

**SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010; 2:00 p.m.**

**5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 110**

**Citrus Heights, CA 95610**

**(916) 967-7692**

The Board will discuss all items on this agenda, and may take action on any of those items, including information items and continued items. The Board may also discuss other items that do not appear on this agenda, but will not act on those items unless action is urgent, and a resolution is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote declaring that the need for action arose after posting of this agenda.

The public shall have the opportunity to directly address the Board on any item of interest before or during the Board's consideration of that item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Board is welcomed, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker. Public documents relating to any open session item listed on this agenda that are distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors less than 72 hours before the meeting are available for public inspection in the customer service area of the Authority's Administrative Office at the address listed above. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Executive Director of the Authority at (916) 967-7692. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public who wish to address the Board may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - a) Minutes of December 10, 2009 and February 11, 2010 meeting.  
***Action: Approve Consent Calendar items.***
4. **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AB 303)**  
***Action: Approve SGA Resolution 2010-01 Assigning the Executive Director as the Project Manager for Funding Agreement #4600008198 under the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Program.***
5. **LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (AB 303) UPDATE**  
***Action: Approve SGA Resolution 2010-02 authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application and execute a funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources.***  
***Action: Direct the Executive Director to select a consultant to assist in application preparation, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.***
6. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

## **Adjournment**

**Next SGA Board of Director's Meeting** – April 8, 2010, 9:00 a.m., RWA/SGA office, 5620 Birdcage Street, Ste. 110, Citrus Heights.

**2:20 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

**WATER ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP**

Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board Meeting  
March 16, 2010

**AGENDA ITEM 3A: CONSENT CALENDAR**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

***Action: Approve December 10, 2009 and February 11, 2010 minutes.***



**SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**December 10, 2009**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Schubert called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Regional Water Authority/Sacramento Groundwater Authority office. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Board Members

Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company (Chair)  
Sandy Kozlen, Carmichael Water District  
Chuck Rose, Citrus Heights Water District  
Walt Sadler, City of Folsom  
Herb Niederberger, County of Sacramento  
Rich Allen, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District  
David Simpson, Orange Vale Water Company  
Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta CWD  
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District  
Jack DeWit, Agriculture

Staff Members

John Woodling, Nancy Marrier, Rob Swartz, and Cecilia Partridge. Nicole Krotoski participated via conference phone.

Others in Attendance

Al Dains, Jafar Faghieh, Alex Peterson, Keith Durkin, Ali Taghavi, Ed Formosa, Rob Roscoe, Shauna Lorange, Jim Crowley, Sharon Wilcox, Erwin Hayer, Bob Churchill and Debra Sedwick.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The minutes of the October 8, 2009 meeting.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Kozlen moved, with a second by Mr. Niederberger, that the consent calendar items be approved.

#### **4. 2009 AUDIT REPORT**

Evelyn Cook, Cook CPA Group, presented the completed financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. She reported that SGA received an unqualified opinion on the audit, which is the highest opinion an audit can receive. Ms. Cook noted that there were no new management comments and observations this year and that last year's recommendations have all been implemented.

M/S/C Mr. Rose moved, with a second by Ms. Tobin, to recommend SGA Board acceptance of the 2009 SGA financial audit report.

#### **5. ELECTION OF 2010 SGA OFFICERS**

Chair Schubert announced the recommendations from the SGA Nominating Committee for 2010. Walt Sadler was recommended to become the SGA Chair and Randy Marx Vice Chair. Mr. Schubert asked for and received no nominations from the floor.

M/S/C Mr. Niederberger moved, with a second by Ms. Harris, to elect Walt Sadler as 2010 SGA Chair and Randy Marx as 2010 Vice Chair. Unanimous consent was received.

#### **6. WATER ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK UPDATE**

In June 2007, the SGA Board adopted Phase II of the Water Accounting Framework and directed staff to develop a Model Groundwater Banking Program Element for member agencies interested in implementing a groundwater banking and exchange program. The intent of the Model Groundwater Banking Program is to encourage agencies to implement conjunctive use programs, while ensuring sustainability of the underlying groundwater basin.

