



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
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
Larry Johnson, Self-Supplied Industry

Staff Members

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

Others in Attendance

Robert Reisig, Brian Hensley, Hilary Straus, Tim Shaw, Cathy Lee, Greg Zlotnick, Alan Vail, Rebecca Scott, Paul Helliker, Richard Shatz, Tom Gray, Peggy Vande Vooren, Jim Blanke, Pam Tobin, Jafar Faghieh, Nicole Krotoski, Kevin Thomas, Dave Jones, Craig Locke, Jeff Nelson and Joe Duran

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Reisig provided information on the Special Districts Advisory Council and the need for additional participation.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion/Second Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Harris moved, with a second by Mr. Yasutake to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 Board

meeting, waive SGA Policy 200.1, Section 3.09 (b) to allow the April SGA board meeting to occur one week early and adopt the proposed SGA Board Meeting Schedule for 2022 and to affirm SGA Investment Policy 400.1. 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, 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 Industry voted yes.

There was discussion regarding when the RWA Board meetings will be able to return to in-person meetings. Although teleconferencing is not the most convenient for some meeting participants, it was agreed that at this time the appropriate way to continue meetings is by teleconference.

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Foster to adopt Resolution 2021-02 authorizing a teleconference meeting. 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, Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Brett Gray, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Ted Costa, San Juan Water District and Larry Johnson, Self-supplied Industry voted yes. John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company voted no and Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District abstained.

4. 2021 AUDIT REPORT

Ms. Vande Vooren, Gilbert Associates, Inc. presented the final audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. She highlighted some of the required communications and the actual audit financial statement report. There is an unqualified opinion, which is the cleanest possible opinion that can be provided, there are no new accounting policies to report, no adjustments and no findings in the audit report. She gave an overview of the financial statements, revenues and expenses, the pension liability, the required supplementary information and the independent auditor's report.

M/S/C Ms. Sheehan moved, with a second by Mr. Schubert to accept the 2021 SGA financial audit report. 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, 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 Industry voted yes.

5. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

Mr. Swartz said that it has been seven years since the SGA adopted its last groundwater management plan. Since that time, the focus has been on our groundwater sustainability plan for the North American Subbasin. Consultants and agencies assisted and provided their expertise. The modeling team provided technical information that served as a strong foundation for the plan. SGMA requires that high and medium priority groundwater basins prepare and adopt groundwater sustainability plans for critically overdrafted basins, which are primarily in the San Joaquin Valley. He gave information on how to demonstrate sustainability under SGMA. Every five years over the next 20 years there will be an assessment and updates of the plan as required. The goal is to achieve sustainability by January of 2042. With additional growth there will be demands on groundwater considering current conditions and projected conditions. He gave information on the proposed budget that will be distributed amongst the different agencies so the work can be performed.

Mr. Shaw said that there are inactive, abandoned wells in the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District area that Sacramento County regulations will not allow to be destroyed. Mr. Swartz said that working proactively with the well permitting agencies making them aware of these issues may be a way to address the problems.

Mr. Swartz said that there are three items related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for consideration by the Board. There is a resolution to adopt the North America Subbasin (NASb) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to implement the NASb GSP, and a request to waive SGA Policy 300.1 for the purpose of timely preparation and submission of the first SGMA annual report. The MOA characterizes how each agency will cooperate in the long-term implementation of the GSP and defines roles, responsibilities and establishes a process for decision-making.

M/S/C Ms. Harris moved, with a second by Mr. Costa to approve Resolution 21-03 adopting the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the North American Subbasin, authorize the Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Agreement regarding coordination between Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and Implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the North American Subbasin,

and waive SGA Policy 300.1 for the purpose of timely preparation and submission of an annual report to the Department of Water Resources. 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, 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 Industry voted yes.

Mr. Gray left the meeting.

**6. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 54954.5(F), 54957(B)(1)**

Title: Executive Director

Labor Negotiators- Sean Bigley and Dan York

Chair Ewart reported that there was no action taken and nothing to report.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT MODIFICATION

M/S/C Mr. Yasutake moved, with a second by Ms. Dorn to support the recommendation from the RWA Executive Committee to amend the Executive Director employment agreement. Audie Foster, California American Water, 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 and Larry Johnson, Self-supplied Industry voted yes. John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company, Bob Reisig, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District and Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted no. Ted Costa, San Juan Water District and Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District abstained.

8. ELECTION OF 2022 OFFICERS

The 2022 SGA Nomination Committee nominated Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom for 2022 SGA Chair and Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District for 2022 SGA Vice Chair.

M/S/C Mr. Wichert moved, with a second by Ms. Sheehan to elect the 2022 SGA Chair and Vice Chair. 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, Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State 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 Industry voted yes.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Mr. Peifer said that his full Executive Director's Report was included in the meeting packet.

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Chair Ewart thanked Sacramento Suburban Water District for their willingness to provide groundwater to the City of Sacramento after a storm event created adverse conditions in their surface water supply.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary/Treasurer