



Sacramento Groundwater Authority
Managing Groundwater Resources
in Northern Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting
Final Minutes
February 8, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tobin 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

Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District (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
Scott Fort, Golden State Water Company
John Throne, Orange Vale Water Company
Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District
John Perry, Agriculture
Terry Jewell, Self Supplied Industry

Staff Members

Ed Winkler, Rob Donlan (Legal Counsel), Rob Swartz, Nancy Egger, and Cecilia Partridge.

Others in Attendance

Al Dains (Citrus Heights Water District alternate), Stephen Hanson (Sacramento Suburban Water District alternate); Rob Roscoe, Ed Formosa, Keith Wallace, Richard Shatz, Tom Gray, Bob Churchill, Dennis Reid, Aaron Ferguson, Clare Singleton, Jim Crowley, Steve Nugent, Alan Driscoll, Shauna Lorange, Sharon Wilcox, and Judy Colvin.

Ms. Tobin thanked the Board for their vote of confidence by electing her as the new Chair for 2007. She noted that the nature of groundwater management requires that SGA members coordinate and cooperate to be successful. By doing so, we can better utilize the valuable water and storage assets for the benefit of current and future generations. She indicated that the SGA Board, in 2007, should continue to develop policies that promote emerging technologies,

such as aquifer storage and recovery wells; address groundwater contamination issues; adopt an equitable budget; and work with Placer County and entities south of the American River to help manage the basin.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

A motion was made to move the Directors' Comments from agenda item number 9 to agenda item number 8. The closed session item was moved the end of the agenda.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Kozlen moved, with a second by Mr. Sadler, that the agenda be changed to move the closed session to the last item on the agenda.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Minutes of the December 14, 2006 meeting.

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

4. SGA COMMITTEES

Ms. Tobin appointed the following members to SGA Committees for 2007:

2007 SGA Ad Hoc Budget Committee: Andy Soule', California American Water Company; Sandy Kozlen, Carmichael Water District; Chuck Rose, Citrus Heights Water District; Gary Reents, City of Sacramento; Barry Brown, Fair Oaks Water District; Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District and Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District.

2007 GMP Implementation Committee: Andy Soule', California American Water Company; Chuck Rose, Citrus Heights Water District; Gary Reents, City of Sacramento; Barry Brown, Fair Oaks Water District; Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Keith Durkin, San Juan Water District.

2007 Groundwater Contamination Strategy Committee: Steve Nugent, Carmichael Water District (Chair); Mel Johnson, City of Sacramento; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Dee Dillon, Rio Linda Water District; Herb Niederberger, Sacramento County; Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Shauna Lorance, San Juan Water District.

5. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Rob Swartz gave an update on the latest activities in implementing the SGA Groundwater Management Program. In January 2007, water level and temperature information was downloaded from data loggers from eight wells in the SGA monitoring well network.

In February 2007, staff will send requests to member agencies to update their 2005-2006 groundwater-related data for purposes of updating the Data Management System (DMS). Information requested will include monthly groundwater extraction, well status, information on newly constructed wells, water quality and water elevation data. This data will be useful in updating the biennial Basin Management Report in 2008.

Progress continues on the update of the Integrated Groundwater and Surface Water Model (IGSM) for the SGA area. The project has recently entered into its third and final phase. This phase involves calibration of the model and creating a baseline conditions scenario so that future simulations can be run using the model to assess impacts of proposed projects. This phase of the IGSM update is being funded entirely through an AB303 grant for \$249,840 awarded to SGA by the Department of Water Resources in 2004.

Staff has been tracking the recent promulgation of the second round of sampling required by EPA under the Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Requirement (UCMR2). Staff is working with effected member agencies to determine how the DMS can be used to assist in compliance with this program. The estimated impact for agencies that have to comply (over 10,000 customers) is approximately \$4,000 per well. The plan is due May 4, 2007. It was requested that the County Environmental Management Department give a presentation to the Board on well permitting and how we can interface with them at an upcoming Board meeting.