Staff has met with the Model Groundwater Banking Program Oversight Committee over the past three months, most recently on November 23, 2009, to discuss a set of principles intended to guide implementation of the Model Groundwater Banking Program. The Oversight Committee members include Herb Niederberger, Walt Sadler, Rob Roscoe, Shauna Lorange, Bob Churchill, Andy Soulé and Dan Sherry.

Rob Swartz, Principal Project Manager, reported on the progress of development of the Banking Program and provided an overview of the draft Water Accounting Framework Principles. The current direction of the Oversight Committee is to complete Phase 3 elements, which include the Water Accounting Framework principles and conjunctive use goals. The goals do not apply to agriculture or self-supplied users at this time. The next steps include: 1) continuing to refine the "model banking" document and the

principles document with the Oversight Committee; 2) modeling losses of banked water, for which results are expected in January 2010; 3) full briefing of components to the SGA Board in February; and 4) seeking SGA Board adoption, in April 2009 if feasible.

There was consensus from the board that it's important to move forward at this time with the Water Accounting Framework as outlined in the update given by Mr. Swartz. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to be able to present the framework to regulators in order to show that we have a monitoring network and a plan in place to monitor water levels to comply with new state law, and to support water transfers.

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Delta Legislation Update** – The Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a package of five bills to address a Delta solution and other water policy issues. Four policy bills and an \$11.1 billion bond bill make up the package. The bond bill will go before the voters in November 2010. A summary of the bills was included in the packet.

Most significant to SGA is SBX7 6, which requires monitoring of groundwater elevations. Under the new law, an agency or group (such as SGA) would apply to the Department of Water Resources to be recognized as the entity responsible for groundwater monitoring in all or part of a basin or subbasin. Water level elevations will be reported to DWR. If an entity identified as having the authority to undertake the monitoring does not do so, the entity will be ineligible for water-related grants or loans administered by the state.

Based on initial analysis of the bill, SGA would have the authority to conduct the required monitoring. SGA would comply with our current monitoring program.

**McClellan Remediation Update** – The Air Force Real Property Agency has announced that it has recently completed an amendment to its Record of Decision for cleaning up contamination at the former McClellan Air Force Base. The amendment establishes a plan for cleanup of non-volatile organic compounds. An announcement from AFRPA was included in the packet.

Mr. Swartz reported that the county is proposing to review its ordinances for groundwater well permitting in regards to McClellan. Mr. Swartz suggested that we might want to be engaged in that process, so that we know what the potential impacts might be.

**Grant Funding Update** – SGA received notice to proceed with the first \$100,000 of our AB 303 grant to study the potential future impacts of contaminants on our groundwater supplies. Official notice from DWR that the

remaining \$150,000 will be authorized is expected soon based on additional bond sales in November 2009. SGA staff met with DWR staff in November to discuss moving forward with the project and extending the grant expiration date from the current May 2010 to December 2010.

DWR has just released draft guidelines for the next round of AB 303 grant funding. Comments are due by January 12, 2010. A final application is expected to be released in February 2010, with an application deadline in April 2010.

**RWA/SGA Holiday Social** – The annual RWA/SGA Holiday Social and Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova. Jim Mayer, executive director of California Forward, a nonpartisan initiative seeking fundamental reforms to state government, is the guest speaker. Mr. Mayer was previously executive director of the Little Hoover Commission. He spent more than 12 years as a newspaper journalist in Sacramento, Bakersfield, and Placer County. Mr. Mayer serves on the board of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

## **8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Sadler commented that it would be nice to have more representation from the City of Sacramento at our meetings.

