

Frank Coelho reported that the grower committee had been meeting every 2 weeks and had been spending a significant amount of time on the subsidence management plan. He expressed concern about getting the subbasin coordinated to have a chance on getting out of probation. He also informed the board of beginning work on a well meter policy.

Actions:

None

Item 10: ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT REPORT

Presenter: Johnny Gailey

Discussion:

Johnny reported that the subbasin managers had a 2-hour meeting with State Board Staff. State Board Staff reported that the Gears reporting deadline is still May 1st. There will be a GSA workshop sometime in March online on the Gears reporting deadline. The GSAs presented Stat Board staff with current policies relating to GSP implementation. The State Board staff indicated that any new GSP submittal would be required to follow the Best Management Practices document recently published by DWR. This will require further work on the GSP to ensure compliance including potential 1d modeling.

Johnny reported on reviewing potential SFKGSA implementation budgets with the grower committee to fund ongoing work by the GSA.

Johnny was asked about the JPA amendment to add seats to the SFKGSA board, and he explained that he was working though issues with Empire management and Council on the issue.

Actions:

None

Item 11: GEOSYNTEC REPORT

Presenter: Amer Hussain

Discussion:

Amer reported and presented slides on his ongoing work on policies and GSP updates. He reported that State Board Staff hac been presented with the revised Sustainable Management Criteria and GSA policies. The State Board Staff have not had enough time to provide feedback on the policies at this meeting. They wanted to review the revised GSP to ensure that the policies would achieve the goals of the GSP. Our next meeting date with the State Board Staff is set for March 9th.

Amer then presented the Board with possible approaches for the grower committee to use in the subsidence management plan development. One approach was to have subsidence zones that set different minimum thresholds (MTs) in an attempt to match neighboring GSA MTs and allow for higher MTs in some areas. The other approach would be to have a unified MT across the entire GSA that would treat all landowners equally. The grower committee had asked the board for direction on the issue as it was having difficulty in finding consensus. After robust discussion the board gave direction to the grower committee to move forward with the Unified MT approach.

Actions:

None

Item 12: APPROVAL OF THE WELL MITIGATION POLICY

Presenter: Johnny Gailey

Discussion:

The board was asked to approve the SFKGSA Well mitigation Policy. After the presentation the Board felt that they needed more time before considering approval of the policy.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick and seconded by Director Newton to Table the item.

(Ayes: Directors Neves, Howe, Gornick, Newton and Souza; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: None)

