

Item 1. Call to Order - Voting members Ed Imsand, David Janiec, Renee Westa-Lusk, Regina Troglin, West Katzenstein, Lyle fisher, Judie Decker, and Camille Anderson were present. Non-voting members Don Zdeba, Tom Bickauskas, and John Kersey were present. Not present was voting member Tim Carroll and non-voting member Lorelei Oviatt.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

None received.

Item 4. Approve Minutes of the November 2021 PAC Meeting

Renee Westa-Lusk moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Lyle Fisher. The motion was approved 7-0-1, with Ed Imsand abstaining.

Item 5. Communication and Engagement (C&E) Plan Review and Recommendations

a./b./c. Sub-Committee Report Recommendations – Subcommittee chair West Katzenstein provided the subcommittee report for discussion, comment, and potential adoption by the full PAC. No additional written comments were provided by PAC members.

PAC Action - After much discussion by all PAC members, Camille Anderson moved approve the report as submitted and forward to the IWVGA Board, seconded by Regina Troglin. Following further discussion, Camille Anderson amended the motion to make four specific modifications to the report, seconded by West Katzenstein. The amended motion passed 6-1-1, with Ed Imsand opposing and Renee Westa-Lusk abstaining.

The final report is included as an attachment to the minutes and contains three specific recommendations to increase the effectiveness of the Communication and Engagement Plan:

1. The IWVGA should provide clear, succinct fact sheets *in layman's terms* regarding key essential topics focused on the status of our groundwater basin, on the mandates of SGMA, the GSP and IWVGA actions. A list of high priority fact sheets (and additional candidate fact sheets) is included, as well as a *conceptual example* fact sheet.

2. The IWVGA publish, update, and maintain a monthly schedule to manage tasks and finances to increase public trust in IWVGA financial responsibility.

3. The IWVGA upgrade the website to provide accurate introductory material for interested stakeholders and readily appear in online searches related to groundwater in the IWV basin.

The PAC also agreed to table any recommendation on changing the actual C&E Plan until the written DWR approval of the GSP (and recommended corrective actions) are fully understood, most notably Recommended Corrective Action 1 that specifically references the C&E Plan.

Item 6. Draft Policy on Temporary (Short Term) Uses of Groundwater Supply Review and Comment

The draft policy was discussed robustly and at length by all members. The PAC all agreed that “in principle” there should not be any excess pumping in the basin that was not compensated for either by fees, or future allocation, but wrestled greatly with unique temporary emergency situations and uses which might occur and merit exception or not.

PAC Action - After further discussion with general agreement obtained among the members,

David Janiec moved that the PAC submit the following comments and recommendations to the Board, seconded by Lyle Fisher. The motion passed 7-0 with Judie Decker absent.

PAC Comment and Recommendations -

1. The PAC was unanimous in stating that “in principle” there should be NO uncompensated-for excess pumping above allocation and therefore no need for such a policy, however;
2. The PAC recognizes the potential for unforeseen emergency temporary use use circumstances, but strongly emphasizes the need to limit these temporary emergency circumstances to the absolute minimum, and NOT allow any uncompensated, simple temporary use only, above allocation, except for the need to explore gaps and potential new water sources in the basin that would not otherwise be conducted..
3. The PAC recognizes the policy provides a process and a method for application in such very limited, unforeseen circumstances. Simple “Temporary (short term) Use” outside of emergency circumstances, does NOT meet that criteria.
4. Therefore, The PAC supports the overall policy with the listing of temporary emergency uses under items #2-5 on the draft policy, but does NOT support the wide-open and unrestricted temporary use only circumstance offered under #1.
5. Additionally, the PAC recommends an objective time limit guideline for “temporary emergency use”, as well as criteria guidelines (e.g. amount) for application under circumstances #2-5.
6. The PAC further recommends that the process be fully public and transparent to ensure maximum stakeholder confidence in the process.

Item 7. Member Comments

Rene Westa Lusk and David Janiec thanked the ad hoc committee for its work on the C&E Plan recommendations.

Regina Troglin requested that documents for review be sent out a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Item 8. Next Regular Meeting - February 24, 2022

Item 9. Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: David Janiec, IWVGA PAC Chair, 17 February 2022