



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

Mark Emmerson, Carmichael Water District
Al Dains, 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
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
Brett Gray, Natomas Central Mutual
John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company
Paul Green, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
Jack DeWit, Agriculture
Rink Sanford, Self-Supplied Industry

Staff Members

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

Others in Attendance

Jafar Faghih, Jillian Brown, Karl Brustad, Tom Gray, Sharon Wilcox, Joe Duran, Debra Sedwick, Hilary Straus, David Gordon, Guadalupe Rivera, Shauna Lorance, Mitch Dion, Kevin Thomas, Roger Kohne, Greg Zlotnick, Dave Joes, Rob Roscoe, Kelye McKinney and Charles Duncan.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. The minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Schubert, to approve the August 10, 2017 SGA Board minutes. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

4. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE

Mr. Woodling, Executive Director, reported to the Board on a meeting that he chaired of DWR's SGMA Practitioner Advisory Panel on October 11. DWR has convened this panel to provide input on all aspects of its implementation of SGMA. DWR continues to develop tools and guidance through implementation of SGMA. DWR has been helpful in briefing the ACWA Groundwater Committee and receiving feedback, providing direction to some of the new areas that are just beginning the SGMA Groundwater management process, giving agencies an indication of what they need to do and what DWR wants to see, while still providing flexibility for areas like ours that have done a lot of work implementing SGMA. DWR is currently working on best management practices on what they call the sustainable management criteria including sea water intrusion, stream depletion, basin overdraft and chronic overdraft, depletion of storage in the groundwater basin, land subsidence, and migration of degraded water quality.

There is work being done on developing data sets and work on a statewide level, including the resurvey of the subsidence network in the Sacramento Valley. DWR has begun providing solicitation services under contract and will be rolling out a technical system program. Recently DWR released a new web-based portal of California land use data. The Land Use Viewer includes 30 years of land use data on a map-based interface.

The North American Subbasin has come together and identified who is taking responsible authority for the areas in the basin.

Ms. McKinney said that City of Roseville is part of the West Placer Groundwater Sustainability Agency. They have formed their GSA and have been actively managing portions of the West Placer basin for over 10 years.

5. DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK TO DEVELOP GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR NORTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN

Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services, gave an update and presentation. The five GSAs in the North American Subbasin continue working on a scope for a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the North American Subbasin. The basin is covered by four other Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in addition to SGA. These include Western Placer (Roseville, Lincoln, Placer County, Placer County Water Agency, Nevada Irrigation District and California American Water); South Sutter Water District; Reclamation District 1001 (in coordination with Pleasant Grove-Verona Mutual Water Company; and Sutter County (in coordination with Natomas Central Mutual Water Company).

In March 2017, the five GSAs agreed to secure consulting support through GEI Consultants to identify a comprehensive scope of work and budget needed to prepare a single GSP for the subbasin. In September 2017, the California Department of Water Resources released an application for the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program. The maximum grant allowable for the basin is \$1 million, with a minimum local cost share of 50%. Applications are due by November 13, 2017.

Based on the work completed previously by GEI, input from each of the GSAs, and requirements of the grant, a draft scope of work consisting of 7 primary tasks and a total budget of \$1.85 million was developed.

We intend to seek an estimated \$905,000 from the grant and provide an estimated \$945,000 in local cost share. Of the \$945,000 local share, an estimated \$150,000 is through in-kind contributions (staff time of the participating GSAs) leaving a direct funding match of \$795,000. Of the \$795,000, \$70,000 has already been funded through the participating GSAs leaving a funding need of \$725,000 to match the grant award. The GSAs will all contribute to this unmet funding need. The GSAs agreed to use the percent area covered by each GSA within the North American Subbasin as an equitable formula for their proposed contributions. These will likely change only slightly as final budget numbers are refined during the application development.

All of the GSAs agreed to have SGA serve as the lead applicant and administrator of the grant if funds are received. Letters from representatives of each of the GSAs confirming their commitment to their local share and to enter into an agreement with SGA prior to receiving a grant funding agreement were enclosed in the packet.

Mr. Swartz provided a handout of the potential grant project scope of work and budget for the North American Subbasin that detailed the activities, description, total project cost, state grant funded and local share match. He described each task and associated costs and provided information on the proposed nested monitoring wells, proposed shallow monitoring wells, proposed groundwater quality sampling locations and surface water gaging locations. The activities include project management, identifying data gaps and needed tools, addressing data gaps, addressing tools gaps, GSP development, public notification and communications and GSA coordination. Staff is proposing to do background water quality water sampling at the accessible existing monitoring wells and proposed new monitoring wells.

Mr. Woodling said that in addition to stream depletion results, we now have a requirement to look at groundwater dependent ecosystems. We will be looking at the potential identified groundwater dependent ecosystems relative to groundwater to clarify if they really are groundwater dependent. At each potential location, staff will do an appropriate level of evaluation and monitoring to the potential concern.

As part of the application, the applicant is required to provide a resolution from its governing body. Staff requested that the Board consider adoption of SGA Resolution 2017-4.

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Eck, to approve SGA Resolution 2017-04 authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application and execute a funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant Program. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

6. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Rob Swartz reported that staff will be performing semi-annual monitoring on October 13th. A report will be given at the next SGA meeting with respect to groundwater elevations. The basin is looking good this year compared to the past couple of years.

7. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2018 SGA OFFICERS

Chair Allen appointed Paul Schubert and Neil Schild to the nominations Committee for 2018 SGA Officers. Chair Allen will serve as chair of the committee.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislative Update – Mr. Woodling introduced Adam W. Robin to the SGA Board as the RWA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Program Manager. Mr. Robin worked tirelessly with the legislature this year on bills that were of interest to member agencies. On the groundwater side the most significant bill that passed was SB 252 sponsored by Senator Dodd that would require cities and counties to impose more stringent requirements for water well permits in critically over-drafted basins. It does not apply to Sacramento County groundwater basins.

SGA Outreach – Mr. Woodling will attend the National Water Resources Association Groundwater Task Force meeting on October 24, 2017, representing SGA and ACWA. The task force focuses on issues related to federal involvement (including in the courts) on state groundwater issues. Mr. Swartz presented to a Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRAC) conference on stream depletion in Sacramento on August 29, 2017. The conference is one in a series intended to inform local agencies on issues to be addressed under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014.

Social Security Coverage Approved for SGA – A letter extending social security coverage to all eligible employees was included in the packet.

Financial Documents – The financial reports for the period ending September 31, 2017 were included in the packet.

Mr. Woodling reminded members that the 2017 RWA/SGA Seventeenth Annual Holiday Social is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th at North Ridge Country Club. The invitation will be mailed the end of October.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Green said that he has an upcoming meeting of the ACWA JPIA property committee next week.

Mr. Schubert reported that Golden State Water has drilled a new well at their Trussel site with a very high production capacity.

Ms. Tobin, representing RWA and SGA at ACWA JPIA, reported that there are some program enhancements to the liability program, which renews October 1st. Marty Hanneman is the new San Juan Water District Board Member. Ms. Tobin is the Chair for the ACWA Region 4 Board for the 2018-2019 term. Three of the seven Region 4 board seats are RWA or SGA board members.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Manager