

**SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Thursday, October 13, 2022; 9:00 a.m.

**AGENDA**

The Board will discuss all items on this agenda, and may take action on any of those items, including information items and continued items. The Board may also discuss other items that do not appear on this agenda but will not act on those items unless action is urgent, and a resolution is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote declaring that the need for action arose after posting of this agenda.

The public shall have the opportunity to directly address the Board on any item of interest before or during the Board's consideration of that item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Board is welcomed, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker. Public documents relating to any open session item listed on this agenda that are distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors less than 72 hours before the meeting are available for public inspection on SGA's website. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact [cecilia@rwah2o.org](mailto:cecilia@rwah2o.org). Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

**Notice:** The Board meeting will be held in the RWA Board Room and virtually.  
The RWA Board Room will be open for Committee members and members of the public.  
Board members are encouraged to attend in person but are not required to do so.

**Meeting Information:**  
SGA Board Meeting  
October 13, 2022 09:00 AM (PST)

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public who wish to address the Board may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Board members may request an item be removed for separate consideration.
  - a. 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.
  - b. Approve the minutes of August 11, 2022 Board meeting.

**Action: Approve Consent Calendar Items**

**4. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION 2022-03 HONORING ROB SWARTZ FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE**

**Action: Adopt Resolution 2022-03**

**5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM UPDATE**

Information and Presentation: Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services

**6. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2023 SGA OFFICERS**

**Action: Chair Yasutake to Appoint Nominations Committee for 2023 SGA Officers**

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Next SGA Board of Director's Meetings:**

December 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m. at the RWA/SGA office, 5620 Birdcage Street, Ste. 110, Citrus Heights, the location is subject to change depending on the COVID-19 emergency.

Notification will be emailed when the SGA electronic packet is complete and posted on the SGA website at <https://www.sgah2o.org/meetings/board-meetings/>.

## 2022 SGA BOARD MEMBERS

Organization	Representative/Alternate	Appointing Authority
California American Water	S. Audie Foster Christina Baril (alternate)	Sacramento City Council
Carmichael Water District	Paul Selsky Jeff Nelson (alternate)	Sacramento County
Citrus Heights Water District	Caryl Sheehan, David Wheaton (alternate)	Citrus Heights City Council
City of Folsom	Marcus Yasutake <b>Chair</b> Kerri Howell (alternate)	Folsom City Council
City of Sacramento	Jeff Harris Brett Ewart (alternate) Larry Carr (alternate)	Sacramento City Council
County of Sacramento	Sue Frost Kerry Schmitz (alternate) Darrell Eck (alternate) Michael Peterson (alternate)	Sacramento County
Del Paso Manor Water District	Robert Matteoli Gwynne Pratt (alternate)	Sacramento City Council
Fair Oaks Water District	Randy Marx <b>Vice Chair</b> Christian Petersen (alternate)	Sacramento County
Golden State Water Company	Paul Schubert Lawrence Dees (alternate)	Sacramento City Council
Natomas Central MWC	Matt Lauppe Brett Gray (alternate)	Sacramento City Council
Orange Vale Water Company	John Wingerter Craig Davis (alternate)	Sacramento County
Rio Linda/Elverta CWD	Mary Harris Vacant (alternate)	Sacramento County
Sacramento Suburban Water District	Kevin Thomas Bob Wichert (alternate) Jay Boatwright (alternate)	Sacramento City Council
San Juan Water District	Ted Costa Dan Rich (alternate)	Sacramento County
Agriculture	Mike DeWit Nathan Doyel (alternate)	Sacramento County
Self-Supplied Industry	Larry Johnson	Sacramento City Council

## **AGENDA ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public who wish to address the Board may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: CONSENT CALENDAR**

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request an item be removed for separate consideration.

