



## **STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, June 4, 2026, Convenes at 10:00 a.m.

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22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, CA 93257

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### -----AGENDA-----

Action items are listed in **bold**.

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

Roll Call

Flag Salute

#### **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 May 7, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes (Action).**

### **5. POLICY DISCUSSION**

- a. Committee discussion on Proposed Draft GSP/Coordination Agreement Cost-share MOU.
- b. Consider and discuss recommendations to set a mandatory deadline for well registration for PID GSA Basinsafe Accounts.

### **6. REPORTS**

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

### **7. OTHER MATTERS**

- a. Future discussion items.

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

- a. Next Regular Stakeholder Committee Meeting - **Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request the PIDGSA to provide a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in any public meeting. This assistance includes suitable alternative formats for agendas and agenda packets used in public meetings of the GSA Committee. Requests for such assistance and for agendas and packets should be made in person, by phone, fax, or written correspondence to the General Manager of the Porterville Irrigation District GSA at (559) 782-6321 at least 48 hours before a public meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Subject: CONSENT CALENDAR / Consider Approval of May 7, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes (Action).

Submitted By: General Manager



**MINUTES OF THE  
STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD MAY 7, 2026**

At approximately 10:00 a.m. on May 7, 2026, at the Porterville Irrigation District Board Room, Chairman Brett McCowan called to order the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“PIDGSA”). The meeting was also conducted remotely for members of the public.

Members Present:     Brett McCowan                             Marvin Hughes  
                               Jason Guthrie                                     Michael George  
                               Adam Mendoza                                     Nick Gatti  
                               David Payne                                         Robert Alvarez  
                               Michael DePaoli                                     William Wallace  
                               Seth Bowser                                         Blake Wallace  
                               Jarred Hughes

Members Absent:     Dyson Schneider  
                               Mathew Kidder

Others Present:         Michael Knight, *GSA Manager*  
                               Sean Geivet, *District Manager*  
                               Jeff Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer*

List of signed-in attendees:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brett McCowan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.  
Flag salute, Michael Knight.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Brett McCowan opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received.

## 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Staff provided an update on groundwater extraction reports due by May 1, 2026. The discussion covered reporting obligations, coordination with landowners and reporters, and the ongoing need to communicate reporting requirements clearly as PIDGSA transitions to local program implementation.

No formal action was taken.

## 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Consider Approval of April 2, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes.

The Committee considered approval of the April 2, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes.

Action:

A motion was made by Stakeholder Committee Member David Payne, seconded by Stakeholder Committee Member Robert Alvarez, to approve the April 2, 2026, Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

## 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.

Staff presented information regarding the proposed Proposition 218 rate-setting process for Water Year 2026. The discussion included the need to develop a funding structure that supports PIDGSA's groundwater management responsibilities, including administration, technical work, compliance, monitoring, reporting, and implementation of SGMA-related requirements.

Staff also reviewed the methodology for determining the extraction cost of Sustainable Yield Allocation. Discussion included the relationship between groundwater extraction accounting, evapotranspiration-based accounting, surface water deliveries, and the need for consistency with Tule Subbasin methodologies while developing PIDGSA's local program.

Committee members discussed providing clear and understandable information to landowners, including how the proposed rates and allocations are calculated, how they relate to Sustainable Yield, and how the program will support groundwater sustainability operations.

No formal action was taken on this item.

- b. Discussion on how the Committee would like to receive review documentation as we begin work on the Unified Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

The Committee discussed how members would prefer to receive and review documentation as work begins on the Unified Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Discussion included the importance of providing information in a manner that allows Committee members adequate time to review technical materials, policy considerations, draft documents, and supporting information before future meetings. Committee members discussed the value of receiving summaries, key issue outlines, and supporting technical documents in advance of meetings to assist with review and feedback.

Staff noted that the Unified Groundwater Sustainability Plan process will require continued coordination with Tule Subbasin GSAs and will likely involve multiple rounds of document review, technical updates, and policy discussions. Staff will send out a Link to the GSA Website for document review and discussion.

No formal action was taken.

## 6. REPORTS

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

Staff provided a report on meetings conducted to facilitate Tule Subbasin Multi-GSA coordination and progress.

The report included discussion of ongoing coordination among GSAs within the Tule Subbasin, including efforts related to the Unified Groundwater Sustainability Plan, Sustainable Yield methodology, State Water Resources Control Board requirements, reporting obligations, technical work, and subbasin-wide policy coordination.

Committee members discussed the importance of continued PIDGSA participation in Tule Subbasin efforts while maintaining local control and ensuring that PIDGSA landowners are properly represented in broader subbasin discussions.

No formal action was taken.

7. OTHER MATTERS

- a. 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.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Stakeholder Committee, Chairman Brett McCowan adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Knight, GSA General Manager

**Agenda Item 5.a**

**POLICY DISCUSSION**

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

Subject: POLICY DISCUSSION / Committee discussion on Proposed Draft  
GSP/Coordination Agreement Cost-share MOU.

