



YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING

November 4, 2024, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Hosted at YCFC&WCD Headquarters
34274 State Highway 16, Woodland

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present: Lee Smith, Dave Schaad, Carol Scianna, Mary Vixie Sandy (phone)

Staff Present: Kristin Sicke, Nathan Fisher, Sarah Leicht, Erik Cadaret, Dotty Pritchard, Casey Liebler, Rebecca Smith

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Lee Smith at 12:03 p.m.
2. **Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Nothing to add.
3. **Public Comment:** Nothing to report.
4. **Consent Items (Sicke):**
 - a) August 21, 2024 meeting minutes: Carol Scianna motioned to approve the October 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. David Schaad moved to approve the payments, seconded by Lee Smith and approved unanimously.
5. **Review Selection of Officers:** The Committee directed Kristin to reach out to candidates for availability and, if available, to recommend the following membership for approval at the November Board of Directors meeting:
 - a) Board Chair: Carol Scianna, City of Winters
 - b) Vice Chair: David Schaad, Dunnigan Water District
 - c) Executive Committee Members: Carol Scianna (Board Chair), David Schaad (Vice Chair), Lee Smith (Agricultural member), Andrew Fulks (Urban member), Tom Barth (At-large member)
6. **Discussion of Groundwater Accounting Framework:** The Committee discussed various methods of accounting for groundwater recharge. The YCFC&WCD reports groundwater recharge annually to the State Water Resources Control Board, and the water is assumed to be extracted by growers the next irrigation season following the “last in-first out” rule. The District authorizes a resolution to waive its right to the water. 215 and 3F water is tracked by the Bureau of Reclamation through the federal master permit, rather than by individual contractor/water district. The Committee agreed that the YSGA should develop a policy for how groundwater recharge is tracked. Discussions on this topic will continue, beginning with the North Yolo area as a pilot.
7. **SGMA Implementation:**
 - a) Additional Assistance to Update HCM and Groundwater Model: Erik Cadaret presented a proposal to obtain additional technical support from local hydrogeologists to develop more comprehensive aquifer mapping, refine the hydrogeological conceptual model (HCM) presented in the GSP, and update the

water budget model parameters. The Committee expressed support for the proposal and recommended bringing it to the Board for approval.

b) Yolo-Zamora Groundwater Recharge Project – Permitting Review: The YCFC&WCD Board will discuss the potential of taking on the lead agency role for the CEQA process.

8. **Review of Draft Agenda Items for November 18, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting:** No changes were made to the proposed agenda.
9. **Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** December 13, 2024
10. **Adjourned** at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke
Executive Officer, Board Secretary