Mr. Rose thanked Chair Shubert for his leadership in 2009 and congratulated Mr. Sadler on his new role as 2010 SGA Chair.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Schubert adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Officer



**SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**February 11, 2010**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sadler called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Regional Water Authority/Sacramento Groundwater Authority office. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Board Members

Walt Sadler, City of Folsom (Chair)  
Andy Soule, California American Water  
Sandy Kozlen, Carmichael Water District  
Chuck Rose, Citrus Heights Water District  
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District  
David Simpson, Orange Vale Water Company  
Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District

Staff Members

John Woodling, Rob Donlan (Legal Counsel), Rob Swartz, Nancy Marrier, and Cecilia Partridge.

Others in Attendance

Al Dains, Ken Payne, Tom Gray, Bob Churchill, Ali Taghavi, Rob Roscoe, Jim Peifer, Debra Sedwick, Rich Bolton, Keith Durkin, Karl Brustad, Jon Traum, Jim Blanke, Frank Bradham, Alan Driscoll, Sharon Wilcox, Tina Bauer, Jim Crowley, Brent Cain, Shauna Lorance, Lisa Porta, Steve Dalrymple, Chris Petersen, Cathy Lee, Derrick Whitehead, Michelle Smilowitz, Norm Jones and Royd Nelson. Nicole Krotoski and Mary Harris participated via conference phone.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **3a. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Ms. Harris joined the meeting via teleconference in an attempt to gain a quorum. There was a question about the legitimacy of using a teleconference and its adherence to the Brown Act.

Action: Mr. Kozlen moved, with a second by Mr. Rose, to allow telecommunications as a legitimate attendance for the purposes of a quorum.

Noes: Neil Schild

Due to the lack of a quorum present at this meeting no action items were voted on or approved. These items will be brought back to the March board meeting for approval.

The minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting.

Action requested: Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2009 SGA meeting. (No action was taken on this item)

### **3b. CONSENT CALENDAR**

In August 2008, the SGA Board adopted resolution 2008-02 authorizing the Chair to execute and implement a funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources. At that time, the SGA Executive Director was unable to actively work on the grant-funded agreement because of past employment relationship with DWR. The effect of the resolution was to have the SGA Chair assigned as the Project Manager on the funding agreement. As project management is a day-to-day activity on the funding agreement and the Executive Director is now able to work directly on the project, staff is recommending that the Executive Director be assigned as the Project Manager under the grant agreement. This will streamline the submission of reimbursement requests to DWR.

Action requested: Approve SGA Resolution 2010-01 Assigning the Executive Director as the Project Manager for Funding Agreement #4600008198 under the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Program. (No action was taken on this item)

## **4. LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (AB 303) UPDATE**

The California Department of Water Resources expects to release an application for grant proposals in February 2010 for the Local Groundwater Assistance Program. This grant program provides up to \$250,000 for groundwater-related studies and projects. Applications are expected to be due back to DWR in April 2010, with award announcements in July 2010.

An important element of the application is an authorizing resolution from the Board of the applicant.

Staff is currently investigating potential projects that would be appropriate to apply for funding through this program and they will be presented to the Board for final decision. Staff proposed to complete the application using support from consulting services.

There was discussion on the FY 2010 grant application process. Mr. Woodling explained that this is the last year that there will be funding for this program from DWR. Mr. Woodling requested board direction on topics to pursue for an application and for direction to staff to prepare an application and select a consultant. After discussion it was agreed that we would focus on "source chasing" as the top priority but may look at others as well. If there are two good proposals SGA may spin off one to California American Water to take the lead on. Ms. Tobin advocated moving forward on the application and believes that we need to take advantage of the opportunity. Mr. Schild agreed that we need to pursue any state funding that is available.

It was suggested that a special SGA Board meeting be scheduled to deal with the unresolved action items from this meeting. If staff is able to narrow down the topic for the grant application prior to this special board meeting, it will be brought it to the board for a final decision at that time.