Submitted By: General Manager

## **TULE SUBBASIN INTERIM COST SHARING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Interim Cost Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement” or “MOU”) is entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 (“Effective Date”), by and among the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) within the Tule Subbasin, each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”:

1. Alpaugh Irrigation District
2. Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District
3. Tule East GSA
4. Porterville Irrigation District
5. Saucelito Irrigation District
6. Terra Bella Irrigation District
7. Kern-Tulare Irrigation District
8. Lower Tule River Irrigation District
9. Pixley Irrigation District
10. Tri-County Water Association
11. Teapot Dome Water District
12. Vandalia Water District

### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are groundwater sustainability agencies (“GSAs”) operating within the Tule Subbasin pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), Water Code section 10720 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are engaged in coordinated efforts necessary to support SGMA compliance within the Tule Subbasin, including technical analyses, reporting, plan development, implementation activities, and coordination with the California Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties recognize that certain technical, legal, administrative, and consulting services are most efficiently performed on a Subbasin-wide basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to establish an interim framework for sharing costs associated with such Subbasin-wide activities through December 31, 2026, pending development of future agreements and updated scopes of work for subsequent years;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties agree as follows:

### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish an interim cost-sharing and administrative framework for the Parties to jointly fund and manage Subbasin-wide activities necessary to support coordinated SGMA compliance efforts within the Tule Subbasin through December 31, 2026.

This Agreement is intended solely as a funding and administrative mechanism and does not replace or supersede any existing Coordination Agreement unless expressly stated therein.

## **2. PARTIES**

This Agreement is entered into by and among the Parties identified in Exhibit A. Each Party is an independent public agency acting within its authority under SGMA.

## **3. SUBBASIN-WIDE ACTIVITIES AND SHARED COSTS**

The Parties agree to share costs associated with approved Subbasin-wide activities supporting coordinated SGMA compliance within the Tule Subbasin (“Subbasin-wide Activities”). Costs incurred solely for the internal benefit of an individual Party shall not constitute shared costs unless expressly approved by the Parties. The Parties acknowledge that certain activities may apply only to a subset of Parties. In such cases, costs may be allocated solely among the participating or benefiting Parties as identified in the applicable scope of work, invoice, budget, or approval documentation.

## **4. COST ALLOCATION**

The Parties agree to collectively share the costs associated with Subbasin-wide Activities performed pursuant to this Agreement, with each Party contributing its proportional share of the total cost based upon the acreage percentages identified in Exhibit B. The Parties acknowledge that the total acreage utilized for purposes of this Agreement is approximately 475,379.24 acres, with each Party’s proportional share calculated based upon its percentage of total Subbasin acreage. The Parties shall contribute their respective shares of approved costs through cash calls issued by the Administrator as necessary to fund approved Subbasin-wide Activities through December 31, 2026. The timing and amount of each cash call shall be determined by the Parties based upon approved scopes of work, budgets, and anticipated project expenditures. A Party must timely complete its cost-share contribution before it is entitled to joint ownership of work product under Section 8 of this Agreement.

## **5. APPROVAL OF WORK AND CONSULTANT SERVICES**

The Parties may retain consultants and other professional service providers to perform Subbasin-wide Activities pursuant to scopes of work and budgets approved by the Parties. Consultants shall take direction only from authorized Party representatives, and no individual Party may independently direct work in a manner that materially increases cost or expands scope without approval of the Parties. Ongoing SGMA-related work may continue as necessary to maintain project schedules, regulatory compliance, and reporting obligations, subject to approved budget limitations.

## **6. ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL AGENT**

The Parties designate Lower Tule Irrigation District (“Administrator”) to serve as the fiscal agent and administrator for purposes of this Agreement. The Administrator shall; (1) receive and

maintain Party contributions; (2) maintain accounting records associated with this Agreement; (3) pay approved invoices; (4) provide periodic financial reporting to the Parties; and (5) retain financial records related to this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years following completion of work. The Administrator shall have no independent authority to incur obligations or make policy decisions except as expressly authorized by the Parties.

## **7. BUDGETING, INVOICING, AND PAYMENT**

The Parties shall approve one or more budgets for Subbasin-wide Activities performed pursuant to this Agreement. The Administrator shall invoice each Party for its allocated share of approved costs. Payment shall be due within thirty (30) days of receipt unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. Consultant invoices may be circulated to the Parties for review prior to payment. Any Party objecting to an invoice shall notify the Administrator and Parties within ten (10) business days of receipt of the invoice, identifying the basis for the objection. Undisputed amounts may be paid while any disputed portion is addressed by the Parties. A Party failing to timely pay approved costs shall remain responsible for all obligations incurred prior to any withdrawal or termination of participation under this Agreement.

## **8. OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT**

All work product generated pursuant to this Agreement shall be jointly owned by the Parties participating in funding the applicable work product, and each such Party shall have access to and the ability to utilize such work product for SGMA-related purposes.

## **9. RELATIONSHIP TO FUTURE AGREEMENTS**

The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement is intended as an interim cost-sharing mechanism through December 31, 2026. The Parties anticipate development of updated scopes of work, budgets, and potential future agreements governing Subbasin-wide coordination and cost-sharing activities beginning in 2027. This Agreement may be superseded, amended, replaced, or incorporated into future agreements approved by the Parties.

