



1. CALL TO ORDER

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

John Wallace, Carmichael Water District
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Noelle Mattock, City of Sacramento
Darrell Eck, County of Sacramento
Rich Allen, Del Paso Manor Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
Brett Gray, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company
Craig Davis, Orange Vale Water Company
Paul Green, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
Jack De Wit, Agriculture

Staff Members

John Woodling, Rob Swartz, Adam W. Robin, Nancy Marrier, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Chris Sanders, legal counsel.

Others in Attendance

Robert Matteoli, Hilary Straus, Rob Roscoe, Keith Durkin, Roger Kohme, Christine Kohn, Al Dains, Richard Shatz, Kristen Pringle, Brian Hensley, Ali Taghavi, Steve Nugent, Alan Driscoll, Greg Zlotnick, Paul Helliker, Abigail Madrone and Charles Duncan.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. The minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Yasutake, to approve the December 8, 2016 SGA Board minutes. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

- b. Resolution 2017-01 Nominating Director Kathleen J. Tiegs to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee

(M/S/C) Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Eck, to approve Resolution 2017-01 Nominating Director Kathleen J. Tiegs to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

4. APPOINT A BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017- 2018

Staff is beginning preparation of the 2017-18 SGA budget. The Chair generally appoints a budget subcommittee to provide feedback in preparing a draft budget for consideration by the full board.

Chair Peifer appointed Paul Schubert, Pam Tobin, Noelle Mattock, Caryl Sheehan and Darrell Eck to the SGA Budget Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018.

5. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE

John Woodling, Executive Director, gave a presentation on the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and on the efforts to form as many as four additional GSAs in the Sutter and Placer County portions of the subbasin. SGA remains the only Groundwater Sustainability Agency that has been formed within the North American Subbasin.

Staff has met with other entities involved in groundwater management in the North American Subbasin to discuss the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). There is broad support for preparing a single GSP for the subbasin. The Department of Water Resources has indicated that the application process for grant funding from Proposition 1 to support Sustainable Groundwater Management will occur later in 2017. It is important that we identify a scope of work for our North American Subbasin GSP over the next few months.

The West Placer Groundwater Group is planning to submit to the state its intent to become the GSA for Placer County. South Sutter Water District is planning to declare their district to be a GSA and the remaining part of Sutter County is planning to go to the Board of Supervisors and become the GSA.

Proposition 1 t provided \$100 million for sustainable groundwater management. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) awarded \$7 million to counties in the first round of grant funding. In the fall of 2017 there will be approximately \$83 million remaining to be awarded in one round. We need to begin preparations so SGA can respond to the grant opportunity in 2017 and complete our plan by January 31, 2022. In the short term, the GSP timeline includes selecting a consultant to prepare the scope of work for GSP development, developing a scope of work prior to April 30, 2017, developing cost sharing agreements, commenting on the draft grant guidelines in early summer 2017 and developing and submitting a grant application in late summer or early fall 2017. The GSP timeline in the longer term includes

soliciting consultants to prepare a GSP in late 2017, data compilation and gap identification, hydrologic model development, developing measurable objectives, identifying management action in 2019, developing long term management agreements in 2019 or early 2020, completing a draft GSP in 2020, maintaining public outreach throughout the timeline and submitting the GSP to DWR in late 2020 or early 2021.

In response to a requirement of the SGMA, DWR has released the draft report entitled *Water Available for Replenishment*. Staff provided input on the development of the draft report, and will review the report and provide comments by the March 10, 2017 deadline. The draft report includes DWR's best estimate of average annual water available for replenishment by hydrologic region and planning area.

6. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services, provided an update on recent activities under the SGA groundwater management program. Staff monitors a set of wells on a monthly basis to provide current information and data to determine how the groundwater basin has responded compared to last year's use in the wet period. As of 2016 we saw water elevations higher than in 2015. The winter levels are above where we would expect for this time of year. The two monitoring wells on the river, one near SSWD's Enterprise facility and the other at the sheriff's training facility, indicate that in general the water levels are pretty static along the river. The wells are monitoring the groundwater basin immediately off of the American River. In the past couple of months the elevation of the water at the locations has increased.

Christine Kohn gave a preview of the new RWA website demonstrating how to use it as a tool to provide information about groundwater and how it is managed. She gave highlights of the test website and how easy it is to use to explore with a combination of promotional tabs. The website has the basin management report in easy to read and understandable language. The basin conditions, regional groundwater use, groundwater quality information, and maps and charts are available with the new website features.

Monica Garcia demonstrated how information on the monitoring is accessed. On the website, when you click on a monitoring well the hydrograph will come up. This feature will be updated on a monthly basis.

Ms. Kohn said that the next steps for the website would be to do a final review, look at the images and make final changes before the website is launched.

It was suggested that a pump station or a picture with a connection to groundwater be the feature picture on the website and that groundwater basics also should be added to educate the public.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Water Efficiency Update – In 2016, the region saved 25% compared to 2013 or approximately 41.6 billion gallons. The December 2016 savings were 24%

compared to December 2013. The most current state savings information available is cumulative savings from June 2015 through November 2016 at 23% (658 billion gallons) compared to our regional savings of 28% (77 billion gallons) during the same timeframe.

Drought Update – Although we’ve seen significant changes in hydrology in the 2016-17 water year so far, the State of California remains in a statewide drought emergency under the Governor’s Executive Order B-37-16. The State Water Resources Control Board is set to act to potentially extend emergency water conservation regulations on February 8, 2017.

SGA Outreach – Mr. Woodling continues to act as Chair of the ACWA Groundwater Committee. They will meet on February 15, 2017. Mr. Woodling will also be a panelist at the ACWA Legislative Briefing on March 8, 2017. Mr. Woodling has been invited to serve on the newly formed advisory committee for the Maven’s Notebook water news service. Mr. Swartz has been invited to speak at a conference hosted by the Seminar Group on March 1, 2017 on the impacts of SGMA on regional water supply planning.

8. DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

Ms. Tobin reported that the new San Juan Water District General Manager, Paul Helliker, will begin his new position on March 6, 2017.

Mr. De Wit commented that it was good to be attending the SGA meeting. He said that the five feet of water over his farm is not a problem now but could be a problem in the spring.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Manager