Action requested: Approve SGA Resolution 2010-02 authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application and execute a funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources. (No action was taken on this item)

Action requested: Direct the Executive Director to select a consultant to assist in application preparation, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. (No action was taken on this item)

## **5. WATER ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK UPDATE**

In June 2007, the SGA Board adopted Phase II of the Water Accounting Framework and directed staff to develop a Model Groundwater Banking Program Element for member agencies interested in implementing a groundwater banking and exchange program. The intent of the Model Groundwater Banking Program is to encourage agencies to implement conjunctive use programs, while ensuring sustainability of the underlying groundwater basin.

Staff has met with the Model Groundwater Banking Program Oversight Committee a few times over the past several months, most recently on

January 25, 2010, to discuss a set of principles that are intended to guide the implementation of the Model Groundwater Banking Program.

Rob Swartz gave a presentation update on the Water Accounting Framework. His presentation included information about the framework principles, the volume of water available for exchange, the model groundwater banking program and the roles of staff, the board and member agencies. He explained that the next steps will be 1) to quantify banking losses for exchange outside of SGA; 2) solicit input on the Phase 3 document; and 3) to schedule a workshop to finalize Phase 3 documents. Adoption of the plan is anticipated in April 2010.

Ali Taghavi, Vice President with WRIME, gave a presentation focused on a hydrologic modeling analysis to support the Water Accounting Framework. His presentation focused on 1) the project purpose; 2) SaCLRWM overview; 3) methodology; and 4) an analysis of the results. Mr. Taghavi said that conjunctive use water is primarily stored in the groundwater basin with less than 1% per year lost to the river and stored water is recoverable to the full extent. Conjunctive use is an effective means of basin operations for drought banking and impeding movements of regional contamination plumes.

There was discussion on how the banking process would be implemented, the loss factor and sustainability. Mr. Woodling explained that the next steps are to quantify the banking losses for the purposes of putting them into a document in the institutional framework. He further explained that the framework document should be finalized within the next two weeks and will be distributed to the board and the general managers. A board workshop will be scheduled to discuss the details prior to adoption in April. Implementation will be the next step, with a look at conjunctive use goals every five years thereafter.

## **6. CITY OF ROSEVILLE'S REGIONAL GROUNDWATER MODEL UPDATE**

The City of Roseville has been in the process of developing a groundwater model in support of its proposed aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) program since late 2008. The model has been developed in coordination with SGA, with SGA providing data from our data management system and regional groundwater model. Significant progress has been made on the development of the Roseville model, which extends from the Bear River on the north to the Mokelumne River on the south. Roseville's consultant, AQUAVEO, provided an update on the model development and calibration process.

Derrick Whitehead explained that the City of Roseville started on an aquifer storage and recovery program about 5 years ago. They needed to find a methodology to be able to analyze what happens to the water that is directly

injected into their wells and to quantify where the water goes. There was an opportunity for them to put together a model in Placer County that looked at how to track and monitor in three dimensions. Mr. Whitehead stated that during the process, it became apparent that they needed to extend their model boundaries beyond Placer County.

Michelle Smilowitz and Norm Jones of Aquaveo, gave a presentation on the Roseville model and potential applications. Their model project objectives include 1) a regional groundwater model; 2) ASR design and optimization; 3) flexibility and cost effectiveness; 4) incorporating the latest data; and 5) an accurate representation of regional hydrogeology. They believe that their model is realistic and accurate of regional hydrogeology, incorporates the latest field investigations, is based on a MODFLOW suite of codes, has rapid response, effectively communicates results and has low-cost development and maintenance.

There was discussion regarding the different models and the goals and the benefits of each and concern that the existence of two modeling platforms could lead to additional expense and potential conflict in model results. Mr. Woodling proposed that we logically evaluate what our needs will be for the future, what we need a model to simulate, what our criteria are for selecting a model, ease of use, the number of consultants that can do the work, the accessibility of the tools and where we want to go in the future. It would be beneficial to put together a committee to evaluate the models and give appropriate recommendations. The SGA Board directed staff to reach out to other agencies that are potential stakeholders in a regional model. Mr. Woodling will present an update at the April SGA Board meeting.

