



1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marx called the special meeting of the SGA Board of Directors to order at 9:02 a.m. at the RWA Board Room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. A quorum was established of 13 participating members. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Board Members

S. Audie Foster, California American Water
Jeff Nelson, Carmichael Water District
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Chris Hunley, Count of Sacramento
Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
Brett Grey, 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

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Trevor Joseph, Ryan Ojakian, Raiyna Villasenor, Ashley Flores and Chris Sanders, legal counsel

Others in Attendance

Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Joe Duran, Orange Vale Water District; Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District; Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; and Lisa Porta, Montgomery Associates

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Executive Director noted that Jay Boatwright was the representative for Sacramento Suburban Water District not Bob Wichert and will be corrected.

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of the February 9, 2023 regular SGA Board

meeting.

3.2 Approve task order 23-01 for professional services between GEI consulting and SGA.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Jeff Nelson, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Chris Hunley, Count of Sacramento; Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Brett Grey, 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; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 13

Noes- 0

Abstained- 0

Absent- 3

4. NORTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN ANNUAL REPORT PUBLIC MEETING DEBRIEF

Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services provided a presentation to receive and file the SGA Board of Directors on North American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Annual Report Public Meeting Debrief.

5. NORTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services provided a presentation to receive and file the SGA Board of Directors on North American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Approval from The Department of Water Resources.

6. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ROUND 2 GRANT RECOMMENDATION

Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services provided a presentation to receive and file the SGA Board of Directors on Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Related and Groundwater Management Program Updates and 2022 Annual Report.

7. SACRAMENTO REGIONAL WATER BANK UPDATE

Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services provided a presentation to receive and file the SGA Board of Directors update on the Sacramento Regional Water Bank.

Public Comment:

Paul Helliker requested that the presented schedule needs to be updated based on detailed comments that the committee provided.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager presented an informational oral update to the Board on significant bills and topics introduced in the legislature this year. His presentation covered legislation on storage, groundwater, bond measures and water rights. There are bills of interest beyond those topics, what sets those issues apart is the significant effects the legislation could potentially have and the volume of bills on the topics.

Earlier in the year the Board was briefed on seven bills related to groundwater management. Three of those bills are no longer moving (AB 429, AB 900, and SB 651). Of the four other bills (AB 560, AB 779, AB 923, and SB 659) they are all currently in Appropriations committees (Senate Appropriations for bills originating from the Assembly and Assembly Appropriations for bills originating from the Senate). The bills are summarized as follows:

AB 560 (Bennett D- Ventura) Would require parties to an adjudication action to refer a proposed settlement in adjudication proceedings to the State Water Resources Control Board for an advisory determination as to whether the proposed settlement will substantially impair the ability of a groundwater sustainability agency, the board, or the department to achieve sustainable groundwater management. The bill has not changed a great deal since the Board last was briefed.

AB 779 (Wilson D- Fairfield) Would require a GSA to hold a public meeting on what an adjudication means and require a GSA to invite DWR to the public meeting. The bill has evolved significantly since the Board was last briefed. It originally would have required much more invasive actions from GSA's and would have required the court to have much more involvement in an adjudication from the Water Board and DWR.

AB 923 (Bauer-Kahan D- Orinda) Would require the board, in coordination with the department, to undertake a study to identify priority flood plain restoration or floodway expansion projects where increased flows due to climate change are likely to overwhelm existing flood protection infrastructure. This bill has changed only in technical ways since the Board was last briefed.

SB 659 (Ashby D- Sacramento) Would require the development of a groundwater recharge plan by the Department of Water Resources. The bill is sponsored by RWA.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer referred the Board to his written report and asked if they had

any questions, they could reach out to him directly.

He also reminded the Board that the SGA 25th Anniversary Event is scheduled for September 21, 2023 at the Sutter Club.

Letter from ECOS thanks Trevor for making a presentation to ECOS and that they are very much interested in groundwater well permitting.

SGA will be meeting with the County of Sacramento (Director Hunley) and the other GSA's in Sacramento County and EMD to bolster the permitting process between the GSA and Sacramento County's Environmental Management Division. We will include further details at our next meeting.

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Ewart reported that the City of Sacramento are down to a third of our normal extractions.

Director Boatwright thanked staff for their hard work on their presentations.

Director Costa commented that we should look to partner with the state to bank water.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Marx adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

By:



Randy Marx, Chairperson

Attest:



Ashley Flores, Board Secretary