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Eel River Valley Groundwater Basin Working Group

Meeting 6 November 7, 2016

Slides posted at <http://www.humboldt.gov/groundwater>

Minutes prepared by Bob Vogt, Humboldt County Public Works

1. Introduction

An agenda was presented and introductions made (see slides).

2. Review previous meeting

Presentation by Hank Seemann, Humboldt County Public Works (see slides)

Hank reviewed the rules for Working Group membership, and others who choose to attend meetings are considered "Interested Parties". The six sustainability indicators were reviewed, as well as the main compliance steps under the SGMA. Specifically, three compliance pathways for the County were discussed. Those pathways are: Basin ranking change from Medium to Low Priority, Alternative Submittal, and formation of GSA and completion of GSP.

3. Update of Technical Study

Presentation by Hank Seemann, Humboldt County Public Works (see slides)

Brief review of field work that has taken place in the last two to three weeks. Large effort by all parties to coordinate and work together to place and construct wells and to collect well data. Over 70 wells were sampled at some level during this period.

Discussion

Bob Vogt: Pointed out that the data collection could not have been done without the assistance from landowners, agricultural producers, RCD staff, Cheryl and Don Laffranchi, and municipal suppliers; a big thank you to them all. Very positive experience while working in the field with these groups.

Merritt Perry: Questioned whether or not we have arrangements with these well owners to do the sampling come spring event.

John Corbett: Questioned if we are looking at sea level rise to determine impact on saltwater intrusion.

Estelle Fennell: Questioned depths of wells from deep to shallow, Jason Buck stated most are at 100' from surface.

A brief conversation about timelines and submittals took place with interchange between meeting attendees as well as Michelle Dooley and Mary Randle whom were present via phone.

Michelle Dooley stated that the compliance deadline would not change for the Alternative Submittal for January 1, 2017. A review period by DWR may take anywhere from 6-18 months, and there is a period of

180 days before any action by DWR is taken if the submittal is not approved. For specific information Michelle pointed us to the citation under the SGMA, Chapter 11, Page 41, Section 10735.2, (a), (1),(c).

Discussion

There was discussion throughout the room on whether or not to go ahead and start the process for formation of a GSA or to not proceed and wait till we hear back from DWR on our Alternative Submittal.

4. Set next meeting date

Next meeting to discuss the results of the data collection was set for Friday, December 2nd, 1:00 – 3:00, at the Humboldt County Agricultural Center. Tentative meeting to discuss the Draft Alternative Submittal was set for Monday, December 19th, 1:00.

Working Group Members Present:

Jeff Stackhouse	UC-Cooperative Extension
Cheryl Laffranchi	Northcoast Pumphouse
Bob McPherson	HSU and LAFCO
Tom Gast	Thomas Gast & Associates
Denver Nelson	Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Committee, dairy owner
Summer Daugherty	HCRCD
John Vevoda	Rancher, Humboldt County Farm Bureau
Katherine Ziemer	Humboldt County Farm Bureau
Doreen Hansen	HCRCD
Frances Tjanstrom	HCRCD
Ben Dolf	Humboldt County Environmental Health
Merritt Perry	City of Fortuna
Estelle Fennell	Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Jill Demers	HCRCD
John Corbett	RWQCB
Joseph Alexandre	Dairyman
Troy Hubner	Del Oro Water Company

Other Interested Parties Present:

Melissa Lema	Western United Dairymen
Jasper Oshun	HSU
Jason Buck	SHN Consulting Engineers
Doug Culbert	City of Fortuna
George McAneny	HSU Geology
Jeremiah Puget	RWQCB
David Sopjes	Eel River Recovery Project
Mario Kalson	Humboldt County Environmental Health
Curtis Ihle	HCRCD
Todd Flackus	DWR
Nick Angeloff	Aqua Dam

Via Phone:

Michelle Dooley	DWR
Mary Randall	DWR