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**SGA Financial Report** – A financial report for SGA for the period July 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010 was attached. All budget categories are within expectations.

**Legislation Update** – The state of California passed a package of water bills in 2009. SBX7 6 requires monitoring of groundwater levels in all of the basins and sub-basins of the state. Areas that are not complying with the monitoring requirements would be ineligible for water-related grant funding. Entities that seek to undertake the required monitoring must notify the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by January 1, 2011. DWR is currently developing guidelines for the program. SGA would be eligible to become the monitoring entity, and our current monitoring would likely satisfy requirements.

SBX7 2 authorizes an \$11 billion water bond for the November ballot. Among other things, the bond bill provides \$1 billion for projects to prevent or reduce the contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water.

**Regional Contamination Issues Committee Update** – The RCIC met on January 28, 2010. One significant item discussed was a proposed update to the regional contamination brochure originally developed in 2006. The update will be coordinated with the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) and Placer County groundwater managers to expand the geographic coverage. Attendees heard from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) about a new state program to assist water providers in identifying the sources of contaminants detected in wells. Cal Am Water, California Department of Public Health, and DTSC will evaluate a partnership to explore potential sources of detected contaminants in wells near the Placer County line.

**Grant Funding Update** – In January 2010, SGA received notice that it is now authorized to expend the entire \$250,000 of our AB 303 grant to study the potential future impacts of contaminants on our groundwater supplies. Staff will begin executing task orders with the consultant team to authorize work on the project. Staff has submitted a request to DWR to extend the project deadline to March 31, 2011.

**Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget Process** – We are beginning to assemble the SGA budget and will bring a draft to the SGA Board on April 8, 2010 for approval. This will allow for the possibility of changes and time for final approval of the budget prior to the June 30 deadline. Chair Sadler appointed a Budget Committee to assist in initial budget development. The Budget Committee includes Pam Tobin, Walt Sadler, Chuck Rose and Randy Marx.

**Groundwater Model Evaluation Proposal** – The development of a regional groundwater model by Roseville, along with recent improvements to our existing Integrated Groundwater/Surface Water Model (IGSM) provides two valuable tools with which to evaluate water management strategies in the region. However, there is some concern that the existence of two modeling platforms could lead to additional expense and potential conflict in model results. Staff recommends undertaking an evaluation of our future modeling needs and available tools to guide future investments in model development and application. Such a study would be coordinated with SCGA and Placer County groundwater users. Staff proposes to hire a consultant to facilitate and provide technical support to the process, and to consider convening a panel of policy and technical experts from both within and outside the groundwater basin. Participants may include staff from local water agencies, the state of California, the U.S. Geological Survey, and local universities.

**County of Sacramento Public Workshop** – The County of Sacramento’s Environmental Management Department will hold a public workshop to discuss proposed revisions to the Sacramento County Code relating to wells and pumps on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the notice was included in the packet.

**Sutter Pointe Water Supply Proposal** – GSWC has submitted Application 08-08-022 to the CPUC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to establish a non-contiguous service area comprised of the southern, unincorporated portion of Sutter County. GSWC has an agreement with NMWC to provide municipal and industrial (M&I) water service to a proposed service area in south Sutter County known as the Sutter Pointe Specific Plan Area. Sutter County certified an EIR for the development; however CPUC must prepare an EIR for the CPCN. CPUC issued a Notice of Preparation, and is accepting public comment until February 12, 2010. More information is available at [http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/gswc\\_sp/index.html](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/gswc_sp/index.html).

