. Future discussion items.

### **8. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- a. Next Regular Stakeholder Committee Meeting - **Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Staff Report to the Porterville Irrigation District GSA Stakeholder Committee**

Subject: CONSENT CALENDAR / Consider Approval of April 2, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes (Action).

Submitted By: General Manager



## 1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairman Eric Borba opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received. However, we did receive an introduction from Anja Raudabaugh, the Chief Executive Officer of Western United Daries.

## 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff provided brief announcements related to the formation of the PID GSA, upcoming transition milestones, and future stakeholder engagement opportunities.

### a. Ongoing efforts for the transition from ETGSA to PID GSA.

Staff discussed ongoing transition efforts from Eastern Tule GSA to PID GSA, including continued coordination, implementation of PID GSA administration, stakeholder communication, and technical program development.

### b. Information for GSAs and Reporters on Extraction Reports Due May 1, 2026.

Staff reviewed information related to the State Water Board groundwater extraction reporting requirements. The Committee was advised that groundwater extraction reports for certain extractors in the Tule Subbasin are due by May 1, 2026.

### c. PID GSA Board Action to Approve a Draft Resolution of the Board Continuing Groundwater Management Program.

Staff discussed recent PID GSA Board action regarding continuation of the groundwater management program and the District's ongoing efforts to maintain local implementation during the transition period.

### d. State Water Board Draft Resolution for Exclusion of Small Pumpers in the Tule Subbasin from extraction reporting.

Staff provided an overview of the State Water Board's draft resolution regarding potential exclusion of small pumpers from reporting and fee requirements. The agenda packet identifies a proposed exclusion for persons extracting no more than 20 acre-feet annually, subject to limitations, including those for wells located within two miles of the Friant-Kern Canal.

### e. State Water Board Draft Resolution Denying Groundwater Agencies' Exclusion Request.

Staff discussed the State Water Board's notice regarding consideration of a proposed resolution denying requests for exclusion from probationary reporting and fees to eight GSAs in the Tule Subbasin, including Porterville Irrigation District GSA. The State Water Board meeting was noticed for April 21, 2026, with written comments due by noon on April 20, 2026.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Consider Approval of February 5, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes (Action).

The Committee considered approval of the February 5, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes.

Action:

A motion was made by Stakeholder Committee Member Bill Wallace, seconded by Stakeholder Committee Member Matt Kidder, to approve the February 5, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

### 4. PRESENTATION

- a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Status Update from Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers.

Representatives from Luhdorff & Scalmanini, Consulting Engineers, provided a status update regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Plan process and ongoing PIDGSA technical work.

The presentation included a discussion of the GSP update process, coordination with subbasin planning efforts, the technical analysis needed to support PIDGSA's groundwater management program, and the continued development of data necessary for implementation.

Committee discussion included questions and comments regarding the schedule for completion of technical work, coordination with other GSAs in the Tule Subbasin, and how technical information will support future policy decisions.

No formal action was taken on this item.

### 5. POLICY DISCUSSION

- a. Committee discussion on the Water Year 2026 Sustainable Yield Allocations, specific to Groundwater Extraction of Sustainable Yield Allocation.

Staff presented the Water Year 2026 Sustainable Yield Allocation discussion, including the distinction between the Groundwater Extraction Sustainable Yield Allocation and the Evapotranspiration Sustainable Yield Allocation.

The agenda packet included a technical memorandum from 4Creeks describing the proposed Water Year 2026 allocations. The memorandum identifies the Groundwater

Extraction Sustainable Yield Allocation as 0.27 acre-feet per acre and the ET Sustainable Yield Allocation as 0.97 acre-feet per acre, consisting of 0.14 acre-feet per acre of Native Sustainable Yield and 0.83 acre-feet per acre of total precipitation.

Committee discussion included the importance of clearly communicating allocation methodology to landowners, the relationship between extraction-based reporting and ET-based accounting, and the need to maintain consistency with Tule Subbasin methodology while developing PIDGSA's local program.

No formal action was taken.

b. Committee discussion on Tule Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Reserve Fund.

Staff presented the proposed framework for the Tule Subbasin Domestic Well Mitigation Reserve Fund. The discussion focused on whether PIDGSA should participate in a Subbasin-wide reserve account or maintain its proportionate reserve within PIDGSA's own accounts.

The agenda packet identified the proposed Subbasin-wide reserve fund amounts as \$3,344,800 for impacted domestic wells due to declining groundwater levels, \$500,000 for impacted domestic wells due to degraded groundwater quality, and a total of \$3,844,800. For Porterville ID, the reserve analysis estimated a full mitigation contribution of \$336,200 and an interim mitigation contribution of \$118,700.

Committee discussion included the benefits and drawbacks of a pooled Subbasin-wide reserve fund, local control over PIDGSA funds, claim administration, regulatory defensibility, fairness among GSAs, and the timing and level of any initial reserve contribution.

No formal action was taken. The Committee provided feedback with a split recommendation for staff and the Board to participate in either the interim or the full mitigation.

6. OTHER MATTERS

a. Budget Process and 218 Discussion.

Staff provided an update regarding the PIDGSA budget process and future Proposition 218 considerations. Discussion included the need to evaluate future GSA program costs, anticipated implementation expenses, technical consulting costs, regulatory compliance needs, and potential funding mechanisms.

Committee members discussed the importance of transparency, clear communication with landowners, and the development of a budget structure that supports PIDGSA's required groundwater management activities.

No formal action was taken.

b. Future discussion items.

The Committee discussed potential future agenda items, including continued review of sustainable yield allocations, extraction reporting, mitigation planning, GSP development, budget development, and stakeholder outreach.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Next Regular Stakeholder Committee Meeting - Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Stakeholder Committee, Vice Chairman Eric Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Knight, GSA General Manager