



## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sheehan called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. as a teleconference meeting. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

### Board Members

Audie Foster, California American Water  
Roy Leidy, Carmichael Water District  
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District  
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom  
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento  
Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Randy Marx, 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  
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District  
Mike DeWit, Agriculture  
Larry Johnson, Self-Supplied Industry

### Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Rob Swartz, Josette Reina-Luken, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Chris Sanders, legal counsel

### Others in Attendance

Robert Reising, Kerry Schmitz, Dave Jones, Jafar Faghieh, Marcus Yasutake, Brian Hensley, Vanessa Nishikawa, Cathy Lee, Kevin Thomas, Pam Tobin, Paul Helliker, Greg Zlotnick, Tim Shaw, Craig Locke, Hilary Straus, Clyde MacDonald, Alta Tura, N. Camuon Duel, José Rameriz, Alan Vail and John Woodling

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Minutes of the August 13, 2020 SGA Board meeting.

Motion/Second Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Ewart moved, with a second by Ms. Harris, to approve the August 13, 2020 SGA Board meeting minutes. Audie Foster, California American Water, Roy Leidy, Carmichael Water District, Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Brett Gray, Natomas Central MWC, John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company, Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District, Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Ted Costa, San Juan Water District and Mike DeWit, Agriculture voted yes. Larry Johnson, Self-Supplied Industry abstained. The motion carried by a majority vote of all directors present.

### **4. SGA GOVERNANCE**

Chris Sanders, Legal Counsel provided information on SGA Governance with a Memorandum showing the comparison of SGA Authority and the Authority provided by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014. Mr. Sanders gave information on the similarities and differences. He concluded that while it would appear that the existing authority of SGA, supplemented by the additional authority provided by SGMA, should provide sufficient authority for SGA as it prepares its Groundwater sustainability Plan for submittal to the Department of Water Resources in January of 2022. SGA staff may wish to seek direction from the Board as to whether and what changes are necessary.

Mr. Swartz gave information on the GSAs in the North American Sub Basin, Sutter County and Placer County.

There was discussion and it was agreed to make no changes or modifications to the existing JPA and governance at this time.

### **5. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

Mr. Peifer said that he would like to have this item as a standing SGA Board meeting agenda item to assure that the Board has an opportunity to hear what is happening on this issue. Chair Sheehan identified the 3 X 3 committee members to include RWA Chair Schmitz, SGA Chair Sheehan, Robert Reisig, Todd Eising, Paul Schubert, Sean Bigley, Cathy Lee, Dalia Fadl and Cathy Lee. John Woodling, Jim Peifer and Rob Swartz will also participate in the meetings. The committee will meet tomorrow to discuss a staffing plan and schedule items that need to happen in the future. An update will be presented at the December SGA Board meeting.

## **6. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) – RELATED AND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATES**

Mr. Swartz, Manager of Technical Services provided an update on activities related to compliance with SGMA and the most recent groundwater level elevation monitoring in the SGA area. He reported on discussions that have been happening at the GSA Coordination and how to manage foundational information that we are required to obtain under SGMA. There is a lot of work that goes into the requirements working with the Department of Water Resources and our partners. It is critical to maintain a monitoring network and continue to collect data. We are required by SGMA to prepare an annual report in addition to collecting data.

A five-year update for a groundwater sustainability plan is required on an ongoing basis that includes implementing management actions. A positive state of health for the basin will be determined as we develop the sustainable management criteria that has some undesirable results that we want to avoid. As we go through the process we can determine if there are any heavy construction related activities and recharged projects that would be required to be maintained under SGMA.

Mr. Swartz gave an overview of the benefits of the Groundwater Management Program and the approach to identify users. There is a selection of representative monitoring well network that has minimum thresholds and measurable objections to be set for each subjected representative well. There is a process to identify where the representative monitoring is needed and identifying data gaps. A 2020 Groundwater Substitution Transfer update was provided.

The GSA Implementation Agreement is how the basin is to be managed upon GSA adoption with other GSAs

## **7. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2021 SGA OFFICERS**

Chair Sheehan appointed a Nominations Committee for the 2021 SGA Chair and Vice Chair including Paul Schubert, Robert Reisig, Mary Harris and Pam Tobin. The SGA Board elects a chairperson and vice-chair annually at its December Board meeting.

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

Mr. Peifer said that as Board members may remember, the Board allowed for the Financial and Administrative Manager to prepare and sign checks as a temporary adaption measure to the COVID-19 crisis. The Executive Director and the Chair would authorize the issuance of the checks by email. Staff has discontinued that temporary practice and has returned to the practice defined by SGA Policy 400.5.

The September RWA newsletter and the unaudited SGA financial reporting through June 30, 2020 were included in the packet.

**9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Foster reported that California American Water has been very busy bringing new acquisitions into the agency in addition to their COVID response. The agency is monitoring and fully engaged with SGA. Either Mr. Foster or his alternate will be attending future SGA meetings on a regular basis.

Mr. York reported that Director Wichert fully supports SGA but sends his regrets that he was unable to attend today's SGA meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the board, Chair Sheehan adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary/Treasurer