## **8. DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS**

None.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sadler adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Officer

**AGENDA ITEM 4: GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM (AB 303)**

**BACKGROUND:**

In August 2008, the SGA Board adopted resolution 2008-02 authorizing the Chair to execute and implement a funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources. At that time, the SGA Executive Director was unable to actively work on the grant-funded agreement because of past employment relationship with DWR. The effect of the resolution was to have the SGA Chair assigned as the Project Manager on the funding agreement. As project management is a day-to-day activity on the funding agreement and the Executive Director is now able to work directly on the project, staff is recommending that the Executive Director be assigned as the Project Manager under the grant agreement. This will streamline the submission of reimbursement requests to DWR.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

***Action: Approve SGA Resolution 2010-01 Assigning the Executive Director as the Project Manager for Funding Agreement #4600008198 under the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Program.***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY  
ASSIGNING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AS THE PROJECT MANAGER  
FOR FUNDING AGREEMENT #4600008198 UNDER THE  
LOCAL GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Board of Directors of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (“SGA”) does hereby make the following findings:

**WHEREAS**, the SGA was created for the purposes of protecting, preserving, and enhancing the groundwater resources in the North Area Groundwater Basin for current and future beneficial uses of all water users within SGA’s boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve its objectives, the SGA will manage the North Area Groundwater Basin through conjunctive use programs and other authorities, as set forth in the Joint Powers Agreement among the County of Sacramento and the Cities of Sacramento, Citrus Heights, and Folsom; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 (AB303, Stats. of 2000, Ch. 708) creates a grant program for local public agencies to study groundwater resources throughout the State, and authorizes the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”), upon appropriation by the State Legislature, to award grants to local agencies to conduct groundwater studies or to implement groundwater monitoring and management activities; and

**WHEREAS**, SGA was awarded a grant by DWR in 2008 to conduct an assessment of the water quality risks to the long-term sustainability of the North Area Groundwater Basin.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Executive Director of the SGA is hereby authorized and directed to act as the Project Manager under agreement No. 4600008198 with the DWR for funding from a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79560 *et seq.*), for the purposes of implementing and improving groundwater management in the North Area Groundwater Basin.

***PASSED AND ADOPTED*** by the Board of Directors, at its regular board meeting, on March 16, 2010.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Marrier, Finance & Administrative Services Officer

**AGENDA ITEM 5: LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT  
PROGRAM (AB 303) UPDATE**

**BACKGROUND:**

The California Department of Water Resources expects to release an application for grant proposals in February 2010 for the Local Groundwater Assistance Program. This grant program provides up to \$250,000 for groundwater-related studies and projects. Applications are expected to be due back to DWR in April 2010, with award announcements in July 2010. An important element of the application is an authorizing resolution from the Board of the applicant (draft enclosed).

Staff is currently investigating potential projects that would be appropriate to apply for funding through this program, which will be presented to the Board. Staff is proposing to complete the application using support from consulting services.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

***Action: Approve SGA Resolution 2010-02 authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application and execute a funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources.***

***Action: Direct the Executive Director to select a consultant to assist in application preparation, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY  
AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION  
FOR FUNDING UNDER THE LOCAL GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Board of Directors of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (“SGA”) does hereby make the following findings:

**WHEREAS**, the SGA was created for the purposes of protecting, preserving, and enhancing the groundwater resources in the North Area Groundwater Basin for current and future beneficial uses of all water users within SGA’s boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve its objectives, the SGA will manage the North Area Groundwater Basin through conjunctive use programs and other authorities, as set forth in the Joint Powers Agreement among the County of Sacramento and the Cities of Sacramento, Citrus Heights, and Folsom; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 10, 2008, the SGA adopted a comprehensive update to its Groundwater Management Plan for the North Area Groundwater Basin, which will necessitate and involve continued implementation of plan actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 (AB303, Stats. of 2000, Ch. 708) creates a grant program for local public agencies to study groundwater resources throughout the State, and authorizes the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”), upon appropriation by the State Legislature, to award grants to local agencies to conduct groundwater studies or to implement groundwater monitoring and management activities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that:

1. The Executive Director of SGA is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, and file an application with the DWR for funding of a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79560 *et seq.*), for the purposes of implementing and improving groundwater management in the North Area Groundwater Basin.
2. The Executive Director of SGA is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with DWR to accept the grant.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors, at its regular board meeting, on March 16, 2010.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
John K. Woodling, Executive Director