YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 21, 2025, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Hosted at Woodland Police Department and via Zoom
1000 Lincoln Ave, Woodland CA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Meeting called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Carol Scianna, Chair. Executive Officer Sicke conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present. The following Board members and (alternates) were in attendance:

- City of Winters: Carol Scianna
- City of Woodland: Mayra Vega
- Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad, (Jordon Navarrot)
- Esparto CSD: Alex Lepley
- Reclamation District (RD) 108: Roger Cornwell, (Jordon Navarrot)
- RD 307: James Johas *(Item 5-end)*
- RD 537: Tom Ramos *(Item 5-end)*
- RD 730: Jim Heidrick*
- RD 765: David Dickson, Jr.
- RD 787: Dominic Bruno *(Item 2-end)*
- RD 999: Tom Slater
- RD 1600: Michele Clark
- RD 2035: (Jesse Clark)
- Rumsey Water Users Association: (Mica Bennett *(Item 8-end)*)
- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Marc Fawns
- Yolo County: Mary Vixie Sandy
- Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth *(Item 3-end),* (Shane Tucker*)
- UC Davis: Courtney Doss
- Cal Am Water – Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs
- Colusa Drain MWC: Lynnel Pollock *(Item 2-end)*
- Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith
- Environmental Representative (Yolo RCD): Jeanette Wrysinski

Absent: City of Davis, City of West Sacramento, Madison CSD, RD 150

**remote attendance, member was non-voting*

***remote attendance, member provided just cause pursuant to AB 2449*

2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA

There were no items to add to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

The Board received comments from Dave Runsten about the well permitting process and the need to collect a fee for administering the YSGA and implementing the Yolo Subbasin GSP.

4. Consideration: Consent Items

a) Approve May 19, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
b) Approve Payment of Bills In Approved Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget
c) Receive Financial Statements
d) Receive Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting: 5/2/25
e) Enter into MOU with Yolo County RCD

Lynell Pollock asked about the discrepancy in the financial statements between the net ordinary income and the projected budget. Kristin explained the difference is due to not being reimbursed by the grant yet and will be resolved once the YSGA is reimbursed.

Action

Approve Items 4a, 4b, and 4e as presented
Motion: Dunnigan Water District (Schaad)
Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)
Discussion: No further discussion.
Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

5. Report of the Chair and Executive Officer

Kristin Sicke and staff provided an update on recent projects and activities, including:

- Groundwater levels are approximately the same as this time last year and about 30 feet higher than this time in 2022.
- DWR recently released an informational video about land subsidence in preparation for the release of the best management practices.
- Nathan Fisher provided an update on well permit applications that are currently under review.
- Jordon Navarrot provided an overview of the South Colusa-North Yolo coordination efforts.

6. Presentation: 2027 Yolo Subbasin GSP Periodic Evaluation Approach

Nathan Fisher provided an overview of the contents and timeline for the GSP Periodic Evaluation and considerations for a possible GSP Amendment.

7. Consideration: Approve Entering Into Services Agreements

Erik Cadaret presented two new proposed contracts and two proposed budget amendments for the Board to consider including:

- Increase budget for INTERA contract from $275,000 to $295,000
- Increase authorized budget for West Yost contract from $30,000 to $55,000
- Enter into a new contract with Davids Engineering for $10,000
- Enter into a new contract with Environmental Science Associates for $49,000

Action

Approve Item 7 as presented
Motion: Yolo County Farm Bureau (Smith)
Second: Yolo RCD (Wrysinski)
Discussion: No further discussion.
Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

8. Presentation: Groundwater Monitoring Wells Near Putah Creek

Winters area landowner Herb Wimmer provided an update to the Board on his efforts to collect data in Solano Subbasin's Northwest Focus Area, which adjoins the Yolo Subbasin's Winters Focus Area. Sarah Leicht provided an update on monitoring wells to be drilled along Putah Creek through DWR's Technical Support Services (TSS) program, which will greatly benefit the YSGA's efforts to monitor the interconnection of Putah Creek and nearby groundwater.

9. Consideration: Adoption of Resolution 25-01 Designating YSGA as Lead Agency for China Slough Rehabilitation

Erik Cadaret, YSGA, and Maddie Munson, WLS, discussed the need to designate a lead agency for the China Slough Rehabilitation Project (Yolo-Zamora Rehabilitation Project). If approved, the YSGA would apply for a 5-year routine maintenance permit and allow the landowners to perform slough maintenance at their own expense. Maddie answered questions from the Board about the 5-year permit timeline, the possibility of expanding slough capacity, and the logistics of the program. If the YSGA is successful in obtaining a routine maintenance agreement, each landowner adjacent to China Slough would enter into an agreement with the YSGA that would ensure compliance with permit terms and indemnify the YSGA.

Action

Approve Item 9 as presented
Motion: YCFC&WCD (Barth)
Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)
Discussion: No further discussion.
Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

10. SGMA Implementation Grant Projects Update

Project proponents provided updates on each SGMA Implementation Grant Component:

- GSP Implementation: Erik provided an update on modeling work and the recent Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group meeting. Kristin and Erik introduced the draft Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group charter to the Board.
- YCFC&WCD Recharge Program: The District will be applying for a long-term water right soon. The District recently performed tTEM data collection along the canal system, and preliminary results show 94,000 acres with potential for on-farm recharge and 1,110 acres suitable for potential recharge basins. The District will secure a 180-day permit for this winter and 5-year temporary permit thereafter while the long-term permit is pending.

- Yolo-Zamora Recharge Pilot Project: Erik shared the results from a recent pilot project. 25 acres were used as a holding pond for water from the Colusa Basin Drain. 150 AF was recharged over 45 days at a rate of 3.3 – 6.6 AF/day.
- City of Winters Feasibility Studies: Kurt Balasek updated the Board on the project's progress. The City continues to outreach and is beginning to eliminate less feasible scenarios and identify more potential uses for wastewater. The City has a separate contract with Kennedy-Jenks to study hexavalent chromium issues – they are now collaborating with Davids Engineering to consider blending scenarios.
- Dunnigan Area Recharge Program: Jordon stated that two stream gages were recently installed on Buckeye and Bird Creeks, and the data will be publicly available on CDEC.

11. Members' Reports and Future Agenda Items

Nothing to report.

12. Next Meeting

September 15, 2025

13. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Sicke
Executive Officer, Board Secretary