

**Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 19, 2018, 3:30 p.m.**

Woodland Community and Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Beverly Sandeen, Chair.

Executive Officer O'Halloran conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present.

The following Board members and (alternates) were in attendance:

California American Water Company Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs
City of West Sacramento: Beverly Sandeen, Board Chair
City of Winters: Jesse Loren, (Kurt Balasek)
City of Woodland: Skip Davies
Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company: Lynnel Pollock
Dunnigan Water District: George Burger, (Donita Hendrix)
Reclamation District (RD)108: Hilary Reinhard
RD 537: Tom Ramos (arrived after roll call)
RD 730: Jim Heidrick
RD 787: Roger Cornwell, Board Vice-chair
RD 827: Dan Ramos (arrived after roll call)
RD 1600: Michele Clark
University of California Davis (UCD): Camille Kirk
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: (Marc Fawns)
Yolo County: (Jim Provenza)
Yolo County Farm Bureau: (Denise Sagara)
Yolo County Flood Control & WCD: Tom Barth, (Tim O'Halloran, Executive Officer)

ABSENT: City of Davis, Esparto CSD, Madison CSD, RD 765, RD 785, RD 2035

- 2. APPROVE AGENDA:** The Board approved the March 19, 2018 agenda as posted. Motioned by City of Woodland to approve the agenda, seconded by UCD and unanimously approved.
Absent: City of Davis, Esparto CSD, Madison CSD, RD 765, RD 785, RD 2035
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments from the public.
- 4. REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIR and EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Executive Officer O'Halloran referenced the written report summarizing activities since the last Board meeting (Agenda pages 3 – 8). He did not provide any additional comments.
- 5. CONSENT ITEMS:** Motioned by Colusa Drain MWC to approve all consent items, seconded by City of Winters and unanimously approved. *Absent:* City of Davis, Esparto CSD, Madison CSD, RD 765, RD 785, RD 2035
 - Approve November 13, 2017 Board of Directors meeting minutes*
 - Receive final Conflict of Interest Code adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)*
 - Receive FY2017-18 Financial Statements: July 2017 to February 2018*
- 6. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) UPDATE**

Barrett Kaasa, DWR, introduced himself as the point-of-contact for the Yolo Subbasin. He gave an update on items related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) program. His summary notes are included at the end of these minutes.

7. RECEIVE CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATION for the Board of Directors' Environmental Affiliate Representative, Elisa Sabatini, Subcommittee Co-chair, gave a summary of the subcommittee's process to develop a short description of the duties and qualities of the environmental affiliate representative. They considered various individuals and environmental groups as potential candidates. The subcommittee recommended Ann Brice as a suitable candidate for this seat. The YSGA Executive Committee also agreed with the subcommittee's recommendation to the Board. The subcommittee also recommended that the Board defer discussion of the Environmental Affiliate's YSGA membership fee until the Board's fiscal year 2019-20 budget adoption process in June 2019.

- 1) Motioned by Yolo County to defer discussion of YSGA membership fee for the Environmental Affiliate Representative Board seat until June 2019, seconded by City of Woodland and unanimously approved.
- 2) Motioned by the Yolo County Flood Control & WCD to approve the recommendation appointing Ann Brice to the Environmental Affiliate Representative Board seat, seconded by RD 787 and unanimously approved.

Absent: City of Davis, Esparto CSD, Madison CSD, RD 765, RD 785, RD 2035

8. CONSIDERATION: NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEVELOP THE YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP), Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD, reported that a purpose of the initial notification process is to establish a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding the development of the YSGA's GSP. The YSGA is also required to provide a formal written notification to the Yolo County cities, the County and the California Public Utilities Commission. DWR will post the initial notification to their website for a 60-day comment period.

Motioned by City of Woodland to adopt Resolution 2018-01 formally initiating the development of the YSGA GSP and authorize the Executive Officer or Kristin Sicke to submit the YSGA's notice of intent to DWR, seconded by City of Winters and unanimously approved.

Absent: City of Davis, Esparto CSD, Madison CSD, RD 765, RD 785, RD 2035

9. PRESENTATION: GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Tim O'Halloran summarized the overall goal of developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Primarily each basin needs to achieve "sustainable groundwater management" by avoiding the "six undesirable results" detailed in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Those undesirable results are chronic lowering of groundwater levels, reduction of groundwater storage, seawater intrusion, degraded water quality, land subsidence, and depletions of interconnected surface water. He gave an example of how these sustainability criteria might be applied to the five management areas defined in the Yolo GSA organizational structure. A question was raised about how depletion of interconnected surface water can be avoided if someone is pumping groundwater from a well. Tim explained DWR will likely provide more guidance on how to address this issue and what will constitute a significant and unreasonable impact on beneficial users. He gave his viewpoint that it is not the expectation to restrict well pumping, but other factors will need to be considered, such as habitat management.

