

**Semitropic Water Storage District
Semitropic Groundwater Banking Project
Monitoring Committee**

Buena Vista Water Storage District
North Kern Water Storage District
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

Semitropic Water Storage District
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District
Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District

April 23, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.
Semitropic Water Storage District Board Room

Draft Minutes

Meeting Attendance – A copy of the sign-in sheet is attached to these minutes. In particular, attendees included the following:

Ken Schmidt, Kenneth D. Schmidt and Associates
Ron Eid, GEI Consultants, Inc.
Ram Venkatesan, North Kern WSD
Andrew Bell, Buena Vista WSD
Isela Medina, Semitropic WSD
Paul Oshel, Semitropic WSD

By telephone:

Jon Reiter, Poso Creek LLC
Jason Pucheu, Poso Creek LLC
Debra Espe, San Diego County Water Authority
Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard
Sejal Patel, Homer LLC

The meeting notes which follow are numbered to correspond with the Meeting Agenda (copy attached).

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Paul Oshel at the offices of the Semitropic Water Storage District.
2. The Minutes for the last committee meeting on November 20, 2014 were distributed prior to the meeting via e-mail and copies were available at the meeting. No comments were noted.
- 3a. No report.
- 3b. Paul Oshel distributed a copy of the monthly recovery and return schedule for 2015. The District expects to return a total of about 158,000 acre-feet for 2015, with about 130,000 acre-feet pumped into the Aqueduct and the remainder by exchange.

- 4a. Startup is expected about mid-June for the substation which the District is constructing in the north part of the District to alleviate electrical distribution system constraints that the District has experienced in the past (typically during the summer) in operating wells. Paul Oshel reported that additional pumping equipment is being installed to increase the District's ability to reverse the flow in its distribution system by about 100 cfs (which is required to move recovered groundwater into the Aqueduct).
 - 5a. It was reported that the District shut down the banking recovery pumping on January 2, and collected water-level measurements at wells about three weeks later. The District prepared and distributed copies of a preliminary map of the Spring 2015 lower-zone groundwater elevations, along with a preliminary Fall 2013 lower-zone map and a preliminary Spring 2013 to Spring 2015 change map. In addition to requesting a copy of the Spring 2015 measurements, Ken Schmidt provided comments regarding the preliminary maps; 1) use monitor well data, 2) include measurements outside the District, and 3) clearly label the contours.
 - 5b. Paul Oshel reviewed updated slides showing water-level hydrographs for the District's monitor wells (hard copies were also made available
 - 5c. Water sampling and water quality testing are presently limited to the water being pumped into the Aqueduct. Ken Schmidt requested the District's 2013 water quality sampling/testing data.
 - 5d. Paul Oshel reported that no change has been observed since December 2014. Ken Schmidt noted that elevation surveys along Highway 46 may be available from CalTrans or DWR.
 - 6a. Ken Schmidt indicated that water budget data were needed.
 - 6b. Paul Oshel to send out an e-mail request to all participants to provide Ken with the necessary data for 2009 through 2012.
 7. With completion of the final report for the CVC-Calloway Canal Intertie, the Prop. 84 (Round 1) grant is in the final stages of closeout.
 8. A Treasurer's Report through March 2015 was distributed.
 9. None.
 10. The next meeting of the Committee was set for August 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Semitropic Water Storage District.
 11. The meeting was adjourned at about 11:10 a.m.
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