6. WATER ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Progress continues on development of a Water Accounting Framework (Framework). At the December SGA Board meeting, the Board requested that staff continue to work with member agencies to properly reflect conjunctive use operational scenarios that are being developed by agencies within the basin.

Mr. Winkler reported that staff is currently re-drafting the document, taking into account the following key themes: (1) these policies are important and should be well thought out and not rushed; (2) need to be sure that the proposed policies mesh with important conjunctive use arrangements that are in the works between members; (3) need to re-focus the policies on the opportunity side, emphasizing the incentives for members to practice and expand conjunctive use as opposed to a regulatory or punitive approach; and (4) the

Water Accounting Framework needs work prior to finalization. Staff will make modifications, checking with affected members, and will bring back another draft to the Board at its April meeting.

Mr. Rose suggested that staff prepare an overview of the grant dollars received by SGA and how we have improved in making conjunctive use a possibility for the future.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **SGA Financial Report** – A financial status report covering the first six months of the fiscal year was included in the packet. Revenues and expenditures are tracking close to budgeted expectations. Due to an unexpected server crash, expenditures in the area of computer equipment and support are close to exceeding the budgeted projections for this point in the fiscal year, and could likely exceed the budgeted amount by the end of the fiscal year.
- **RWA/SGA Auditor RFP** – Mr. Winkler reported that we have had the same auditor for over five years. Staff has sent out an RFP to ten local firms and will be interviewing for a new audit firm in March. The final decision will be confirmed at the April SGA Board meeting.
- **SGA Objectives Status Report** – Mr. Winkler quickly reviewed the 2007 SGA Adopted Objectives Report. A copy of the report was included in the packet.
- **Response to McClellan proposed Groundwater Remediation Plan** – Mr. Winkler reviewed a letter dated January 2, 2007 written to Joseph Clark of McClellan AFB. The letter was included in the packet. The four main points of the letter included: (1) SGA requested an evaluation of the time estimated to clean up contaminants to a level that meet State Water Quality Objectives; (2) be sure that monitoring for some contaminants would not be discontinued prematurely; (3) funding is subject to annual appropriations; and (4) the need to coordinate with local water purveyors and SGA. He reported that the Air Force's response to the letter was satisfactory.
- **Huell Howser "Sacramento Valley: Working Together Pays Off"** – Mr. Winkler reported that Mr. Howser recently filmed portions of the California Water Series Sacramento Valley segment in our area. RWA, through contributions from some of its members, sponsored this segment entitled "Sacramento Valley, Working Together Pays Off". Mr. Leo Winternitz was interviewed on the American River parkway near Sailor Bar to describe the Water Forum agreement and the various uses of the LAR. As an example of local partnerships and "environmentally friendly" infrastructure, Mr.

Howser conducted interviews at the Roseville ASR well. The segment will air on February 6, 2007 on KVIE.

- **Vineyard Case** – Mr. Niederberger reported on the Vineyard Case brief. The Supreme Court concluded that there was not an adequate representation of the long term water supply and that it failed to adequately address the impact of the Cosumnes River. The Supreme Court remanded the case back to the Appellate Court to recirculate the EIR. Mr. Donlan added that the Court upheld the immediate water supply and that this is a long term water supply issue. He further added that the court established a clear set of rules that require an EIR (1) to establish the likelihood that the build-out water supply will materialize; (2) to analyze the environmental impact of developing the build-out supplies; and (3) to analyze the environmental impact of using the supply.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Schild announced that the Sacramento Suburban Water District has entered into an agreement on a pilot program to deliver up to 500 acre-feet of surface water to the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District.

9. CLOSED SESSION

At 10:14 a.m. the open session portion of the meeting was adjourned to closed session under Government Code section 54956.9(a): The People of the State of California, et al. v. Unocal Corp., et al. (Sacramento Superior Court No. 03AS05452). The closed session meeting was closed and duly reported, and the public meeting was reconvened in open session at 10:35 a.m.; no information was reported.

Adjournment

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Egger, Administrative Services Manager