Kristin Sicke summarized the Proposition 1 grant request submitted to DWR to develop the GSP. DWR announced a draft award for the YCFC&WCD on behalf of the YSGA for a \$1 million grant with an agreement execution anticipated in Summer 2018. She outlined the four main tasks of the GSP work

plan and the associated cost estimates.

Max Stevenson gave a presentation describing the existing groundwater monitoring program. There are two types of monitoring for water level and water quality. Max focused on the historical data collected on groundwater level monitoring in Yolo County. He gave an overview of groundwater monitoring program activities. About one-third of the \$1 million GSP grant funds will support monitoring program improvements. The GSP Development PowerPoint including Tim, Kristin, and Max's presentations will be posted online: <http://yologroundwater.org/index.php/ygsa-board-meetings/>.

Tim introduced David Gutierrez, GEI Consultants, who was intricately involved in the development of the SGMA Program during his tenure at DWR. He reflected on the growth of the implementation of this program in Yolo County since he first attended a WRA Board meeting in 2014. DWR intended for SGMA implementation to be managed locally. David commended the excellent leadership and stakeholder involvement in Yolo County, which is making successful implementation a reality today. David addressed some of the concerns mentioned earlier, such as, how the mathematical model will be used and will help with future project development. Although SGMA regulations require modeling that does not dictate compliance. Compliance is dictated by monitoring and Yolo County is very fortunate to have a strong monitoring program that was established long before SGMA. He is encouraged to see that we are continuing to invest in our monitoring program as part of the GSP development. He touched on a question that was raised about depletion of interconnected surface water: moving forward, the guidance documents provided by DWR will be more clearly defined on this challenging topic. It was never the intent of the regulations to not allow groundwater pumping around a river or stream. However, the pumper needs to understand the interconnected nature of this activity, while paying attention to the potential creation of undesirable results.

Tim thanked Max, Kristin, and David for their presentations. Chair Sandeen asked Tim what information the Board can expect at the June meeting. By June, many of the individual YSGA entities will meet with Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) to develop their draft water balances. And the Working Group will meet a couple of times to review the preliminary results of the modeling information.

10. MEMBERS' REPORTS and FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – YSGA Members were invited to briefly report on current issues and recommended topics for future YSGA Board of Directors meetings.

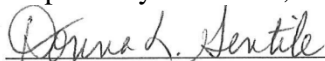
- a. Establishment of Subcommittee for Reconsideration of Voting Structure and Expense Allocation (Agreement Section 5.11)
- b. Brown Act training for the Agency Board of Directors
- c. White Area Annexation
- d. Basin Boundary Modification
- e. Board Policy on Reserve Funding

11. NEXT MEETING – Monday, June 18, 2018

12. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn by the City of Winters, seconded by RD108 and was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Absent: City of Davis, Esparto CSD, Madison CSD, RD 765, RD 785, RD 2035

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

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Prepared for **Yolo GSA** Board Meeting,
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A. Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program

DWR Financial Assistance Branch (water.ca.gov/funding)

Financial Assistance Mailing List Subscription: <http://www.water.ca.gov/funding/subscription.cfm>

→ Groundwater Planning Grant Program

Program Website: water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/

- Draft funding recommendations: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/solicitation.cfm>
- Public comment ended on February 28th. DWR is currently reviewing the public comments.
- Yolo tentatively awarded \$1 million based on draft recommendations
- Final funding awards announced early April
- Grant agreements with COBs spring/early summer, High and Med basins late summer, early fall
- Must submit GSP initial notification before finalizing agreement

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B. Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Updates

DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Branch (water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm)

SGM Mailing List Subscription: water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/subscribe.cfm

→ Basin Boundary Modifications

- http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/basin_boundaries.cfm
- Basin boundary modification submission period opened on January 1, 2018 and closes on June 30, 2018
- Public comment period is open from June 30 to July 30, 2018

→ GSP Initial Notification System

- http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsp_in.cfm

- <http://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/>
- As required by the GSP emergency regulations, GSAs must notify the department prior to initiating the development of a GSP.
- Notification should describe the manner in which interested parties can become involved in GSP development.

→ DWR is offering Facilitation Support Services for GSP Development

- http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/facilitation_services.cfm
- Available until funding runs out. Priority goes to critically overdrafted basins.
- Online application and map of basins receiving FSS
- Can be used for stakeholder identification and engagement, meeting facilitation, and public outreach
- Funding is used for this fiscal year, but more can become available next fiscal year if you let DWR know you're interested

→ SGMA Technical Support Services

- Services may include monitoring well construction, video logging, geophysical logging, geologic logging, groundwater data collection, C2VSIM/IWFM model training and support, mapping/GIS support
- Application period expected spring 2018
- Must submit GSP initial notification before applying
- Priority to filling data gaps
- Similar application to FSS, will be online, but is not available yet.
- Initial funding of: 2 million, priority to COB with data gaps, then high/med with data gaps
- Future funding of: 12 million if SB 5 passes

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