The items to be considered and approved include:

- a) 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
- b) Approve the minutes of August 11, 2022 Board meeting

**Action: Approve Consent Calendar Items**

## **AGENDA ITEM 3a: EXTEND RESOLUTION 2021-02 INCLUDING REQUISITE FINDINGS**

### **BACKGROUND:**

In order for the SGA Board to meet virtually, the SGA Board must approve the extension of Resolution 2021-02. The Board initially approved Resolution 2021-02 at the October 2021 Board meeting and has subsequently approved its extension every board meeting thereafter. If the Board approves the proposed action, the Board meeting may continue using a virtual format. Should the Board not approve the action, the Board meeting will immediately end.

Per legal counsel's recommendation, the action is to extend 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.

Attachment:

Resolution 2021-02

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

AUTHORIZING CONTINUED UTILIZATION OF TELECONFERENCING FOR MEETINGS OF THE SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL 361 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE STATE OF EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC NO LONGER IMPACTS THE ABILITY OF MEETING ATTENDEES TO MEET SAFELY IN PERSON

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency under the California Emergency Service Act in response to the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which repealed or modified certain provisions of previously issued Executive Orders related to the pandemic and extended certain provisions so as to enable the State of California to continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 42 of Executive Order N-08-21 suspended provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act at California Government Code section 54953 and provided that governing bodies of local public agencies in the State of California could utilize teleconferencing to hold public meetings in place of in-person meetings, subject to certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order N-08-21 specified that it would remain in effect through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) into law; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 provides that a governing body of a local public agency may conduct public meetings via teleconferencing in any of the following circumstances: (A) the governing body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or (B) the governing body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or (C) the governing body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has previously determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020, proclamation of a State of Emergency is still in effect; and

WHEREAS, both the California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health and the Sacramento County Public Health Department are currently recommending measures to promote social distancing at worksites; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board (Authority) meetings, closed session meetings, special meetings, and workshops are attended by Authority Board members, Authority employees and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-15-21, which affirmed that effective October 1, 2021, governing bodies of local public agencies could utilize teleconferencing for public meetings in accordance with the provisions of AB 361; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order N-15-21, the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors has met under California Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(B) to determine whether, as a result of the State of Emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, conducting meetings by teleconference would directly reduce the risk of transmission among meeting attendees, including members of the public and agency staff, which has the ancillary effect of reducing risk of serious illness and death as well as reducing community spread of the virus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority hereby finds and determines as follows:

The Board has considered the circumstances of the State of Emergency declared by Governor Newsom; and

Both State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to AB 361 and based on the findings above, all Authority Board meetings, closed session meetings, special meetings, and workshops will be held via teleconference in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code section 54953(e).

EXTENDED this 13th day of October 2022 by the following vote:



**AGENDA ITEM 3b: Minutes of August 11, 2022 meeting**

Attachment:

August 11, 2022 meeting minutes



## **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**

Jeff Nelson, Carmichael Water District  
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District  
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom  
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento  
Kerry Schmitz, County of Sacramento  
Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company  
Christian Petersen, Fair Oaks Water District  
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

### **Staff Members**

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

### **Others in Attendance**

Gwynne Pratt, Jay Boatwright, John Woodling, Kelye McKinney, Rebecca Scott, Hilary Straus, Tim Shaw, Cathy Lee, Greg Zlotnick, Paul Helliker, Joe Duran, Andrew Fecko, Atley Keller, Brian Hensley, Christopher Hunley, Todd Eising, Trevor Joseph, Dave Anderson, David Wheaton, Craig Davis and Vanessa Nishikawa

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion/Second Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Harris moved, with a second by Mr. Ewart to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022 Board meeting and extend Resolution 2021-02, 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. Jeff Nelson, Carmichael Water District, Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Kerry Schmitz, County of Sacramento, Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District, Christian Petersen, 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 and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District voted yes. Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted no.

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

Jim Peifer said that the SGA Board adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work towards an integration of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority with RWA and SGA. The MOU created an ad hoc committee to determine a framework and guiding principles. The committee was unable to develop a consensus for a governance proposal that would satisfy the interests of all SGA and SCGA members. Staff is recommending rescinding the MOU.

