



1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tobin called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:00 p.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 Leidy, Carmichael Water District
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Darrel Eck, County of Sacramento
Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District
Misha Sarkovich, Fair Oaks Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
Brett Gray, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company
John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company
Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
Rink Sanford, Self-Supplied Industry

Staff Members

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

Others in Attendance

Dan York, Joe Duran, Greg Zlotnick, Hilary Straus, David Gordon, Kerry Schmitz, Ali Taghavi and Alan Vail

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting

Mr. Schubert noted that under the Directors' Comments his statement should be amended from "...Westborough project may be online by the end of the year." to read "...Westborough Water Supply Assessment (WSA) may be released by the end of the year."

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Ms. Sheehan, to approve the April 11, 2019 Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) Board minutes with the noted amendment. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present with the exception of Ms. Harris who abstained.

Agenda items number 7, 8 and 9 were moved to after the Consent Calendar item, but are being reported in the order listed on the agenda.

4. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Staff provided an update of groundwater management program activities. Staff continues to coordinate with the other four Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the North American Subbasin (NASb). The NASb GSAs met on June 10, 2019. Staff provided a table with an updated financial report on the contributions and expenses related to the joint SGMA activities of the GSAs partners to the Board. Staff also provided an updated NASb Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development Activity Status to the Board.

Staff reported two deep monitoring wells have been drilled in the Placer County portion of the NASb. One well was drilled at 300 feet and the other one was drilled at 550 feet with the expectation of hitting the sand formation. From 300 feet drilling down 600 feet there was generally only clay. It was decided to complete a shallower well at about 200 feet and another one at 300 feet for monitoring purposes. As a result of the cost savings, there will likely be flexibility for other GSP-related activities.

Staff has been collecting monthly pumping data by well from agencies through 2018. Staff is working on the model that is needed for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act to build our sustainability plan. In the near future agencies will be requested to provide monthly surface water diversion data for the model.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislative Update – RWA has been tracking two bills in the legislature that address groundwater recharge. The first is AB 658 (E. Garcia), which is an extension of the work that staff and ACWA has been engaged in to streamline a temporary (five-year) water rights permit for groundwater recharge. AB 658 passed out of the Assembly last week and will likely be heard in Senate Natural Resources and Water this month. The second is AB 441 (Eggman), which would define groundwater

recharge as a beneficial use. AB 441 is not moving forward as it was held in Assembly Appropriations.

SGA Outreach – Mr. Swartz has been accepted to present to the Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRA) at GRA's 2019 Second Annual Groundwater Congress, which will take place September 17-19, 2019 in Sacramento. Mr. Swartz will speak on Expanding Conjunctive Use through Creation of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank.

An article on conjunctive use written by Mr. Swartz and John Woodling, with substantial assistance from Christine Kohn, was published in the Spring 2019 Source magazine by the California-Nevada Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA). The article was enclosed in the packet.

6. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Ms. Harris said that she is replacing Paul Green as SGA representative for Rio Linda/Elverta CWD.

Ms. Sheehan said that she read the AWWA article on groundwater and thought it was very good.

Mr. Ewart commented on the voluntary settlement agreement. The City of Sacramento will begin looking at a contract with a finer level of detail than was seen in the Regional Water Authority (RWA) Regional Water Reliability Plan, including evaluation of water quality between varying districts.

Mr. Foster reported that he had an opportunity to meet Christina Garcia and staff with the Safety and Toxic Chemicals Committee. There are emerging contaminants from fire-fighting foams and Teflon materials that are becoming more prevalent. They are non-naturally occurring and there is not currently an MCL for them. This was brought to the attention of California American Water under the unregulated contaminant testing. The State Water Resources Control Board is giving this a lot of attention and is requesting that agencies test for these contaminants.

Mr. Gray thanked the RWA Executive Committee for the work they did on the Executive Director recruitment process and recommendations.

Mr. Schubert said that Golden State Water Company's Arden system on Watt Avenue will begin fluoridation in August.

7: CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code §§ 54954.5(e) AND 54957(b)(1)) Title: Executive Director

8: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There were no actions to report from the Closed Session.

9: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Chair Tobin said that the employment contract under consideration has been modified beginning with 5. Work Hours, the paragraphs will be numbered subsections 5.1 and 5.2; in 6.3 the text will read “An automobile allowance of \$600 per month, which covers all person vehicle-related expenses, Employee will be responsible for all expenses associated with the vehicle Employee obtains using the above automobile allowance, including without limitation automobile insurance and any expenses for which Employee otherwise might seek IRS-authorized mileage reimbursement.” In paragraph 9 in the first sentence it will be amended to read “Employee’s employment also will be governed by **all applicable laws and the...**”.

Mr. Sarkovich, an elected board member for Fair Oaks Water District said that as a substitute for Randy Marx, he was attending the board meeting to speak against the proposed Executive Director contract. Fair Oaks Water District believes that \$200,000 annually is exorbitant for just managing staff. Their General Manager, who manages 30 people and has more duties, is paid substantially less than what is proposed for the Executive Director.

Mr. Yasutake said that the Executive Director position is more than just supervising seven staff. A comparison of an Executive Director position versus General Manager position is not a fair assessment of either position. Each has its own job duties and responsibilities that are not the same.

Mr. Foster said that looking under state compensation and employment for the Executive Director position for RWA and SGA on the most recent 2017 report, it shows 43 employees because all of the board members are included. The Executive Director for RWA and SGA is responsible to assure that all laws including the Brown Act are followed and to represent the organizations’ interests.

Chair Tobin mentioned that Mr. Peifer’s first year salary will be starting out significantly less than the salary for the previous Executive Director.

M/S/C Mr. Eck moved, with a second by Ms. Harris, to approve the Executive Director Appointment and Employment Agreement with the noted amendments. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present, with the exception of Mr. Sarkovich, Fair Oaks Water District, who voted against.

Chair Tobin introduced Jim Peifer to the board members as the new RWA and SGA Executive Director.

Mr. Peifer thanked everyone for their confidence and the Executive Committee for their decision. He is looking forward to serving the members.

Chair Tobin thanked Mr. Swartz for acting as Interim Executive Director and staff for their support during the recruitment process.

Adjournment

The public portion of the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m. into Closed Session. The Closed Session adjourned at 1:27 p.m. with nothing to report. With no further business to come before the board, Chair Tobin adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Cecilia Partridge, Temporary Secretary/Clerk