



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
George "Roy" Leidy, Carmichael Water District
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Noelle Mattock, City of Sacramento
Darrel Eck, County of Sacramento
Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
Mike DeWit, Agriculture

Staff Members

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

Others in Attendance

Peggy Vande Vooren, Nick Lubarsley, Jose Ramirez, Chelsea Spier, Richard Shatz, Trevor Joseph, Alan Vail, Dan York, Doug Carlson, David Gordon, Hilary Straus, Greg Zlotnick, N. C. Doyel, and Joe Duran

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Carlson, communication consultant, thanked SGA members for their participation in his media trainings. He congratulated Mr. Woodling on his receipt of the Emissary Award at ACWA. He has added crisis communications as another focus to his consulting business.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Schubert, to approve the October 18, 2018 SGA Board minutes. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

4. 2018 AUDIT REPORT

Peggy Vande Vooren, with the firm of Gilbert Associates, Inc., reported that they have completed the financial audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018. The full audit report with an Executive Summary was included in the packet.

Given that this was the first year to audit RWA, Gilbert performed the audit in two phases with an interim visit in July and the year-end visit in October. This was the first year the GASB 75 standard was implemented. Some of the financial documents were trimmed down from previous years. Ms. Vande Vooren gave an overview of the audit including required communications to the board, the audit report, statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, statement of cash flows, notes to the financial statements, required supplementary information, and other independent auditor's report. She also noted a schedule of changes in the OPEB Liability.

The audit opinion was a clean, unmodified opinion with no deficiencies found and no audit adjustments.

Chair Foster commended staff for the clean report with the new auditing firm.

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Ms. Tobin, to accept the 2018 Financial Audit Report. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

5. ELECTION OF 2019 SGA OFFICERS

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Yasutake, to elect Pam Tobin as 2019 SGA Chair. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

M/S/C Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. DeWit, to elect Caryl Sheehan as 2019 SGA Vice Chair. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

6. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE

John Woodling gave an update on developments related to the State's implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). He recognized Trevor Joseph, formerly with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), thanking him for his work on the implementation of SGMA. DWR is completing a review of alternative groundwater sustainability plans that affect the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority, which submitted an alternative. DWR is working on basin priority changes, with SGA remaining a high priority basin. DWR came out with recommendations that included approval or disapproval of basin boundary changes.

7. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services, presented the results of the 2018 groundwater substitution transfer, a groundwater level monitoring update, and progress of the sustainable groundwater management. Mr. Swartz explained that a groundwater substitution transfer involves using groundwater locally and freeing up a surface water right for transfer. The agencies involved in the transfer included San Juan Water District, Carmichael Water District, Fair Oaks Water District, City of Sacramento, Citrus Heights Water District and Sacramento Suburban Water District. He showed the impacts of concentrated pumping in a certain period of time from the wells. DWR looks at how much water is pumped and how much was historically pumped. Credit is only given for the amount pumped over the historical baseline pumping. He showed the groundwater level response from pumping and subsequent recovery in several monitored wells.

SGA is making progress with Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requirements, with an executed funding agreement with DWR effective November 9, 2018. The website www.nasbgroundwater.org went live on November 12, 2018 and offers stakeholders the ability to click on a GSA that opens up a form to allow stakeholders to add their information as an interested party. A final memorandum of agreement was completed with GSA partners on December 4, 2018 and is in the process of being signed by GSAs. Staff is moving forward with the technical work. Richard Shatz was introduced as the lead consultant assisting in the SGMA effort for the North American Subbasin (NASb).

Four new shallow dedicated monitoring wells are needed on the Bear River and Feather River to better understand the relationship between the surface water and groundwater systems. The well locations have been selected, plans and specifications have been prepared, CEQA has been completed and filed and encroachment permits obtained. Transducers will be installed adjacent to rivers where gauges are located to measure groundwater gradients. Transducers have been purchased and installed at existing locations.

Deep nested monitoring wells will be completed at two central locations in the NASb. Initial plans and specifications have been prepared and a CEQA project description has been prepared for those wells. After Placer County and City of Roseville file their CEQA notifications and DWR approval is received, the wells will be constructed.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ryan Ojakian is new the RWA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager. Last year, groundwater legislation revolved around the ability to use surface water for groundwater recharge. Staff has been working with ACWA and the State Water Board to push them to a more liberal interpretation of the ability to recharge water and use it in the groundwater basin for purposes such as improving water quality or mitigating subsidence.

At the 2018 Holiday Social, Pam Tobin was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for her service to both RWA and SGA.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. DeWit wished everyone Happy Holidays and hopes for rain in the near future.

Ms. Mattock said that this will be her last meeting representing the City of Sacramento. She will be with the City of Roseville effective January 9th.

Mr. Marx announced Fair Oaks Water District has a new board member Mike Carey.

Ms. Tobin gave an update on ACWA Region 4. She congratulated Mr. Woodling on receiving the Emissary Award at the ACWA Fall Conference. This is the second time someone from Region 4 was the recipient of the award. The JPIA is preparing proposals for a dedicated insurance company who would represent a larger pool, which will keep the insurance premiums lower. She has suggested that ACWA compile employee salary and benefit information from all agencies that would be a resource accessible by all agencies when they prepare their compensation surveys.

Mr. Yasutake reported that Kerri Howell has been voted Mayor of City of Folsom with Sarah Aquino as Vice Mayor. Mike Kozlowski and Sarah Aquino are two new councilmembers for the City of Folsom.

Mr. Schubert thanked Mr. Foster for serving as 2018 SGA chair and Ms. Tobin and Ms. Sheehan for accepting the nominations to serve as 2019 SGA chair and vice chair.

Mr. Foster reported that California American Water is having evidentiary hearings with the California Public Utilities Commission concerning the proposed acquisition

of Fruitridge Vista Water Company. They continue to wait on a decision for their proposed rate case.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Manager