Chair Yasutake commented that although he saw potential benefits and he was not in favor of the outcome.

There was discussion on the missed opportunities of not integrating the three agencies. It was mentioned that coordination between the GSAs to align long term efforts and common interests would benefit the region.

M/S/C Ms. Harris moved, with a second by Mr. Costa to rescind the Memorandum of Understanding of a Strategy for Shared Operations of the Regional Water Authority the Sacramento Groundwater Authority and the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority. Jeff Nelson, Carmichael Water District, Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Kerry Schmitz, County of Sacramento, Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District, Christian Petersen, 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 and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District voted yes. Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted no.

#### **5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mr. Swartz gave an update on the status of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and the 2022 transfers that are consistent with the SGA Water Accounting Framework. He provided information on the GSP Implementation, preparing the implementation tracking table and starting the domestic well identification effort. Information is needed from purveyors on parcels they serve and parcels that have their own well.

Ms. Villasenor gave examples of domestic well identification and how parcels can be identified that have a well. The information on the tracking table is colored coded to identify if a well is confirmed, not likely or likely to be present. The data base will be maintained and will be a tool to assist in managing outreach.

## **6. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE**

Mr. Ojakian provided information on AB 2201 that would require a groundwater extraction facility in critically overdraft basins to have a permit from a GSA to extract groundwater, AB 2895 revises and recasts the water transfer process and SB 1124 would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to establish a Public Health Goal (PHG) and the Water Board to establish a primary Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for manganese. AB 2895 and SB 1124 are expected to remain in place as stated. AB 2201 may change, but not significantly.

The budget will be passed by August 31, 2022 with a water package included.

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

Mr. Peifer commented about an article written by David Guy, Northern California Water Agency, on Groundwater Recharge as a solution to climate change.

Mr. Peifer gave a presentation to the Building Industry Association on Groundwater Recharge.

## **8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Chair Yasutake thanked the committee members and everyone who put in time and effort on the 3X3 effort.

Mr. Ewart reported that 2022 Groundwater Substitution Transfers have been successful. These types of transfers build relationships between agencies

Mr. Petersen said that groundwater transfers were important.

Mr. Costa said that banking water is beneficial for the region.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Yasutake adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary/Treasurer

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION 2022-03 HONORING  
ROBERT J. SWARTZ, PG, CHG, ON HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE SACRAMENTO REGION**

**Action: Adopt Resolution 2022-03**

Attachment:

Resolution 2022-03

**Resolution No. 2022-3**

**A Resolution Honoring Robert J. Swartz, PG, CHG,  
On His Significant Contributions to Water Management in the Sacramento Region**

**Whereas**, Robert “Rob” J. Swartz, PG, CHG, completed over 19 years of service with the Sacramento Groundwater Authority, having been hired as a Senior Project Manager on March 3, 2003 and lastly promoted to Manager of Technical Services on May 26, 2014; and

**Whereas**, Rob’s dedication to public service and expertise in groundwater management made the Sacramento Groundwater Authority an effective organization with a reputation as the model for outstanding groundwater management; and

**Whereas**, Rob’s focus on long-term sustainability has positioned the region to enjoy a high level of water supply reliability well into the future with numerous contributions to the region including: the establishment of SGA’s Groundwater Management Plan, the Water Accounting Framework, the North American Basin’s first Groundwater Sustainability Plan, the Regional Water Reliability Plan, and the Sacramento Regional Water Bank along with significant contributions in assisting local agencies fund projects; and

**Whereas**, Rob has earned the admiration and respect of his fellow employees, colleagues, the Board of Directors and the public for his dedication, collegiality, enthusiasm, hard work and consummate professionalism; and

**Whereas**, Rob can now spend time with his family and friends, take long walks on the beach, visit brewpubs, and spend countless hours reading hydrogeological reports,

**Now therefore**, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority that:

The Board of Directors expresses its deep and sincere appreciation to Robert J. Swartz, PG, CHG, for his years of dedicated public service to the Authority.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED* by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority on this 13th day of October 2022.

