



1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart 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
Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Linda Dorn, County 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
Bob Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District
Mike DeWitt, Agriculture
Larry Johnson, Self-Supplied

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Rob Swartz, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Josette Reina-Luken, Cecilia Partridge and Chris Sanders, legal counsel

Others in Attendance

Robert Reisig, Marty Hanneman, José Ramirez, Brian Hensley, Pam Tobin, Tim Shaw, Cathy Lee, Dan York, David Wheaton, Greg Zlotnick, Abigail Madrone, Alan Vail, Paul Helliker and Vanessa Nishikawa

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of the April 8, 2021, SGA Board meeting.

Motion/Second Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Yasutake moved, with a second by Ms. Harris to approve the April 8, 2021, SGA Board meeting minutes and the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Budget Carryover Request. Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District, Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Linda Dorn, County of Sacramento, 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, Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Mike DeWitt, Agriculture and Larry Johnson voted yes. Audie Foster, California American Water, Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District, and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District did not respond to the vote.

4. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY UPDATE

Mr. Peifer said that there was a meeting with the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA), Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) and the Regional Water Authority (RWA) boards for the purpose of going over the assessment findings of Ms. Gina Bartlett of the Consensus Builders Institute (CBI). He presented a proposed Decision-Making Roadmap showing shared operations for SCGA, SGA and RWA that gives a timeline for agreements if the board decides that it is appropriate to continue with the process of consolidating operations. He welcomed discussion and feedback from the SGA board on the topic.

It was suggested that more discussion is necessary to analyze details of a staffing funding cost structure, governance and other options in a committee with the chairs and vice chairs of each organization. Meetings with the SGA board for foundational education purposes and for better understanding would be constructive.

Mr. Peifer clarified that the decisions in each phase will be with a vote of the board. Meetings or workshops will be scheduled to provide information to meet the schedule / phased timeline. Mr. Peifer asked that specific questions, issues, or concerns be sent directly to him for inclusion in meeting or workshop agendas.

5. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) AND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Swartz gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of SGMA. Development of a GSA implementation agreement continues. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released evaluations of four submitted GSPs. He explained demonstrating sustainability under SGMA, beneficial uses and users, Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) and groundwater modeling results. He explained revised draft Measurable Objectives (MO) and Minimum Threshold (MT) and the projected conditions for Sacramento River flow associated with revised MOs and MTs. There are GSP regulations for project and management action requirements. He provided information on NASb GSP projects and management actions, proposed planned projects, proposed supplemental projects and what SGMA-required work still needs

to be completed. An approach to defining undesirable results for water levels and water quality is still under development.

Mr. Swartz gave an update on the Groundwater Management Program, providing information with graphs indicating the water levels at various locations. The basin appears to be healthy with a normal response in groundwater level declines given the dry conditions.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ryan Ojakian reported that the state budget negotiations continue with an anticipated \$7 billion to be approved for drought and climate resilience. Three bills of interest are AB 252 that creates a multi-benefit land repurposing program in critically over-drafted SGMA basins; AB 350 creates a three-year grant program to fund technical assistance to support landowners in critically over-drafted basins to reach water use reduction goals established pursuant to SGMA; and AB 754 gives DWR the ability to approve a 180-day extension on GSP submissions.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Peifer's Executive Director's Report was included in the SGA Board meeting electronic packet.

There is a meeting scheduled for June 11th to brief RWA Board members and managers on drought response.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Chair Ewart said that the City of Sacramento City Council is scheduled to consider its Urban Water Management Plan for adoption. The comment period has closed for the city's proposed groundwater substitution transfer in partnership with Sacramento Suburban Water District.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary/Treasurer