



Sacramento Groundwater Authority
Managing Groundwater Resources
in Northern Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting
Final Minutes
June 12, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tobin called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Regional Water Authority/Sacramento Groundwater Authority office. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Board Members

Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District (Chair)
Andy Soule', California American Water
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
Barry Brown, Fair Oaks Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
David Simpson, Orange Vale Water Company
Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Jack DeWit, Agriculture
Terry Jewell, Self Supplied Industry

Staff Members

Jim English, Rob Donlan (Legal Counsel), Rob Swartz, Nancy Marrier and Cecilia Partridge.

Others in Attendance

Al Dains (Citrus Heights Water District alternate), John Downing (Del Paso Manor Water District alternate), Randy Marx (Fair Oaks Water District Alternate), Joseph Dion, Brian Martin, Keith Wallace, Dan Sherry, Bob Churchill, Shauna Lorance, Sharon Wilcox, Ed Formosa, Steve Nugent, Debra Sedwick and Tammy Coutts.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Minutes of the April 10, 2008 meeting.

(M/S/C) Mr. Rose moved, with a second by Mr. Sadler, that the consent calendar items be approved.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

On January 23, 2008, RWA Board Chair Joe Dion established a joint RWA/SGA Executive Director Search Committee (Committee) with balanced representation as follows:

	RWA	SGA
T	Joe Dion (Co-Chair)	Pam Tobin (Co-Chair)
	Derrick Whitehead	Paul Schubert
	Rob Roscoe	Ken Payne
	Paul Selsky	Sandy Kozlen

The Committee met several times over the past three months and worked with CPS Executive Search to advertise the position and conduct preliminary and final interviews. The Committee announced the selection of John Woodling for the position of Executive Director. The RWA Board, earlier in the day, voted to approve the terms of Mr. Woodling's contract. Mr. Woodling is currently acting chief of the California Department of Water Resources' Division of Planning and Local Assistance. Mr. Woodling will begin work on June 30, 2008. A press release will be distributed later in the day.

M/S/C Mr. Schild moved, with a second by Mr. Rose, to approve the Executive Director Search Committee's recommendation for the new RWA/SGA Executive Director.
Abstain: Mary Harris

5. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Work continues on the 2008 update to the biennial SGA Basin Management Report (BMR). The BMR is expected to be completed later this summer. We have experienced delays in receiving member agency groundwater-related data necessary for completing the report.

Work continues on the Water Accounting Framework (WAF) Phase III effort. Kennedy/Jenks is reviewing the final summary of surveys completed by seven existing groundwater banks in the state. Staff will use these surveys to develop draft policy language for the Model Banking Program element of the WAF.

On April 24, 2008, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board conducted a workshop on aquifer storage and recovery projects. Staff attended the meeting, as some SGA member agencies have expressed a desire to investigate the use of this methodology to recharge portions of the underlying groundwater basin. SGA also provided a comment letter to the Regional Board in advance of the workshop.

On May 6, 2008, staff met with Montgomery Watson Harza (MWH) to begin the initial phase of updating the SGA Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) for 2008. Initial work is to investigate the adequacy of existing GMP objectives. MWH provided a summary of basin management objectives of eight other GMPs from around the SGA area and throughout the state for discussion. Staff will next meet with the GMP Implementation Committee to review and discuss GMP objectives.

On May 21, 2008, the Department of Water Resources released preliminary results of the FY 2008 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program. SGA submitted an application for \$249,930 in December 2007 to investigate the threats to groundwater quality sustainability in the SGA region. SGA scored 100 out of 100 possible points on the application. A summary of scoring of the 122 applications received from throughout the state was included in the packet.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **SGA Board Appointments** – Mr. English reminded members that appointments to the SGA board are coming up for renewal. He requested that appointment letters be sent to SGA from member agencies whose appointing authority is the City of Sacramento. The appointments need to be placed on the City Council agenda in a timely matter to ensure that SGA voting is not affected.
- Mr. English reported that Sacramento Suburban Water District has written a letter to Aerojet proposing that a monitor well be installed to give early warning detection. The NDMA plume is already under the American River and they're looking to measure the aquifer at different levels for early detection. The letter requests that Aerojet pay the associated costs.

7. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Kozlen announced that Dan Lungren visited the Aerojet treatment facility located at Carmichael Water District's Bajamont Water Treatment Plant. Federal money is necessary to pay for the contamination process as the plume needs to be dealt with sooner rather than later, because it continues to expand.

Rob Donlan reported that his office received an order from the multi-district litigation in New York that the SGA has been dismissed from the MTBE litigation, as requested by the SGA Board.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Tobin adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Officer