

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency  
MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting  
October 21, 2024, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Hosted at YCFC&WCD Headquarters  
34274 State Highway 16, Woodland

**Present EC Members:** Lee Smith, Dave Schaad, Carol Scianna, Kristin Sicke, Lee Smith

**Present Staff:** Nathan Fisher, Sarah Leicht, Erik Cadaret, Dotty Pritchard, Elisa Sabatini, Rebecca Smith

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Lee Smith at 12:02 p.m.
2. **Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Nothing to add.
3. **Public Comment:** Nothing to add.
4. **Administrative Items (Sicke):**
  - a) August 21, 2024 meeting minutes: Carol Scianna motioned to approve the August 21 meeting minutes, seconded by David Schaad and approved unanimously.
  - b) Reviewed financials: FY 2023-2024: 8/15 – 10/17/24: Financials were provided with the agenda packet.
  - c) Payments to approve: Payments were provided with the agenda packet. Carol Scianna moved to approve the payments, seconded by Lee Smith and approved unanimously.
  - d) Approve Contract Amendment with LandIQ: David Schaad moved to approve the contract, seconded by Carol Scianna and approved unanimously.
5. **Appoint Committee for Selection of Officers:** The purpose of the committee would be to fill the position of chair and consider officer membership for the next two years. Legal counsel has drafted policies & procedures for officers, which have not yet been finalized but were provided for discussion. The Executive Committee recommended the appointment of David Schaad as Vice Chair and Carol Scianna as Chair. The Committee recommended UC Davis to fill the urban seat on the Executive Committee and the addition of an at-large seat to have 5 total Executive Committee members. The Committee recommended Tom Barth to fill the at-large seat.
6. **YCFC&WCD Healthy Rivers & Landscapes Initiative:** SWRCB Staff proposed updated water quality regulations that would significantly decrease surface water availability in the Sacramento Valley. Local irrigation districts are collaborating on an alternate proposal known as Healthy Rivers & Landscapes (formerly voluntary agreements). For YCFC&WCD, the SWRCB staff 55% unimpaired flow recommendation would reduce water supply by about 1/3. The YCFC&WCD proposal would contribute up to 5 thousand AF per year of additional water from the Cache Creek system to the Putah Creek system and at least \$300,000 per year towards restoration efforts. YCFC&WCD plans to request a support letter from the YSGA at the November meeting.
7. **Update on YSGA GSP Implementation Actions:** Discussion Item (Sicke)
  - a) Meeting with North Yolo and South Colusa Groundwater Managers: Erik, Kristin, and Dave attended a recent staff meeting with managers to the north. CGA is making changes to their GSP in response to DWR's feedback, including the addition of demand management strategies. David Schaad noted that the Sacramento Valley is likely to experience increased demand for groundwater due to water shortages for

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settlement contractors. The Committee discussed the need for incentives to encourage adoption of groundwater recharge.

b) SGMA Implementation Grant Project Update:

- Yolo-Zamora Groundwater Recharge Project: A CEQA exemption for rehabilitation of China Slough was submitted in August – however, DWR responded that requirements for exemption were not fulfilled. The project may need to go through a more extensive CEQA process and procure a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement.
- Updates to HCM and Groundwater Model :Tabled for next meeting.

**8. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items:** The following items will be discussed at future meetings:

- Discuss potential tracking or incentive methods for groundwater recharge credits
- Continue discussing path forward for Yolo-Zamora Groundwater Recharge Project
- Additional Assistance to Update HCM and Groundwater Model

**9. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** November 4, 2024.

**10. Adjourned** at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke  
Executive Officer