

Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2. Call to Order - All current recognized members were present with the exception of voting members Tim Carrol and Camille Anderson, and non-voting member Tom Bickauskas. Camille Anderson and Tom Bickauskas had previously notified the chair of their intended absence due to conflicts.

Item 3. Open Public Comment (Not Related to Other Agenda Items)

None received

Item 4. Confirm PAC Member Representation and Attendance

- a. **Confirm Current Roster of Representatives** - The noted that all known current individual representatives were either present (or had notified the chair of their non-availability prior to the meeting) with the exception of the Inyokern CSD (and DAC) Representative, Tim Carrol. Confirmed open representative seats are for Business Interests, Large Agriculture, and the newly identified Trona community representative. See attached list for the current roster of PAC members.
- b. **New or Replacement Candidates**- The chair noted that candidates should submit nominations to the GA Board members for appointment to the PAC open positions . General Counsel Keith Lemieux confirmed that Director Itnyre is accepting applications for the newly established Trona community PAC representative.

Item 5. Confirm PAC Chair and Vice Chair and Assign Note Taker

David Janiec and Pat Quist will remain as PAC Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. The committee agreed that the PAC Report submitted by the chair would serve as minutes with the addition of recording all actions and votes by the members. Staff will provide a draft template for recording actions and votes to be incorporated in the PAC report. The PAC Report minutes would be subject to final approval by vote at the next committee meeting.

Member Comment: Judie Decker emphasized the importance of capturing member and public comment summary thoughts in the report for the GA Board as previously done. Renee Westa-Lusk and Lyle Fisher asked about the requirement for minutes since the PAC meetings are now video taped, telecasted, and archived. Keith Lemieux noted that the Brown act still requires the recording of actions and votes. (Add: Staff will provide a template for recording actions and votes.)

Item 6. Confirm Schedule for Standing Regular Meetings

The standing regular meetings of the PAC will be on the fourth Thursday of the month starting at 5PM in the Ridgecrest City Council chambers. All meetings will be video recorded, videocasted, and archived.

Item 7. Present Current "Open" TAC Member Seats

Per the bylaws, each PAC member has the opportunity to nominate to the GA board one TAC member from the stakeholder group they represent. The chair noted that staff will need to confirm current, active TAC members and provide a list of open positions to be available at the next meeting. Pending review of the TAC member list, PAC members may nominate qualified individuals to the board.

Member Comment: Nick Panzer noted that the education, experience and basin familiarity qualifications of the TAC members are such that any available resource to identify community members who may be candidates would be very helpful. He suggested that Water District may have some knowledge of potentially qualified individuals.

Item 8. Future Agenda Items (September PAC)

The committee had a lengthy discussion and prioritized the five items provided by staff, and added two for future consideration.

After much discussion, the PAC agreed that the final priority order for the committee consideration at the next PAC meetings were:

1. Public Communication and Engagement Plan (agenda item 8.a).
2. Draft Ordinance on Temporary/Emergency Water Use and Waiver Assessments (agenda item 8.c).
3. Provide recommendations on IWVGA “policy” for IWV water conservation efforts. Regulatory guidance is currently provided by IWWWD, the City of Ridgecrest, Kern County, San Bernardino County, and Inyo County. Given the potential state-wide emergency water management mandates there was consideration to move this higher in priority. However, given ongoing staff discussion of this item, we request GA Counsel provide update and clarification to the PAC on the necessity for the item, due to enforcement redundancy and GA enforcement limitations (agenda item 8.e).
4. POA&M/Schedule discussion referenced below.

Member Comment: Nick Panzer suggested the next meeting be focused on communication, supported by West Katzenstein, Renee Westa-Lusk. The PAC members all agreed that the Public Communication and Engagement Plan was of the highest priority. An update is required, but not a redo. Nick Panzer addressed the need for communication supporting the GSP to identify impacts with respect to a backup plan for imported water, if required by DWR for their approval, or, if we are unable to get the necessary funding for the required infrastructure. This is necessary for the stakeholders to understand the potential impacts of the plan and potential outcomes. Effective communications are required and we should focus on subject areas of information, as well as refine the tools and methods of communication. Judie Decker commented that the GA needed to critique the plan from their perspective prior to our review and update. The PAC agreed that input/critique from the board is needed, but in parallel with the urgent review of the plan by the PAC. The PAC requests that the GA board provide their assessment and comments from their perspective and experience, thus far.

Judie Decker suggested that the PAC urge the GA to develop and adopt a general POA&M or schedule for ongoing operations. Nick Panzer noted that he had previously provided comments on some of these subjects during the past year and questioned the need to do them again. Lyle Fisher also supported the need for a POA&M to better inform staff, the committees and the public. The chair noted that such a general schedule is necessary for prioritizing the effective engagement of the PAC. The PAC members as a whole supported this recommendation.

Judie Decker felt that it was important to have opportunities for a less formal atmosphere to encourage more interaction with the public stakeholders in both GA and PAC meetings. She also recommended we ask Stetson Engineers to present a current and ongoing status of the GSP with DWR and the GA response or actions resulting. Keith Lemieux noted that there is no official status until the DWR accepts or rejects the plan, as required, no later than January 2022.

West Katzenstein commented on the role of the PAC now. Keith Lemieux clarified that the role is to represent cohorts of stakeholders and act as a sounding board for the GA, achieving consensus where possible, and when unable, to provide the consolidated opinion and interests of the respective stakeholder cohorts so that it can be considered by the board. The chair requested counsel to provide future clarification of the PAC role in GSP implementation and enforcement issues, as described and limited in the bylaws.

Public Comment: Don Decker (TAC member) commented that the IWV/DRI Basin Model Draft Configuration Plan (agenda item 8.b) was very technical with limited policy implications. He recommended that the PAC move the POA&M discussion forward as fast as possible as it is fundamental to everything the GA is doing. He thanked the committee for engaging on these critical topics.

Item 9. Confirmed Next Regular PAC Meeting Date

Regular Meeting scheduled for 5PM Thursday, September 23, 2021.

Item 10. Member Comment

Nearly all members commented on their pleasure at being back together with in-person, public meetings and eager engage on the difficult subjects. They also expressed the critical need for improved, clear communication, as well as the responsibility for individuals to be aware and informed in a technologically advancing society where broad public communication is increasingly challenging. Renee Westa-Lusk pointed out that the November and December standing meeting dates would likely need to be adjusted for the holidays.

Item 11. Meeting Adjourned. Submitted by: David Janiec, IWVGA PAC Chair, 19 September 2021