



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

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
Bob Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
Mike DeWit, Agriculture Representative
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

David Wheaton, Robert Reisig, Brett Storey, Brian Hensley, Hilary Straus, John Woodling, Kevin Thomas, Tim Shaw, Cathy Lee, Dan York, Greg Zlotnick, Alan Vail, Gina Bartlett, Rebecca Scott and Paul Helliker

2. AUTHORIZE A TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Action: Adopt Resolution 2021-02, including requisite findings, to continue to hold meetings of the Board of Directors via teleconference pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 until such time as the State of Emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic no longer impacts the ability of Board members and the public to safely meet in person.

Mr. Peifer explained that we are required to adopt a resolution to continue allowing SGA meetings to be held by teleconference. Legal Counsel Sanders said that the issue began with Governor Newsom's emergency order, which suspended certain

provisions of the Brown Act so that in person meetings were not obligated to comply with the act. The emergency order ended in September and Assembly Bill 361 is intended to allow the teleconference meetings to continue under certain provisions. An additional resolution will need to be adopted every 30 days that justifies the continuing need for the teleconference meetings. SGA legal counsel indicated this item could be put on the consent calendar for future meetings.

Motion/Second Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Ms. Tobin to adopt Resolution 2021-02 authorizing a teleconference meeting. 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, Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District and Larry Johnson, Self-supplied Industry voted yes. Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District and Mike DeWit, Agriculture Representative voted no.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of the August 12, 2021 SGA Board meeting.

M/S/C Ms. Sheehan moved, with a second by Ms. Harris to approve the August 12, 2021 SGA Board meeting minutes. 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, Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Mike DeWit, Agriculture Representative and Larry Johnson, Self-supplied Industry voted yes. Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District abstained.

5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Brett Storey, West Yost & Associates, gave an update on the remaining schedule to complete the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Last January, a workshop was

held with representatives from the five Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to define an understanding of the items everyone wanted to put into the MOA and ensure the GSP is implemented properly. Parties to the MOA include 10 agencies representing the five GSAs. The MOA defines roles and responsibilities of the GSAs in SGMA compliance and long-term GSP implementation. Mr. Storey outlined key elements of the MOA including obligations, duties, governance, long term GSP implementation, decision making, legal limitations and cost sharing. After input has been received from legal counsel, the document will be presented to the GSAs for review. The final MOA will be drafted and given to the GSAs to approve in December.

6. DRAFT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services, reported that the draft groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) was released on www.nasbgroundwater.org with public comment open until October 29th. He highlighted some of the sections that have received comments. It is required under SGMA to present the historical water budget and forecasts going forward including new projected demands, including climate change considerations. It is anticipated to bring the completed implementation agreement and the GSP to the board in December for adoption.

7. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Swartz reported that staff continues to monitor wells in the basin looking at various areas as we continue in dry conditions. He presented graphs providing some perspective where historically water levels were lower and where water levels have been over the past 10 years in different areas.

8. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY UPDATE

Jim Peifer, Executive Director, reported that questions and concerns have been received from board members regarding alternatives for RWA to provide staffing services to Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA). Staff is anticipating scheduling a workshop with SGA and RWA members to discuss different options. Questions were included in the board packet that have been asked of pension counsel Isabel Safie with Best, Best & Krieger. Also included in the packet is an MOU that was adopted last year by SGA, RWA and SCGA.

There was discussion on the complications of CalPERS for SCGA with RWA providing staffing services and continuing the 3 x 3 Ad Hoc Committee to maintain continuity on the issues.

9. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2022 SGA OFFICERS

Chair Ewart appointed a nomination committee for 2022 SGA officers including Chair Ewart, Caryl Sheehan, Paul Schubert, and Mary Harris.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2021 RWA/SGA Holiday Social event is scheduled for December 9th.

Everyone is invited to attend the SGA Special Board meeting, Getting to Know SCGA, scheduled for this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

11. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Yasutake commented that for any members who have questions regarding SCGA that they attend today's special meeting.

Mr. Gray thanked staff for getting the draft GSP completed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary/Treasurer