

**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

March 21, 2019 – 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:

Isela Medina, Semitropic WSD
Ron Eid, GEI Consultants, Inc.
Ken Schmidt, Kenneth D. Schmidt and Associates
Andrew Bell, Buena Vista WSD
Maria Lopez, Semitropic WSD
Mike Luna, Semitropic WSD
Ken Bonesteel, Provost and Pritchard

By telephone:

Brad Arnold, Santa Clara Valley Water District
Holly Roberson, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedeman and Girard(for Newhall)
Skylar Stephens, San Diego County Water Authority
Sarah Fleury, Santa Clarita Valley

The meeting notes which follow are numbered to correspond with the Meeting Agenda (copy attached). The referenced handouts were distributed via e-mail on March 19, 2019.

1. The meeting was called to order at about 10:05 a.m. by Isela Medina at the offices of the Semitropic Water Storage District.
2. No comments.
- 3a. About 49,000 acre-feet were delivered to Semitropic for banking in 2018, with an end-of-year storage balance of about 929,000 acre-feet.
- 3b. About 5,000 acre-feet was returned in 2018 through entitlement exchange.

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- 4a. The “XYZ” Intertie Project, which involves construction of an irrigation distribution to serve about 3,000 acres, is expected to be complete by May 2019.
 - 4b. The first phase of well instrumentation and telemetry, which will include 130 wells, is expected to be complete and operational by the end of June 2019. Completion of the second phase, which will include 180 wells, is scheduled for the first quarter of 2020.
 - 5a. Semitropic completed the spring water level measurements in January 2019. Handouts included a map of the well-by-well depth to water measurements, along with the change from Spring 2018. In the north part of the District, there was a decline which generally ranged from 10 to 15 feet; in the south, the decline generally ranged from 5 to 10 feet.
 - 5b. Ken Schmidt reviewed the updated water-level hydrographs for Semitropic’s monitor wells which are equipped with water-level sensors (copies of which were distributed prior to the meeting). In this regard, it was noted that the District had commenced deliveries into the Pond-Poso Spreading Grounds in mid-February.
 - 5c. One out of four groundwater samples evidenced 1,2,3 TCP at a detectable level. Similar to previous detections, it was located near Semitropic’s boundary with Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District.
 - 5d. Semitropic’s extensometer indicated no change since last fall. A handout was also provided which shows the cumulative decline over the last 10-12 years at each of three GPS stations.
 6. With regard to the 2017-2018 biennial monitoring report, water level and water quality maps are being prepared and drafts should be available for review at the next meeting.
 7. Work continues on updating the Poso Creek IRWMP, which is a prerequisite to submitting grant applications under Prop. 1.
 8. Since November 2018, expenses have totaled about \$8,200.
 9. The O&M reconciliation for 2013-2018 is underway.
 10. None.
 11. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be on June 20, 2019 at 10 a.m.
 12. The meeting was adjourned at about 10:40 a.m.
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Sign-in Sheet

Name

Representing

Isela Medina SWSD

MIKE LUNA SWSD

RON EID FEI

KEN BONSTEEL P & P

Ken Smith KOSP

Maria Lopez SWSD

Andrew Bell BUWD

Via Conference Call:

Brad Arnold Santa Clara Valley Water

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