

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Monday, JANUARY 11, 2021, 3:15 p.m.
Meeting held via Teleconference
34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Roger Cornwell, Chair.
Kristin Sicke conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present.

The following Board members and (alternates) were in attendance:

California American Water, Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs
Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company: Lynnel Pollock
City of West Sacramento: Martha Guerrero, (William Roberts)
City of Winters: (Kurt Balasek)
City of Woodland: Mayra Vega
Dunnigan Water District: (Bill Vanderwaal)
Environmental Representative: Ann Brice
Esparto Community Service District (CSD): Charles Schaupp
Madison CSD: Leo Refsland
Reclamation District (RD) 108: Hilary Reinhard, (Bill Vanderwaal)
RD 307: James Johas
RD 537: Tom Ramos
RD 765: David Dickson
RD 787: Roger Cornwell, Board Chair
RD 1600: Michele Clark
RD 2035: (Mike Hall)
University of California Davis (UCD): Camille Kirk
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Emily Drewek, (Marc Fawns)
Yolo County: Gary Sandy
Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB): (Denise Sagara)
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth

Kristin Sicke announced Josh Chapman would be the new primary representative for the City of Davis. And Director Bill Vanderwaal announced that David Schaad would be replacing Eli Voelz as the primary representative for the Dunnigan Water District.

Absent: City of Davis, RD 150, RD 999

- 2. APPROVE AGENDA**

The Board approved the January 11, 2021 agenda as posted. Motioned by Yolo County to approve the agenda, seconded by the City of Winters, and unanimously approved.

Absent: City of Davis, RD 150, RD 999

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR and EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Chair Cornwell did not have anything to report. Kristin Sicke highlighted information provided in the written Executive Officer's report with the January agenda. Chair Cornwell requested a summary of the Management Area workshops and Sicke provided a brief summary of the workshop findings.

The workshops emphasized the importance of local action policies for ensuring responsiveness to minimum threshold exceedances, mitigating individual well impacts, and coordinating with Yolo County to address land use concerns and coordinate with The County's well permitting process. Each of the Management Areas focused on local issues.

Capay Valley: The Representative Well list will be revised to better capture patterns in the upper aquifer, and residents expressed a desire to develop regenerative agricultural practices to facilitate groundwater recharge.

North Yolo: Members expect surface water supplies to reduce in the future and may increase their reliance on groundwater. An alternate methodology for setting minimum thresholds may be appropriate.

Clarksburg: Due to high groundwater levels and limited groundwater use, Clarksburg will likely be considered a monitoring area without official minimum thresholds.

South Yolo: The workshop discussed the need to incorporate and consider all Yolo Bypass projects. And there was mention of the potential change in City of West Sacramento's surface water supply in the future.

Central Yolo: The discussion focused on local areas of concern, and there was an emphasis on the need to thoughtfully consider the definition of *reasonable and beneficial use of, and access to groundwater*.

5. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approved November 16, 2020 Board of Directors' meeting minutes
- b. Received Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Financial Statements: October-November 2020
- c. Received minutes of Executive Committee: 10/29/20

Motioned by Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company to approve all consent items, seconded by Reclamation District 108, and unanimously approved.

Absent: City of Davis, RD 150, RD 999

6. CONSIDERATION: FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT #3

Executive Officer Sicke introduced the budget amendment and provided an explanation of the proposed changes, as follows:

- A \$36,500 reduction in administrative costs paid to the WRA due to Donna's leave.
- An additional \$100,000 for SGMA implementation, paid to YCFCWCD to reimburse the

District for already incurred consultant costs.

- The addition of line item 45, GSP-related consultant costs, with a budget of \$150,000 to facilitate the completion of the GSP. This will be a contracted directly with SEI and GEI under the Master Services Agreements presented in Agenda Item 7.
- The cost of the real-time groundwater monitoring sensors has been reduced to zero, because they have been paid for by the Proposition 1 GSP Grant.

Motioned by Dunnigan Water District to approve Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Amendment #3, seconded by Yolo County, and unanimously approved.

Absent: City of Davis, RD 150, RD 999

7. CONSIDERATION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO EXECUTE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH GEI AND SEI CONSULTANTS

Executive Officer Sicke explained that the YCFC&WCD had previously executed contracts with consultants on behalf of the YSGA. Under the proposed Master Services Agreements, the YSGA will enter into a direct relationship with GEI and SEI consultants.

Motioned by YCFC&WCD to approve and authorize the Chair to execute Master Services Agreements with GEI and SEI Consultants, seconded by Reclamation District 108, and unanimously approved.

Absent: City of Davis, RD 150, RD 999, Yolo County Farm Bureau

8. UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION, REGULATORY & DELTA ISSUES

Adam Robin, Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Legislative Affairs Director, gave the following updates below related to water and groundwater. The 2021-2022 state legislative session has begun, and the NCWA will continue to track the introduction of new measures.

- Governor Newsom released his January budget proposal, with some items of note:
 - A \$40 million appropriation to the Department of Agriculture for the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program.
 - \$2 million in funding to DWR to facilitate local efforts to understand and implement successful groundwater recharge programs.
 - \$30 million in grants directly to the GSAs for the implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans.
 - The focus of these proposals has been limited to critically overdrafted basins, and the NCWA is preparing to advocate for the inclusion of high- and medium-priority basins.
- The State Water Resources Control Board held a series of workshops in December estimating the costs of compliance with a new maximum contaminant level for hexavalent chromium in drinking water. The economic feasibility assessment will likely be finalized in mid-2021, laying the path for a potential 2022 adoption of the new MCL for chromium.

9. PRESENTATION: MULTI-BENEFIT MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE PILOT PROJECT IN COLUSA SUBBASIN

Kristin Sicke introduced Julia Barfield from The Nature Conservancy. Julia provided a presentation on a multi-benefit managed aquifer recharge pilot project in the Colusa Subbasin. Kristin Sicke reported that the YSGA had an opportunity to participate in a similar pilot project in the Yolo Subbasin and that staff were currently soliciting interested landowners.

10. UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) DEVELOPMENT,

Kristin Sicke, YSGA Executive Officer, highlighted information from her written GSP update included with the January Board agenda.

The Draft Chapter 1: Introduction of the Yolo GSP is now posted to yologroundwater.org and open to public comment through February 7, 2021. Chapter 2: Basin Setting is a working administrative draft and is planned to be posted to the website by February 1. The Technical Advisory Committee is meeting Thursday Jan. 14 to discuss the land subsidence and depletion of interconnected surface waters criteria, the results of which will be reported at the next Working Group meeting. The Yolo GSP is currently on track to be completed by September 2021.

11. MEMBERS' REPORTS and FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Jeanette Wrynski reported that the next Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordinating Committee Meeting is on January 13, and there will be a presentation from the Department of Water Resources' SGMA Group regarding Proposition 68 special projects.

12. NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 15, 2021

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Cornwell adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer