

Notes- Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy- 2nd Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

3:00 PM PST, held over ZOOM

Roll Call

Full Subcommittee present: Brian Watson, Joe Cardoza, Steve Nelsen and Scott Rogers. Also present: Aaron Fukuda and Jeremy Barroll.

Discussion of Draft Request for Proposal

First item was to take comments from the Subcommittee on the Draft RFP. Subcommittee had no additional comments. Finalization of the Draft RFP will be forwarded to full Committee at first meeting.

Discussion of Committee Selection

Subcommittee discussed how to choose the remainder of the Committee. Some debate over whether number of seats for each user type should be established before choosing versus each Subcommittee casting their votes without categories. Subcommittee agreed to choose number of seats for each user type.

Some debate over how many DAC/environmental representatives should be included; Subcommittee decided to have one of each. Subcommittee's final composition included: 2- ag, 1- industrial (food processing), 2- water agency/ditch company, 1- DAC representative and 1- environmental representative.

Review of Applications Submitted/Committee Selection

Subcommittee chose Manuel Leon for DAC and Soapy Mulholland for environmental.

Subcommittee decided to choose both James Silva and Craig Wallace for water agency/ditch company, notably because of James Silva's management of a large portion of the Subbasin's surface water rights through the ditch companies he manages and Craig Wallace because of his management of water for a DAC through Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District.

Subcommittee chose Chuck Nichols for industrial representative, and he is also a tree nut grower.

A Google Earth KMZ was presented to the Subcommittee showing each applicant as a pin with their address as provided on their respective applications, and then the pins were limited to

just the ag applicants. The Subcommittee decided that one of the ag representatives should be western Subbasin/dairy, while the other should be eastern Subbasin/citrus.

For the western Subbasin/dairy representative, the Subcommittee chose David Cardoza.

For the eastern Subbasin/citrus representative, the Subcommittee chose Matthew Watkins.

As the final Committee composition was shown on the map, it appeared that the Committee included individuals well distributed across the Subbasin with the exception that there wasn't anyone representing the northeast (around Woodlake/Orange Cove) because no one from that area applied.

The Subcommittee expressed concern about individuals representing agricultural operations with substantial holdings outside of the Subbasin, however most members were chosen for having holdings entirely or mostly in the Subbasin.

A motion was passed and vote approved to finalize the Committee composition.

The Subcommittee expressed that they should have a chairman for Committee meetings, with a vice chairman for when the chairman isn't present and a secretary for minutes. This chairman will be chosen as an agenda item at the first full Committee meeting.

A table was finalized showing the user types of each Committee member (ag, industrial, water agency, GSA, DAC, environmental, city resident and rural domestic), including crop and GSA of fields for growers. Subcommittee members agreed that it looked well balanced.

Adjournment/Discussion of first FULL Committee Meeting

The Subcommittee agreed that a doodle poll will be sent out to establish a regular meeting time each month that works for the largest number of people. Afternoon is preferred.

Proposal to send out the Draft RFP for Water Market Consultant to the Committee members so that they will have time to review before the Committee meeting. Subcommittee added that comments should be directed to Jeremy ahead of the meeting in the interest of getting the RFP out by the end of the first Committee meeting.