



SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting
Final Minutes
June 9, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marx 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

Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District (Chair)
Chuck Rose, Citrus Heights Water District
Ken Payne, City of Folsom
Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento
Herb Niederberger, County of Sacramento
Rich Allen, Del Paso Manor Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
Brett Gray, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company
Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
Jack DeWit, Agriculture

Staff Members

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

Others in Attendance

Jim Crowley, Nicole Krotoski, Al Dains, Bob Churchill, Tom Gray, Jon Goetz, Ali Taghavi, Chris Petersen, Frank Bradham, Walter Sadler, Richard Shatz, Alan Driscoll, Debra Sedwick, Mary Henrici, Keith Durkin, Shauna Lorange, Robert Roscoe and Vivien Spicer-Johnson.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting.

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

4. GROUNDWATER DATA POLICY

Mr. Woodling reminded the board that at the April 14, 2011 meeting staff presented a policy regarding the role of SGA in managing and disseminating data on behalf of the SGA member agencies. The Board reviewed the policy and recommended some changes. The revisions were incorporated into the policy that was included in the packet. Recommendations for minor revisions to number 9 to specify “member agency to member agency” will be made to the policy.

M/S/C Mr. Rose moved, with a second by Ms. Tobin, to adopt the SGA Groundwater Data Policy 300.2 with the above noted revisions.
Noes: Mr. Schild

5. ACWA GROUNDWATER FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. Woodling reported that on April 4, 2011 ACWA released “Sustainability from the Ground Up: A Framework for Groundwater Management in California.” SGA staff participated on the review team during document development and SGA was highlighted as a success story of local groundwater management in the document. Mr. Woodling offered that anyone could contact him for information on where to download the document. He said that the ACWA Policy Principles in 2009 addressed the sustainability of California’s groundwater resources and their effort to develop a framework began at that time. The challenges included increasing pressure on California groundwater basins and groundwater management as a key element of the 2009 comprehensive water package. The purpose of the framework is to highlight the many successful locally-driven cases of innovative groundwater management and to provide a policy foundation and recommendations for expanding successful efforts. Mr. Woodling gave an overview of what sustainable management looks like, support for local solutions and a summary of recommendations. The next steps include implementation of a subcommittee, stakeholder outreach and partnerships with other agencies.

ACWA is now moving the Groundwater Framework into the implementation phase. SGA staff will participate on the implementation committee.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Legislative/Regulatory Update - Mr. Woodling reported that the Delta Stewardship Council continues to develop its Delta Plan. RWA has joined with a coalition that

includes ACWA and a number of water suppliers throughout the state to oppose the heavy regulatory approach proposed in early drafts of the plan. The current schedule calls for the Council to determine the content of the Delta Plan by late June. Staff has also been working with the administration and a coalition of upstream agencies to ensure that our region is well represented in the ongoing Bay-Delta Conservation Plan process.

SB 263 (Pavley) passed in the Senate. This bill would remove the confidentiality of well completion reports. The bill has been amended from its original form removing the opportunity for owners of existing wells to maintain the confidentiality, and restricting the ability of Department of Public Health to limit release of well location information.

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update - Mr. Woodling said that RWA staff has conducted a number of meetings with stakeholders to develop objectives to be incorporated into the update of the integrated regional water management plan for the lower American and Cosumnes River basins. Meeting topics have included objectives for water supply, agricultural water use, watershed management, flood protection and floodplain management, and climate change. A full stakeholder forum public meeting is scheduled for June 21. The IRWM update is being conducted with funding support from a DWR planning grant and from Reclamation.

The region's proposal for an implementation grant from Proposition 84 funds was preliminarily recommended by DWR to receive \$16 million to fund 15 projects, several of which will expand the region's capacity to practice conjunctive use.

California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Update - In order to meet its 90-day statutory deadline to notify potential monitoring entities, DWR provided an update to agencies indicating that the review process was still ongoing to approve monitoring entities. DWR has updated its website to accept monitoring plans, however it has not yet notified SGA or other agencies that they are approved to conduct the monitoring required under SBX7 6. SGA staff will continue to develop a monitoring plan to submit to DWR when we are notified of its approval. SGA staff has been coordinating with staff representing Placer County and the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority on submitting consistent monitoring plans.

7. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Rose thanked everyone who has been assisting the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District in their efforts to continue to serve the public.

Mr. Schild mentioned that Dan Klaff, chief executive officer with ACWA JPIA, is retiring in October.

Mr. DeWitt thanked the board for their kind words towards agriculture and added that they try to do their part to help conserve water.

Mr. Roscoe thanked staff for its successful application in obtaining a grant through Proposition 84.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Marx adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Officer