## **11. TERM AND TERMINATION**

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Parties and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2026, unless earlier terminated or superseded by written agreement of the Parties. A Party may withdraw from this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the remaining Parties; provided, however, that withdrawal shall not relieve the withdrawing Party of financial obligations incurred prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

## **12. AMENDMENTS**

This Agreement may only be amended by a written instrument executed by the Parties.

**13. GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

**14. COUNTERPARTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

Electronic signatures shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Alpaugh Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Date

Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Date

Tule East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Date

Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Saucelito Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Terra Bella Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Kern-Tulare Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Pixley Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Tri-County Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Teapot Dome Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Vandalia Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Date

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**EXHIBIT A****COST ALLOCATION**

<b>GSA</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Percentage of Subbasin Acreage</b>
Alpaugh ID	14,403.99	3.03%
Delano-Earlimart ID	57,330.74	12.06%
Tule East GSA	98,403.50	20.70%
Porterville ID	15,497.36	3.26%
Saucelito ID	19,680.70	4.14%
Terra Bella ID	13,786.00	2.90%
Kern-Tulare WD	8,604.36	1.81%
Lower Tule River ID	104,630.97	22.01%
Pixley ID	69,880.75	14.70%
Tri-County WA	68,787.38	14.47%
Teapot Dome WD	2,994.89	0.63%
Vandalia WD	1,378.60	0.29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>475,379.24</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Tule Subbasin Unified GSP/Coordination Agreement Budget Summary

Consultant	Contracted GSA	Description of Work	Cost Estimate
4Creeks**	Tule Subbasin	Change order for previously Approved Scopes of Work; Subbasin Meetings; Coordination with TWGs, Groundwater Quality and Mitigation Program GSP/Coordination Agreement Chapter Development; Compiling Final GSP; Work Plan Development and Management	\$ 430,534.00
TH&Co	Tule Subbasin	Plan Area; Basin Setting; SMC coordination (all); Monitoring Networks; P&MAs; Plan Implementation; Appendices	\$ 166,970.00
EKI	LTRID GSA	Subbasin Land Subsidence Framework & Projects & Management Action/ Plan Implementation GSP/Coordination Agreement Chapter Development	\$ 454,200.00
LSCE	PID GSA	Basin Setting & Innerconnect Surface Water GSP/Coordination Agreement Chapter Development	\$ 168,360.00
Geosyntec	TCWA GSA	Monitoring Network DGSP/Coordination Agreement Chapter Development	\$ 164,985.00
Kahn, Soares, & Conway	PID GSA	Groundwater Quality; Mitigation Plan GSP/Coordination Agreement Chapter Development	\$ 52,250.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,437,299.00</b>
Per Acre			\$ 3.02

\*\* New Task for GSP/Coordination Agreement \$203,440; \$227,094 for over-budget tasks from January/February Approved CY 2026 Scope

GSA	Acreage	Percentage of Subbasin Acreage	GSA Cost Share
Alpaugh ID	14,403.99	3.03%	\$ 43,550.16
Delano-Earlimart ID	57,330.74	12.06%	\$ 173,338.26
Tule East GSA	98,403.50	20.70%	\$ 297,520.89
Porterville ID	15,497.36	3.26%	\$ 46,855.95
Saucelito ID	19,680.70	4.14%	\$ 59,504.18
Terra Bella ID	13,786.00	2.90%	\$ 41,681.67
Kern-Tulare WD	8,604.36	1.81%	\$ 26,015.11
Lower Tule River ID	104,630.97	22.01%	\$ 316,349.51
Pixley ID	69,880.75	14.70%	\$ 211,282.95
Tri-County WA	68,787.38	14.47%	\$ 207,977.17
Teapot Dome WD	2,994.89	0.63%	\$ 9,054.98
Vandalia WD	1,378.60	0.29%	\$ 4,168.17
	<b>475,379.24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,437,299.00</b>

GSA	Acreage	Percentage of Subbasin Acreage	GSA Cost Share
Alpaugh ID	14,403.99	3.45%	\$ 49,522.58
Delano-Earlimart ID	0.00	0.00%	\$ -
Tule East GSA	98,403.50	23.54%	\$ 338,322.59
Porterville ID	15,497.36	3.71%	\$ 53,281.71
Saucelito ID	19,680.70	4.71%	\$ 67,664.52
Terra Bella ID	13,786.00	3.30%	\$ 47,397.86
Kern-Tulare WD	8,604.36	2.06%	\$ 29,582.78
Lower Tule River ID	104,630.97	25.03%	\$ 359,733.35
Pixley ID	69,880.75	16.72%	\$ 240,258.09
Tri-County WA	68,787.38	16.45%	\$ 236,498.95
Teapot Dome WD	2,994.89	0.72%	\$ 10,296.78
Vandalia WD	1,378.60	0.33%	\$ 4,739.79
	<b>418,048.50</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,437,299.00</b>