



## SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Board Meeting  
Amended Final Draft  
Minutes February 10,  
2022

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Yasutake 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  
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

Dan York, Jay Boatwright, Chris Petersen, Gina Bartlett, John Woodling, Kelye McKinney, Rebecca Scott, Christina Baril, David Wheaton, Lawrence Dees, Robert Reisig, Hilary Straus, Tim Shaw, Cathy Lee, Greg Zlotnick, Ashlee Casey, Alan Vail, Paul Helliker, Tom Gray, Kevin Thomas, Craig Locke and Joe Duran

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion/Second Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Ewart moved, with a second by Ms. Harris to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2021 Board meeting and extend Resolution 2021-02, including requisite findings,

to renew authorization 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. Audie Foster, California American Water, Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District, David Wheaton, 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, 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, and Larry Johnson, Self-supplied Industry voted yes. Ted Costa, San Juan Water District voted no.

#### **4. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

Mr. Peifer gave an overview of the history of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) and Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) consolidation including discussions and workshops that have explored staffing services, stakeholder assessment and potential benefits for SGA. A potential governance must be beneficial to each authority and positive or neutral in terms of level and quality of services provided and financials. He provided information on how staffing could change and a comparison of the current and potential budget. There remain outstanding issues that require further discussion and evaluation to move forward.

Ms. Bartlett said that one of the themes from discussions in the workshops has been how do we move forward until we have the questions answered. She suggested a building block approach dealing with one block at a time providing direction for staff. The decision today is to decide if we want to proceed to Phase 2, going into more depth into the governance structure options. The governance structure means the representation, voting and public involvement that would likely be developed with input from the 3x3 Ad Hoc Committee. Input from the SGA would be requested as the governance structure is refined to support consolidation. After the governance structure is approved, recommendation to move to Phase 3 would be requested to cover staffing, funding, and the cost structure.

There was discussion on having remaining Board member issues and questions identified and acknowledged in Phase 2.

M/S/C Mr. Costa moved, with a second by Mr. Selsky to direct staff to proceed to Phase 2 of the Process Roadmap and start that phase with a Board workshop to agree on the scope of work for Phase 2, which should include a range of options (consolidation, subscription program, status quo plus, etc.) related to a potential new relationship between the SGA and the SCGA. Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District, John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company, Mary Harris,

Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District voted yes. Audie Foster, California American Water, David Wheaton, 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, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Brett Gray, Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District, and Larry Johnson, Self-supplied Industry voted no.

After discussion, which included Mr. Schubert suggesting the idea of after the 3x3 develops governance structures that it be brought back into a workshop type setting for discussion with the Board to solicit feedback, the motion as stated in the staff report was voted on.

M/S/C Mr. Ewart moved, with a second by Mr. Wichert to direct staff to proceed to Phase 2 of the Process Roadmap to develop a governance proposal for Sacramento Groundwater Authority – Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority. Audie Foster, California American Water, Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District, David Wheaton, 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, Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District, and Larry Johnson, Self-supplied Industry voted yes. Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District, John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company, Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District voted no.

## **5. DEVELOPMENT OF SGA FISCAL YEAR 2022 – 2023 BUDGET**

Ms. Reina-Luken gave an overview of the fiscal year 2022 mid-year budget status and outlook, budget policies, budget assumptions and the budget schedule. The budget outlook includes a new Project Manager position recruitment, SGMA funding and GSP implementation. FY 23 budget assumptions include potential office relocation, interest income decreases, continued payment of unfunded pension liabilities and continued SGA and RWA common cost sharing. Budget Policy 400.3 requires a budget to be approved within 90 days of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Budget approval is expected at the April SGA Board meeting.

Chair Yasutake will serve as Chair of the Budget Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 and he appointed Robert Wichert, Paul Schubert, Randy Marx and Mary Harris to serve on the subcommittee.

## **6. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mr. Swartz gave a presentation update on the status of the Groundwater Sustainability Program. The plan has been submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and it was released by DWR for additional public comment. The comment period ends April 16<sup>th</sup> and DWR has up to 2 years to review the plan. The first annual report is due April 1<sup>st</sup>. The report will include seasonal contour maps, hydrographs of representative monitoring sites, groundwater and surface water use by sector, maps and graphs of change in storage and a description of the progress towards implementing the GSP. He gave an update on some of the current monitoring wells.

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

Mr. Peifer said in the interest of time, Board members can read the Executive Director's Report which was included in the meeting packet.

## **8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Ms. Dorn said that she is retiring, and this is her last meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Yasutake adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary/Treasurer