By:

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Marcus Yasutake  
Chairperson, Sacramento Groundwater Authority

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James Peifer,  
Executive Director, Sacramento Groundwater Authority

Attest:

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Josette Reina-Luken,  
Board Secretary, Sacramento Groundwater Authority

## **AGENDA ITEM 5: GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM UPDATE**

### **BACKGROUND:**

Staff will provide an update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation activities and recent conditions in groundwater monitoring wells.

Information and Presentation: Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services



## **AGENDA ITEM 6: APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023 SGA OFFICERS**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The SGA Board elects a chairperson and vice-chair annually at its December Board meeting. Chair Yasutake will appoint an SGA Nominating Committee for 2023 SGA Officers.

**Action: Chair Yasutake to Appoint Nominations Committee for 2023 SGA Officers**

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**OCTOBER 13, 2022**

**TO: SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD**

**FROM: JIM PEIFER**

**RE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. New RWA/SGA Staff Member** – I am pleased to announce that Mr. Trevor Joseph has accepted the position of Manager of Technical Services. Mr. Joseph comes to us from the City of Roseville and brings a wide variety of water experience including groundwater management and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. His first day is October 10, 2022.
- b. Compensation Study** – The RWA Compensation Study is continuing. Regional Government Services (RGS) has recently completed a classification study for three of RWA/SGA positions and has presented several recommendations to the RWA Executive Committee.
- c. RWA Ad Hoc Committee Policy 200.3** – RWA has formed an ad hoc committee to address the election process of RWA Executive Committee members. One proposed change is to include the SGA Chair as a member of the RWA Executive Committee in order to improve communications between RWA and SGA.
- d. Announcements** – Please see attached flyer for Rob Swartz Retirement Party and the 2022 Annual Holiday Social.
- e. SGA Financial reports** – Local Agency Investment Fund Statement as of September 2022 and financial reports as of September 30, 2022 are attached. September 2022 income statement will be available at the next SGA meeting in December.

Attachments:

Rob Swartz Retirement Party  
Holiday Social Announcement  
Financial Reports

We are inviting you for a

# *Retirement Party*

Honoring

# *Rob Swartz*



Thursday, October 13, 2022

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

University of Beer - Folsom

1009 E. Bidwell Street

Folsom, CA 95630

no-host bar - appetizer buffet at 6:00 p.m.

RSVP by September 30, 2022 to Cecilia Partridge at [Cecilia@rwah2o.org](mailto:Cecilia@rwah2o.org)



# *Holiday* **Social**

Join RWA and SGA for the  
2022 Annual Awards Ceremony

*Del Paso Country Club*

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Starting at 5:30 p.m.

3333 Marconi Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95821

We will also be celebrating the retirement of  
Cecilia Partridge with 18 years of service!

RSVP to [Cecilia@rwah2o.org](mailto:Cecilia@rwah2o.org)  
by November 18, 2022

Cost: \$40.00 per person  
Mail to: Regional Water Authority  
5620 Birdcage St, STE 180  
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

# California State Treasurer

## Fiona Ma, CPA



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October 06, 2022

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### SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER  
5620 BIRDCAGE STREET, #180  
CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95610

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

**Account Number:** 90-34-020

September 2022 Statement

### Account Summary

Total Deposit:	0.00	Beginning Balance:	1,503,699.39
Total Withdrawal:	0.00	Ending Balance:	1,503,699.39



Per California Government Code 6505.5 (e), SGA reports the following unaudited information:

For the period ending September 2022

Cash in checking account:	\$	233,681
LAIF Balance	\$	1,503,699

For the period of July 1 to September 30, 2022

Total cash receipts for the period:	\$	876,775
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Total cash disbursements for the period:	\$	60,229
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## **AGENDA ITEM 8: DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**