

**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

August 20, 2015 – 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:

Andrew Bell, Buena Vista WSD
Craig Wallace, Semitropic WSD
Dana Munn, Shafter-Wasco ID
Isela Medina, Semitropic WSD
Jason Pucheu, Poso Creek LLC
Ken Schmidt, Kenneth D. Schmidt and Associates
Paul Oshel, Semitropic WSD
Ram Venkatesan, North Kern WSD
Ron Eid, GEI Consultants, Inc.

By telephone:

Debra Espe, San Diego County Water Authority
Sarah Mata, Alameda County WD

The meeting notes which follow are numbered to correspond with the Meeting Agenda (copy attached).

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Paul Oshel at the offices of the Semitropic Water Storage District.
2. The Minutes for the last committee meeting on April 23, 2015 were distributed prior to the meeting via e-mail and copies were available at the meeting. No comments were noted.
- 3a. No report.
- 3b. Semitropic hopes to be able to complete recovery pumping by Christmas. A copy of the anticipated 2015 recovery schedule was distributed, along with an updated annual history of the District's water banking activity. Semitropic expects the pumpback to the Aqueduct during 2015 to be the largest to date. It was also noted

that, at peak pumpback (about 450cfs), about two-thirds is from the north-central part of the District, with the remainder from the Buttonwillow Ridge system.

- 4a. It was reported that 100 cfs of additional reverse-flow pumping capacity on the Pond-Poso Canal is expected to come on line soon. In addition, the capacity of the District's raw water processing facility has been expanded from 150 cfs to 300 cfs, with the ability to expand to 450 cfs in the future. This increase was made possible by the construction of a 40-acre basin which will provide the additional detention time necessary for the higher flow rates.
 - 5a. Semitropic pumpback operations will continue through the fall; accordingly, fall groundwater-level measurements will not be collected.
 - 5b. Updated water-level hydrographs from the District's monitor wells were made available and reviewed.
 - 5c. Before the year is out, Semitropic will have conducted a lot of water sampling and water quality testing to update the water quality data which are necessary for management of the District's pumpback operations. It was noted that there is discussion of changing the MCL for Cr⁺⁶ from 50 ppb to 10 ppb. The District's pumpback has typically been under but close to the reduced MCL. It was reported that Semitropic had provided the District's available water quality data to Jim Angel at Ken Schmidt's office.
 - 5d. Paul Oshel reported that manual observations have indicated subsidence of about 0.25 inches from November 2014 to June 2015, and a similar amount from June 2015 to August 2015.
 6. The final 2007-2008 report will be printed and distributed. Ken Schmidt indicated that water-level hydrographs ending with Spring 2011 are needed for the 2009-2010 report. There was a request for "pdf" copies of prior Biennial Reports. Finally, Ken indicated that he may need Spring 2015 water-level data.
 7. No report.
 8. A Treasurer's Report through June 30, 2015 was distributed.
 9. None.
 10. The next meeting of the Committee was set for December 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Semitropic Water Storage District.
 11. The meeting was adjourned at about 10:55 a.m.
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Semitropic Monitoring Committee Meeting
August 20, 2015

SIGN IN SHEET

1. Ron Esp G.E.I
2. Isela Medina SWSD
3. Jason Pucheu Paso Creek
4. Andrew Bell BUENA VISTA WSD
5. Craig Wallace SWSD
6. Ram Venkatesan NKWSO
7. DANA MUNN NKWSO
8. Ken Schroder Com. to SWSD & Districts
9. Debra Espe San Diego WA
10. Sarah Metz Alameda County Water District
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12. _____