



1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Selsky called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. as a hybrid meeting at the RWA Board Room located at 5620 Birdcage Street, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. A quorum was established of 15 participating members. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Board Members

S. 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
Kerry Schmitz, 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
Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District
Mike DeWit, Agriculture
Larry Johnson, Self-Supplied Industry

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Trevor Joseph, Josette Reina-Luken, Ryan Ojakian, Raiyna Villaseñor, Ashley Flores, Monica Garcia and Chris Sanders, legal counsel

Others in Attendance

Nathan Doyel, Gwynne Pratt, Greg Zlotnick, Kevin Thomas, Kelye McKinney, Todd Eising, Brian Hensley, Craig Davis, Lisa Porta, Rebecca Scott, Lisa Kaplan, Mateo Ramirez-Mercado, Joe Duran, Tim Shaw and Cathy Lee

Randy Marx had a planned absence.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3.2 Draft Meeting minutes of the December 8, 2022 SGA Board meeting was pulled by Director Matteoli for discussion.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, including Item 3.2.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Yasutake moved with a second by Director DeWitt

S. 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; 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; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Mike DeWit, Agriculture; and Larry Johnson, Self-Supplied Industry voted yes. Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District voted no. Motion passed.

Ayes- 12

Noes- 2

Abstained- 0

Absent- 2

4. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY

Executive Director Peifer introduced Ashley Flores, Executive Assistant and Board Clerk to the SGA Board of Directors. Mr. Peifer recommended to the Board based on Ms. Flores experience and designation as a certified municipal clerk that she be appointed as the Board Secretary.

A motion was made to appoint Ashley Flores, Executive Assistant, as Board Secretary.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Ewart moved with a second by Director Yasutake

S. 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; 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; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; Mike DeWit, Agriculture; and Larry Johnson, Self-Supplied Industry voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 14

Noes- 0

Abstained- 0

Absent- 2

Kerry Schmitz, County of Sacramento, joined the meeting.

5. SGA 2023 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Executive Director Peifer and Mr. Joseph provided a verbal presentation for this action item to the Board of Directors for approval of the SGA Strategic Priorities. The presentation identified a set of strategic priorities for the Board's consideration and approval. Staff explained how the priorities will guide the work of the SGA during the 2023 calendar year. Staff also provided a verbal presentation to update the Board on the subbasin conditions as a disclosure on how the subbasin is being managed in addition to providing some context for SGA Strategic Priorities.

Public Comment:

Tim Shaw commented he supports this agenda item, but regarding priorities 1 and 4 Land Use Decisions one of the criteria for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) is no negative outcomes for groundwater quality. When does SGA and the GSAs get involved in land use decisions to preclude negative outcomes?

Executive Director Peifer referenced the settlement between Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District Specific Plan and the County of Sacramento. Mr. Joseph also explained that SGA is a groundwater sustainability agency whereas counties and cities are land use agencies. We use SGMA as communication pathway. General Counsel, Chris Sanders, stated that SGA does not make land use decisions.

A motion was made to approve SGA 2023 Strategic Priorities.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Ewart moved with a second by Director Matteoli

S. 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; Kerry Schmitz, 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; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; Mike DeWit, Agriculture; and Larry Johnson, Self-Supplied Industry voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 15

Noes- 0

Abstained- 0

Absent- 1

6. DEVELOPMENT OF SGA FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024 BUDGET

Ms. Reina-Luken presented for information only the introduction and development of SGA Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget. Staff asked the Chair to appoint a budget subcommittee to provide feedback in preparing a draft budget for consideration by the full Board. This item also included a brief status of the current year-end forecast and future budget outlook as well as reviewing the fees calculation methodology, SGA

budget policies, last year's budget assumptions, any significant changes in budgeted revenues and expenditures, and outlining the budget schedule.

Vice-Chair Selsky appointed Randy Marx, Brett Ewart, and Paul Schubert to the SGA budget subcommittee.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer explained that the Governor is rescinding his emergency declaration at the end of February. Staff is planning to have in-person meetings moving forward. He also explained the current state of the office building and why staff would like to relocate to a new location.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Matteoli stated he has become gun-shy on governance issues over the last couple of years. During the SGA/SCGA merger discussion, an alternative was discussed to separate SGA from RWA, have SGA possess its own staff and executive director, and restructure SGA into a GSA with a SGMA structure only. Director Matteoli requested this issue brought forward for renewed discussion as an agenda item in the future.

Executive Director Peifer asked Vice-Chair Selsky to ask the Board if they were interested in putting this item on an upcoming agenda.

Director Yasutake expressed that City of Folsom is not interested.

Director Costa stated he is interested.

Director Schubert stated we spent a lot of money in legal fees to address a question that has been asked and answered many times. He reminded Mr. Matteoli that he is appointed by the SGA Board by the City of Sacramento as is he. He referenced a document by Valerie Kincaid called Know Your Options: A Guide to Forming Groundwater Sustainability Agencies clearly lays out in accordance with SGMA and JPA laws. The increased legal costs will increase our dues. He asked that this question be laid to bed.

Director Ewart stated that he agreed with Director Schubert that Know Your Options: A Guide to Forming Groundwater Sustainability Agencies is a helpful document, and he did not want to see SGA incur additional legal costs and cause fees to increase.

Director Sheehan stated she is not interested in putting this item on a future agenda.

Director Costa reported that a big project to put a cover on a pond is a third of the way done and it is going really well. He also shared that while he was the CEO of the Peoples' Advocate he had an intern, Kevin McCarthy, and he is very proud that he is now the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Selsky adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

By:

Paul Man, (for Paul Selsky)

Chairperson

Attest:

Ashley Flores

Ashley Flores, Board Secretary