



1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tobin 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

Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Darrel Eck, County of Sacramento
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company
Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Dave Jones, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
Mike DeWit, Agriculture
Rink Sanford, Self-Supplied Industry

Staff Members

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

Others in Attendance

Chelsea Spier, Kristene Tidwell, David Zuber, Steve Nugent, Dan York, Alan Driscoll, Joe Duran, Hilary Straus, Greg Zlotnick, and Trevor Joseph

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Peifer, to approve the December 13, 2018 Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) Board minutes. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT PROCESS

John Woodling, Executive Director, gave an overview of the recruitment process. Under the Administrative and Management Services Agreement between the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and SGA, RWA has the responsibility to recruit and hire staff. The RWA Executive Committee formally began the recruitment process for an Executive Director at a special meeting on January 29, 2019. The RWA Executive Committee will serve as the selection panel. RWA is being assisted by Roberts Consulting Group, Inc. in conducting the recruitment. Three members of the nine-member RWA Executive Committee are also members of the SGA Board of Directors; Paul Schubert, Pam Tobin, and Marcus Yasutake.

The final recruitment brochure will be posted February 18th on both the RWA and SGA websites. The brochure will also be mailed to candidates with a deadline for resume submissions by March 18, 2019. The RWA Executive Committee will review the candidates identified by Roberts Consulting at the March 27th Executive Committee meeting, with interviews to be held in mid-April.

Both the RWA and SGA Boards must approve the recommendation from the Executive Committee.

Chair Tobin stated that there will be an RWA Special Board meeting at 11:30 a.m. on February 15th that will be followed by a farewell lunch for Mr. Woodling.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF SGA FISCAL YEAR 2019 – 2020 BUDGET

Mr. Woodling indicated that staff is beginning preparation of the 2019-20 SGA budget. The Chair generally appoints a budget subcommittee to provide feedback in preparing a draft budget for consideration by the full board.

The SGA budget committee will work with staff to bring a draft budget to the board at the April meeting. If the budget is not approved in April, changes will be made and the budget will be brought back to the board at the June meeting.

Chair Tobin appointed Caryl Sheehan, Marcus Yasutake and Paul Schubert to the SGA budget committee. Chair Tobin will act as SGA Budget Committee Chair.

6. AMENDMENTS TO SGA POLICY 100.2, ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. Woodling provided an overview of proposed amendments to Policy 100.2. The resolution of the CalPERS Audit of RWA, which led to the establishment of a CalPERS contract with SGA, necessitates changes to the Administrative and Management Services Agreement between RWA and SGA to reflect that some individuals/positions are employed jointly by RWA and SGA, and that certain

employment functions are carried out by RWA under the Agreement. On the second page of the Agreement in paragraph 2b, language has been added that redefines the relationship identifying that some of the RWA employees are also employees of SGA. The Agreement identifies that RWA will have the responsibility for hiring and other personnel employment actions.

M/S/C Ms. Harris moved, with a second by Mr. Yasutake, to adopt amendments to policy 100.2 and direct the Board Chair to sign the amended agreement subject to RWA approval of amendments. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present, with the exception of Ms. Harris who abstained.

7. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION POLICY 100.3

Mr. Woodling provided an overview of the proposed new Policy 100.3. As SGA is now a CalPERS employer in its own right, it is required to adopt and post a schedule of salaries and wages. The proposed policy recognizes that consistent salary ranges between RWA and SGA is desired. Policy 100.3 is approving salaries paid to employees, which RWA has historically approved. Now that RWA employees also work for SGA, the policy needs to be approved by SGA. SGA will need to adopt changes that occur automatically to the salary ranges.

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Peifer, to adopt Policy 100.3 containing salaries and pay ranges for SGA employees. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

8. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

The RWA Executive Committee has recommended the appointment of Rob Swartz as Interim Executive Director beginning March 1, 2019 and continuing for no more than four months. In 2008, when an Executive Director was last recruited for RWA and SGA, the Authorities shared an expense of nearly \$45,000 to employ a consultant as interim Executive Director for a period of less than three months. The RWA Board will consider this appointment at a special meeting on February 15, 2019.

M/S/C Mr. Yasutake moved, with a second by Mr. Eck, to appoint Robert J. Swartz as Interim Executive Director for a period beginning March 1, 2019 or until a new permanent Executive Director begins work or June 30, 2019, whichever comes first and approval of a pay scale of \$16,704 per month for the position of Interim Executive Director and update Exhibit A of SGA Policy 100.3 accordingly. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

9. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE

Mr. Woodling provided an update on SGMA. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released their Sacramento Valley GPS Subsidence Network Report. The network was last surveyed in 2008. A fact sheet regarding the report was included in the packet. Over the nine-year period between 2008 and 2017, the SGA area and the North American Subbasin (NASb) experienced no significant subsidence.

This technical work conducted by DWR in 2008 and 2017 will contribute to our Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) relative to sustainability with respect to the undesirable result of land subsidence.

10. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services, provided an update on groundwater levels in the SGA area and progress on the effort to begin development of a GSP for the NASb. Progress on GSP-related activities includes completing environmental documentation required for installing shallow and deep monitoring wells in Placer and Sutter counties; installing water level monitoring equipment in six existing groundwater monitoring wells; installing surface water flow measuring equipment at four location in Placer and Sutter counties and holding a NASb Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) coordination meeting on February 4, 2019.

As staff has previously reported to the Board, the GSAs have developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding GSA funding commitments to develop a GSP for the NASb. This was especially important to SGA, which is acting as the grant manager for the DWR funding award and lead fiscal manager on behalf of the NASb. The MOA has been approved by Reclamation District 1001 GSA, South Sutter Water District GSA, and the County of Placer (on behalf of the West Placer GSA). The MOA is on the agenda of the Sutter County GSA for approval on February 26, 2019. Staff is requesting that the Board authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOA, a copy of which was included in the packet as an attachment to this item.

M/S/C Mr. Peifer moved, with a second by Mr. Yasutake, to authorize the Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the funding commitments for development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the North American Subbasin. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

11a. CLOSED SESSION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(F) AND 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

11b. CLOSED SESSION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(E) AND 54957. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

It was determined that closed sessions were not needed at this time.

12. REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSIONS

None.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Woodling said that the American Water Works Association has a periodical reporting on groundwater storage and conjunctive use. Staff was contacted to provide an article for the issue. This shows the good recognition that SGA is receiving.

Mr. Woodling stated that it has been an honor serving as Executive Director for RWA/SGA for nearly 11 years. Commitment from the agencies allows the work we do to continue. He will continue to chair the of ACWA groundwater committee.

Mr. Nugent read the Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Woodling from Carmichael Water District. The resolution was included in the packet.

14. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Ms. Harris congratulated Mr. Woodling on his retirement.

Mr. DeWit thanked Mr. Woodling for his service.

Mr. Peifer congratulated Mr. Woodling and said that he had done a great job.

Mr. Eck congratulated Mr. Woodling with a job well done.

Mr. Sanford complimented Mr. Woodling on all his great contributions and said that it has been great working with him.

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Woodling for his service and dedication to SGA.

Mr. Yasutake congratulated Mr. Woodling and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Wingerter thanked Mr. Woodling for his service.

Ms. Sheehan thanked Mr. Woodling for his service and forming and developing over the course of the years a voice in the region.

Chair Tobin said that she will miss Mr. Woodling. She indicated that the positive evolution and increased credibility of RWA and SGA can be directly credited to his leadership.

Adjournment

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

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Finance and Administrative Services Manager