



1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Foster 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
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Noelle Mattock, City of Sacramento
Darrell Eck, County of Sacramento
Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company
Paul Green, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
Mike DeWit, Agriculture

Staff Members

Rob Swartz, Nancy Marrier, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Chris Sanders, legal counsel

Others in Attendance

Kelye McKinney, Debra Sedwick, Richard Shatz, Ali Taghavi, Jim Blanke, David Gordon, Hilary Straus, Andrew MacDonald, David Zuber, Kristene Tidwell, Greg Zlotnick, Tom Gray, Joe Duran and Linda Dorn.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Eck, to approve the April 12, 2018 SGA Board minutes. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

4. PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES

A Request for Proposals for Professional Auditing Services was mailed to 14 firms on February 6, 2018. The due date for proposals was March 9, 2018. Proposals were received from the following nine firms: Badawi & Associates; Crowe Horwath; Davis Farr LLP; Fechter & Company; Gilbert Associates; Lance Soll & Lunghard; Mann, Urrutia, Nelson CPA & Associates; Maze & Associates and Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company. Staff screened the proposals and identified four firms to interview.

The selection committee included Susan Sohal, Administrative Services Manager, Citrus Heights Water District; John Woodling, RWA Executive Director; Nancy Marrier, RWA Finance & Administrative Services Manager and Nicole Krotoski, CPA. Four firms attended the interviews and were scored on three criteria: (1) knowledge/experience; (2) ability to meet the needs of RWA/SGA; and (3) project cost. Of the four firms interviewed Gilbert Associates ranked highest.

The selection committee recommended that Gilbert Associates be retained to provide professional auditing services for a five year term. The amount that SGA budgeted for the FY 2018 audit was \$32,000.

M/S/C Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Schubert, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a five-year contract with Gilbert Associates to provide for professional auditing services with a contract provision requiring annual approval by the SGA Board. The contract should include a not-to-exceed amount of \$26,900 for the FY 2018 audit. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

5. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services, provided an update on items relevant to the SGA groundwater management program and an overview of the consulting work for the Groundwater sustainability Plan (GSP) for the North American Subbasin (NASb). Staff will be working with GEI Consultants as the lead consultant on GSP development and related support services and Woodard & Curran for modeling support services.

Mr. Swartz summarized the tasks included in the proposal to the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The project will include filling data gaps including groundwater level data and water quality data, primarily in the Sutter County area. There is a need for development of a regional data base and a regional groundwater model. Staff identified a need to construct monitoring wells. One of the largest single cost items that we will be taking on is two nested deep monitoring wells that will allow us to look at different zones in the aquifer. Shallow monitoring wells will be installed along the Bear and Feather rivers. GEI will request bids from contractors for specific work to provide costs before the work gets authorized. Staff has a good estimate of the cost of installing transducers on wells. Staff put a budget estimate together with a firm that has done sampling for SGA to gather water quality data. There are additional flow monitoring devices that will be installed on surface water systems in Sutter County to obtain further data.

Task 5 is for GSP development and preparation. GEI has experience in the preparation of GWMPs as they prepared the GWMP for Placer County and Sutter County as well as some of the overdrafted areas in the San Joaquin Valley that have to prepare their GSPs in an earlier timeframe in 2020.

The last two tasks include public notification and communications. These tasks will consist of in-kind time and coordination meetings with the GSA partners, and in-kind contributions for inter-basin coordination.

Jim Blanke from Woodard & Curran gave an overview of the team for the GSP modeling process and provided information on the current modeling application, which is currently referred to as the Sacramento Integrated Water Resources Model (SaciWRM). The model update will incorporate recent local data from local agency records, recent studies, the Sacramento Regional model and state and other data. Project tasks include developing a model on the DWR IWFM-2015 platform, calibrating a model with the latest observed records, developing baseline and future conditions, conducting water management scenarios, conducting model stakeholder outreach with eight workshops, preparing a model report, and model project management and coordination. The project tasks will be accomplished between July 2018 and June 2020. Mr. Blanke identified the project budget for each task.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislative Update – AB 2649 (Arambula) has been amended and will be considered by RWA as well as ACWA's State Legislative Committee. The bill would remove an obstacle to the use of surface water for groundwater recharge by removing a limitation on the duration of storage before the water must be put to a beneficial use.

SGA Outreach – Mr. Swartz, as the program manager for groundwater sustainability plan development for the North American Subbasin briefed the other groundwater sustainability agencies (and partners) in the basin, including the Pleasant Grove-Verona Mutual Water Company on March 26, 2018 and Reclamation District 1001 on April 25, 2018. Mr. Swartz spoke to NCWA's 2018 Northern California Water Leaders Course on May 24, 2018.

Mr. Woodling has agreed to represent ACWA Region 4 on the selection panel for ACWA's next executive director. Mr. Woodling has agreed to serve on the advisory committee for the Groundwater Exchange, a web-based product of the Environmental Defense Fund in conjunction with Chris Austin of Maven's Notebook and the California Water Library. The Exchange seeks to bring together the broad universe of information and documents that will support SGMA implementation. The first meeting was held on May 14, 2018. Mr. Woodling was a speaker at the Groundwater Resources Association's GSA Summit on June 6, 2018 and will present at *An Uncommon Dialogue* on managing groundwater quality under SGMA hosted by Stanford University's Water in the West Program on June 11, 2018. Mr. Woodling participated as a member of GRA's Contemporary Groundwater Issues Committee on May 24, 2018.

7. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Wallace said this was the last SGA meeting he will attend. When approved, Mr. Leidy will be the new SGA representative for Carmichael Water District.

Ms. Sheehan asked what the Environmental Defense Fund is in connection with Maven's Notebook and the California Water Library. Mr. Yasutake explained that Maven's Notebook is an information sharing service website that anyone can access. Ms. Austin posts information of interest to the water community as it occurs with updates on water related news throughout the state of California. She also shares links to relevant news articles.

Ms. Tobin thanked Mr. Wallace for his service as a SGA representative and wished him good luck with his move to Kentucky.

Mr. Yasutake congratulated Mr. Wallace on his move to Kentucky.

Chair Foster thanked Mr. Wallace for his many years of service to the water community as a SGA representative from Carmichael Water District and his previous time with the Water Forum.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Manager