



## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Foster called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:00 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  
George "Roy" Leidy, Carmichael Water District  
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District  
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom  
Noelle Mattock, City of Sacramento  
Linda Dorn, County of Sacramento  
Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company  
Brett Gray, Natomas Central Mutual Company  
John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company  
Paul Green, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District  
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District

### Staff Members

John Woodling, Rob Swartz, Nancy Marrier, Cecilia Partridge and Chris Sanders, legal counsel

### Others in Attendance

Alan Driscoll, Debra Sedwick, Roger Kohne, Greg Zlotnick, Dave Jones Dan York, Alan Vail, Richard Shatz, Tom Gray, David Wheaton, Al Dains, Hilary Strauss, Chelsea Spier, Kristene Tidwell, Joe Duran, Ron Greenwood, Jim Graydon and N.C. Doyel.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The minutes of the August 9, 2018 meeting

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Schubert, to approve the August 9, 2018 SGA Board minutes. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

#### **4. CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY POLICY 400.5**

John Woodling, Executive Director, said that SGA has been following the same guidelines as RWA for check signing where the Manager of Technical Services and the Finance Manager could sign checks in the absence of the Executive Director. Policy 400.5 "Check Signing Authority Policy" addresses the procedures to be followed with regards to signing checks for SGA.

It was noted on page two of the Check Signing Authority Policy under paragraph F, line 5 a common should be added after "Executive Director". It was also noted that there were two paragraphs noted as E.

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Ms. Tobin, to approve the Check Signing Authority Policy 400.5 with the suggested changes. 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 activities relevant to the groundwater management program including groundwater elevations in the basin, groundwater substitution transfers occurring in the basin this year and some highlights on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). There were four different surface water rights that were being transferred from San Juan Water District, Carmichael Water District and the City of Sacramento that were working with a total of five agencies extracting groundwater to make surface water available for the groundwater substitution transfer. The final results are that just over 10,000 acre feet of water were made available for transfer. Typically those five agencies would extract about 7,000 acre feet during the actual transfer time where they extracted a little over 17,000 acre feet. Staff will continue monitoring monthly until water levels recover to their pre-transfer elevations.

#### **6. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE**

John Woodling reported that staff continues to track all aspects of the regulatory implementation of SGMA. DWR recently conducted a survey to determine the need for and the scope of a guidance document relating to the coverage of water quality by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies\_ (GSAs) under SGMA. DWR plans to release the final basin priority modification in November 2018. This is not expected to affect the North American Subbasin, which will remain a high-priority subbasin. Proposition 68, which passed on the June ballot will have approximately \$50 million to support the development of groundwater sustainability plans (GSP) and \$100 million for implementation projects for sustainable groundwater management. The priorities will be for GSAs that did not receive prior funding for a GSP and for critically over-drafted basins respectively. Proposition 3 on the November ballot has approximately \$500 million in additional funding. The results of alternative plans that were submitted to DWR should be coming out and should not affect SGA, but they may affect Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA).

Mr. Swartz said that the required initial notification to begin preparation of a GSP was filed with the state. A new website has been created for stakeholders to participate, at [www.nasbgroundwater.org](http://www.nasbgroundwater.org) where they can enter their contact information to be notified as the process progresses. The map on the website will give information on who to contact in a particular area. Staff is close to getting a grant contract with DWR that is expected to be executed soon.

## **7. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2019 SGA OFFICERS**

The SGA Board elects a chairperson and vice-chair annually at its December meeting. Chair Foster appointed Paul Schubert and Marcus Yasutake to serve on the 2019 SGA officers nominating committee. Chair Foster will act as the committee chair.

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

Mr. Woodling reported that he was engaged in the search for the new ACWA Executive Director. Dave Eggerton, formerly with El Dorado Irrigation District, will be coming on board as the Executive Director for ACWA November 1<sup>st</sup>.

There are several groundwater programs on the ACWA conference agenda in November. Mr. Woodling will be speaking on one program related to groundwater recharge and some of the work that has been done by the State Board to figure out how they can expedite permits for surface water use for groundwater recharge.

Mr. Woodling reminded everyone that this year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SGA. An anniversary celebration is scheduled at the North Ridge Country Club at 11:30 p.m. today. The joint powers agreement and the source of the authorities come from the four signatories of the JPA: the cities of Sacramento, Citrus Heights, and Folsom and the County of Sacramento. The signatories have never had to use their power, and it is a testament to good groundwater management and good government at the lowest level to get things accomplished.

## **9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Gray, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, congratulated SGA on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Ms. Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District, said that Al Dains will be stepping off of their board at the end of the year. She acknowledged his many contributions and experience to Citrus Heights Water District and with Fair Oaks Water District. Dave Wheaton will be the SGA alternate representative replacing Mr. Dains. It was noted that Mr. Dains has been with SGA for the entire 20 years.

Mr. Leidy, Carmichael Water District, reported that Mr. Wallace is retiring. There will be a reception to recognize his service.

Ms. Tobin congratulated SGA on 20 years as an organization.

Ms. Mattock congratulated SGA on their 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and she sees many good things in the future for SGA.

Mr. Yasutake, City of Folsom, thanked Mr. Woodling for his presentation to their city council on the SGA and recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Chair Foster said that California American Water is pleased to be a member of SGA.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Manager