



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Allen 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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water  
John Wallace, Carmichael Water District  
Al Dains, Citrus Heights Water District  
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom  
Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento  
Rich Allen, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District  
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company  
Craig Davis, Orange Vale Water Company  
Paul Green, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District  
Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District

Staff Members

John Woodling, Rob Swartz, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Chris Sanders, legal counsel.

Others in Attendance

Mike O'Hagan, Steve Nugent, Hugh Klein, Hilary Strauss, David Gordon, Brian Hensley, Charles Duncan, Abigail Madrone, Ralph Felix, Sharon Wilcox, Joe Duran, Bob Churchill, Tom Gray, Bob Kunz, Jafar Faghieh, Shauna Lorange, Chris Petersen and Rob Roscoe.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Peifer, that the August 11, 2016 SGA Board minutes be approved. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

#### **4. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services, provided an update on groundwater management program activities, including updated groundwater elevation monitoring and an overview of the draft SGA Basin Management Report. Staff continues to monitor monthly water elevations for a variety of wells in the region. Conditions are currently favorable in the basin with the water elevations beginning to recover because water use is going down. Mr. Swartz gave an overview of the documentation and reports requested by DWR to be included in the basin management report that covers 2013 through 2015 describing in general the hydrology experienced over the past 3 years in terms of climate. Evaluation of basin management objectives are based on water use and what groundwater elevations are doing over that period, groundwater storage changes and groundwater quality. Groundwater extraction for the preceding year shall be presented in a table that summarizes groundwater extraction by water use sector, identifies the method and accuracy of measurement in a map that illustrates the general location and volume of groundwater extractions. The level of detail DWR is looking for is uncertain. Staff continues to evaluate well information to determine surface water compared to groundwater use, groundwater elevations, changes in groundwater storage and groundwater quality. The basin management objectives include maintaining groundwater elevations in the SGA area providing sustainable use of the groundwater basin, protecting against adverse impacts to surface water or groundwater, maintaining groundwater levels to prevent inelastic land surface subsidence and maintaining or improving groundwater quality in the SGA to ensure sustainable use of the groundwater basin.

#### **5. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2017 SGA OFFICERS**

The SGA Board elects a chairperson and vice-chair annually at its December meeting. Vice Chair Allen will act as chair of the 2017 SGA officer nomination committee with Neil Schild, Paul Schubert and Paul Green participating on the committee.

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

**Government Affairs Update** – The two-year legislative session ended in August, and the deadline for the Governor to sign or veto legislation ended September 30, 2016. No groundwater specific bills passed the Legislature in 2016, but a number of bills will have implications for water providers. A summary of the high priority bills being tracked by RWA throughout the session was included in the packet. Mr. Woodling summarized some bills of interest to water agencies including SB 814 which creates a requirement that an agency have programs in place to address

excessive water users in a drought; SB 1398 which requires water agencies to identify any lead services lines they have in their system and determine a time line to remove the lines. This bill will now allow for flexibility to monitor and determine if there is lead in the water from the pipes and if none is present an unknown pipe can be replaced on a normal rotation. A half day tour is planned for November for staff from the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee that oversees the drinking water regulations and programs. The tour is designed for the committee to better understand water treatment. The tour will provide an opportunity to discuss issues like the challenges of hexavalent chromium treatment and the challenges of putting treatment on groundwater wells.

**b. SGMA Implementation** – SGA staff will meet in October with other entities within the North American Subbasin to begin discussion of the scope of work and potential costs of developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the subbasin. The Plan must be developed by 2022. Groundwater interests in Placer and Sutter Counties continue to work toward developing Groundwater Sustainability Agencies for the areas of the North American Subbasin outside SGA's area.

DWR continues to develop Best Management Practices for SGMA implementation which are required by the Act to be completed by January 1, 2017. DWR plans to release BMPs in phases, with the highest priority issues developed first. DWR will hold public meetings in the Fall, followed by release of a draft for review by the public. Specific dates are not yet available.

**c. PF-8 Finding** – in August, the SGA Board directed staff to prepare a letter to the Sacramento County Planning Department with the finding that the Water Supply Plan to serve the Elverta Specific Plan area was subject to and consistent with the SGA Groundwater Management Program. The County Board of Supervisors subsequently acted to approve compliance with condition PF-8 on September 27, 2016.

**d. Financial Documents** – The financial reports for the period ending September 30, 2016 were included in the packet.

## **7. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Ms. Tobin reported that San Juan Water District is in an election with two seats open and three people running. Their district is taking applications for a new general manager.

Mr. Schubert said that they just received the decision on Sutter Point. Golden State will be the water provider for that development.

Mr. Schild said that SSWD is working on a 2017 budget and working on the cost of surplus water.

Mr. Wallace announced that Carmichael Water District has scheduled an American River Pipeline Dedication for Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Green said that Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District has an election scheduled with no challengers. Mary Henrici became a board member at the last board meeting.

Mr. Marx said that Fair Oaks Water District has three unopposed openings.

Mr. Woodling clarified a question on the Net Income (Loss) of Program line item on page two of the Income Statement. The negative number on that line represents a portion of the OPEB payment that was included in the budget but remains to be paid.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Vice-Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Manager