



Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 31, 2024

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Woodland Police Department
1000 Lincoln Ave, Woodland, CA 95695
(and via Zoom)**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Lee Smith, Vice Chair.
Executive Officer Sicke conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present.

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

City of West Sacramento: Verna Sulpizio Hull**

City of Winters: Carol Scianna

Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad, (Jordon Navarrot)

Esparto CSD: (Alex Lepley)

Reclamation District (RD) 108: Roger Cornwell, (Jordon Navarrot)

RD 307: James Johas

RD 537: Tom Ramos

RD 765: David Dickson, Jr.

RD 999: Tom Slater

RD 1600: Michele Clark

RD 2035: (Jesse Clark)

Rumsey Water Users Association: (Mica Bennett*)

Yolo County – Mary Vixie Sandy

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom
Barth, (Shane Tucker*)

UC Davis: Andrew Fulks

California American Water – Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs

Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company (MWC): Lynnel Pollock

Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith

Environmental Representative: Ann Brice

Absent: City of Davis, City of Woodland, Madison CSD, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

*remote attendance, member was non-voting

**remote attendance, member provided just cause pursuant to AB 2449

2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA: Nothing to report.

3. PUBLIC FORUM: Ben King relayed his findings about hexavalent chromium contamination in Yolo County and provided backup documentation via email. Annie Main commented in support of the first

meeting of the Hungry Hollow groundwater committee and expressed her concerns about the enforcement of well permit review procedures.

4. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve May 20, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- b. Approve Payment of Bills in Approved Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget
- c. Receive Fiscal Year 23/24 Financial Statements: 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- d. Receive Fiscal Year 24/25 Financial Statements: 7/1/24 – 7/26/24
- e. Receive minutes of Executive Committee Meeting: 5/13

Action: Approve item 4a and 4b as presented.

Motion: Dunnigan Water District (Schaad)

Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached).

5. UPDATE ON NCWA REGIONAL PRIORITIES

David Guy, Northern California Water Association, provided an update on NCWA’s regional priorities and solicited feedback from the Board. Priorities include:

- Ensure safe drinking water for communities
- Advance groundwater recharge opportunities
- Better understand and manage surface water and groundwater interaction
- Coordinate well permitting across region
- Align state and federal priorities with local and regional needs

6. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES UPDATE

Nicholas Vadpey, DWR, provided an update on relevant resources from DWR:

- Underrepresented and small farmer technical assistance is still available.
- The Spring GSA forum is complete and the recording is available on DWR’s website.
- 2020-22 statewide crop mapping and InSAR data through April 1 are now available.
- The TSS wells constructed last summer will be outfitted for SCADA soon.
- DWR is planning to initiate a water quality sampling program within their groundwater monitoring network. Nick will coordinate with YSGA staff about design of the program and potential guidance or best management practices for expanded data collection.

7. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kristin Sicke, YSGA Executive Officer, provided an update on recent activities:

- Water levels are approximately 5 feet higher than this time last year and 36 feet higher than this time in 2022.
- The Executive Committee and Ad Hoc Funding Committee have continued work on potential funding structures for the agency. Kristin will provide a more thorough update in September.

8. UPDATE: WELL PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS

Nathan Fisher provided an update on the status of well permit review since the approval of the tiered review process in March. 19 permits are currently in the queue; 15 are pending information from the applicant and 4 are under Tier 1 review. Since March 18, YSGA has verified 3 permits outside of Focus Areas. Within the Focus Areas, 5 permits were verified as replacements, 2 permits were verified after Tier 1, and 1 permit was verified after Tier 2.

9. UPDATE: SGMA IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROJECTS

YSGA Staff provided an update about the progress of projects funded by the SGMA Implementation Grant:

- a. GSP Implementation: Modeling updates are underway, and a managed wetland group has convened to inform updates. The Hungry Hollow groundwater committee had its first meeting, and YSGA staff are working to improve the geologic understanding of the area.
- b. YCFC&WCD Winter Recharge: 4 new automated gates were installed on the Hungry Hollow canal. During spring 2024, 8,710 AF was diverted for groundwater recharge.
- c. City of Winters Feasibility Studies: An agreement was signed on July 22nd between the City, Davids Engineering, and Kurt Balasek. Kurt and Grant Davids will be coordinating to complete the studies.
- d. Yolo-Zamora Recharge Project: Water and Land Solutions has been conducting outreach to gauge landowner interest in the project. A landowner workshop will be held on August 13 at YCFC&WCD headquarters. YCFC&WCD has been increasing canal capacity and automation along the East Adams and Acacia canals to facilitate recharge.
- e. Dunnigan Area Recharge Program: DWD hosted YSGA Staff for a field visit in June and continues to outreach to landowners to prepare for additional on-field recharge opportunities. The DWD Board has also allocated \$50,000 to support the purchase of water for the program.

10. CONSIDERATION: REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR GSP UPDATE

Kristin provided an overview of the responses received to the RFQ released in April and recommended the Board proceed with a contract with Intera for the GSP Update. Director Smith asked for clarification that the contract would be funded by the SGMA Grant. Kristin clarified that the project period would be around 18 months. Director Smith asked about the relative price of Intera compared to other respondents. Director Dickson asked what specific qualifications boosted Intera above the rest of the respondents. Kristin mentioned specifically their experience with subsidence SMCs in the San Joaquin Valley and their ongoing collaboration with DWR which will ideally lead to economies of scale. Director Schaad asked if the YSGA would be sharing the subsidence data we are collecting, and the possibility of being reimbursed for providing that data to Intera if they are using it elsewhere.

Action: Approve item 10 as presented.

Motion: County of Yolo (Vixie Sandy)

Second: YCFC&WCD (Barth)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached).

11. **MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Nothing to report.
12. **NEXT MEETING:** September 16, 2024
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer