



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
Larry Johnson, Self-Supplied

Staff Members

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

Others in Attendance

Michelle Banonis, Robert Reisig, Hilary Straus, Jeff Nelson, John Woodling, José Ramirez, Kevin Thomas, Tim Shaw, Cathy Lee, Dan York, Dave Jones, Greg Zlotnick, Alan Vail, Gina Bartlett, Rebecca Scott and Paul Helliker

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of the June 10, 2021 SGA Board meeting.

Motion/Second Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Ms. Harris to approve the June 10, 2021 SGA Board meeting minutes. Paul Selsky, Carmichael 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, Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Ted Costa, San Juan Water District and Larry Johnson, Self-Supplied voted yes. Audie Foster, California American Water and Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District were not present when the vote was called.

4. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY UPDATE

Mr. Peifer said that this item is to facilitate receiving input from the SGA Board members. A Special Board meeting is scheduled for September 8th to request authorizing the boards to move into Phase II, the development of potential governance. He gave an overview of the benefits and value of RWA and SGA working together as they have on the development of the Regional Water Bank and Regional Water Reliability Plan. The SCGA voted to enter in to Phase II.

Gina Bartlett, facilitator with the Consensus Building Institute, provided the process steps for the proposed phases checking with each board as we progress. She explained each phase with the goal to identify issues and questions before moving to the next phase.

Mr. Peifer said some SGA members submitted comments or questions.

Mr. Woodling said the three agencies have been working on consolidation for more than two years and the SCGA is committed to moving forward.

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

Mr. Swartz gave a PowerPoint presentation update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Staff continues development of a GSA implementation agreement. A draft agreement is anticipated to be presented to the board at the October board meeting with a final agreement presented to the board for approval at the December meeting. He provided information on refining the undesirable results section. Undesirable results examples from DWR were given and he explained why the basin is considered sustainable. The projects and management actions section of the draft GSP needs to be finished with a review draft released to the public by the end of August. After completing the implementation agreement, the GSP and implementation agreement is expected to be adopted in December.

An update was given on how the groundwater basin is performing this year. Mr. Swartz explained that the Sacramento Regional Water Bank will constitute an expansion of the existing conjunctive use program, which will be simulated with a model to demonstrate that the result of those new operations will provide a net benefit to the system. An environmental document will accompany those results and the completed Water Bank program will be integrated into the GSP 2027 update.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ryan Ojakian reported that AB 350 is the only bill related to groundwater that is still moving through the legislative process. The budget has been a primary focus for the Legislature. There has been \$660 million appropriated to the Department of Water Resources and signed into law for drought response. Portions of the \$660 million are funds for small and large community drought relief, multi-benefit projects, and SGMA implementation. Within the budget is \$730 million for drought response and \$440 million for climate resilience, both amounts have yet to be directed to a state agency for distribution or direction on how the funds are required to be used.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Yasutake reported that the City of Folsom is planning to issue a Stage Three water conservation stage, which is a 20% mandatory reduction in water use effective August 30th.

Chair Ewart said that it is unlikely that the City of Sacramento will move forward with groundwater substitution transfers this year.

Mr. Wichert said that Sacramento Suburban Water District has transferred funds to their water conservation budget and anticipate voluntary water use reductions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary/Treasurer