

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Working Group Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 2, 2021

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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- 1:00** **1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

- 1:03** **2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA** – To add an agenda item, it must fit into one of the following categories: a) A majority determination that an emergency (as designed by the Brown Act) exists; or b) A 4/5 determination that the need to take action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.

- 1:04** **3. PUBLIC FORUM** – The Public may address the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Working Group on any item of interest not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Working Group.

- 1:06** **4. [APPROVE MINUTES of the July 29, 2021 YSGA Working Group meeting](#)**, pages 3 - 5

- 1:07** **5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM** – Report of the Executive Officer – Kristin Sicke

- 1:10 6. UPDATE ON GSP DEVELOPMENT – GSP Technical Team**
- a. Draft GSP Posted to Website for Public Comment from Aug. 25 until Oct. 27, 2021
 - b. Review of Public Workshop Content and Comments Received (Aug. 25 and Sept. 1, 2021)
- 1:55 7. CONSIDERATION OF FORMING A YSGA DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**
- 2:45 8. FUTURE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS – Executive Officer**
- a. Advisory Committee Roles
 - b. Annexation of “Grey Areas”
 - c. Role of Water Transfers
- 2:55 9. WRAP UP and NEXT STEPS**
- 3:00 10. ADJOURN**

Consideration of items not on the posted agenda, items in the following categories: 1) majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or 2) a 4/5ths determination that the need to take action arose subsequent to posting of the agenda. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda meeting of the Working Group of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency was posted August 30, 2021 at the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District at 34274 State Highway 16 and was made available to the public during normal business hours.



Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

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1.	<p>CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Kristin conducted a roll call and determined a quorum of member agencies were virtually in attendance (Roll Call attached).</p>
2.	<p>APPROVE AGENDA and ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA – Tom Barth motioned to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by David Schaad and passed unanimously. (Roll call attached).</p>
3.	<p>PUBLIC FORUM – Ben King commented there are vulnerable housing communities in the Dunnigan area that should be engaged in the GSP process to ensure water supply sustainability. In addition, coordination between Colusa and Yolo Subbasins has been ongoing, but he was not noticed for these meetings. Evan Jacobs replied that he represents Cal American Water – Dunnigan. Bill Vanderwaal added that Ben will be included in the public notice of future RD 108 meetings. Colusa/Yolo coordination meetings have been at the staff level thus far, but public meetings will occur soon.</p>
4.	<p>APPROVE MINUTES of April 19, 2021 YSGA Working Group (WG) meeting. William Roberts motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Vanderwaal and passed unanimously. (Roll call attached).</p>
5.	<p>INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Report of the Executive Officer (Kristin Sicke): Kristin gave an overview of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) work accomplished by technical staff for the YSGA. 2 new real-time wells have been added to the network. Monthly measurements due to drought conditions started in July and will be ongoing. July depth to water in the YCFC&WCD area is on average 5-10 feet above the 2015 low. The YSGA provided a groundwater update at the Yolo County Board of Supervisor’s meeting on July 27 that generated some concern, and the Board declared a local drought emergency. The YSGA will return to the Board on August 31 for another groundwater update and a broader introduction to the GSP process. The YSGA has been working closely with Yolo OES to coordinate drought response actions.</p>
6.	<p>GSP DEVELOPMENT: REVIEW OF SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA, GSP Technical Team. The Technical Team reviewed the draft sustainable management criteria for groundwater levels and storage, subsidence, water quality, and depletions for interconnected surface waters. For further detail, the slides for this discussion are available on yologroundwater.org.</p>
7.	<p>GSP DEVELOPMENT: PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS, GSP Technical Team. The Technical Team gave an overview of the 12 management actions and 71 projects currently planned to be included in the GSP. The full table of projects and management actions was distributed prior to the meeting. The table and a feedback form are available on the website at https://www.yologroundwater.org/yolo-groundwater-sustainability-plan. Comments are due by August 6.</p> <p>Ben King provided a written comment: <i>“Thank you for the opportunity to comment. My proposed management action is a multi-basin management action following up on the Future Work section of Steven Springhorn’s Master’s Thesis on the Sutter Buttes. The basic thesis is</i></p>

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	<p><i>that the arsenic contamination around the Buttes may be related to volcanic geology of the Sutter Buttes. I am concerned that the arsenic contamination is moving laterally for the connate salt water from the Buttes along the Willows Fault, which runs down the Sutter Bypass and runs under the City of Colusa. See the USGS Paper Circular 1358 by Susan Thiros, Paul, Bexfield, and Anning. There is a discussion about arsenic moving along fault lines and a model on page 58 that predicts the translocation and desorption because the pH of the salt water is greater than salt water. Springhorn and the USGS Papers by Bexfield mention that overpumping brings natural occurring contaminants up the freshwater aquifer and laterally via faults. I wanted to share this before dropping off.”</i></p>
8.	<p>AREAS OF SPECIAL CONCERN – WINTERS AND HUNGRY HOLLOW, GSP Technical Team. The Technical Team summarized the presentation on the areas of special concern given to the YSGA Board of Directors on June 21. The two areas around the City of Winters and the Hungry Hollow canal display declining groundwater levels and changes in land use. The full presentation provided to the Board is available at https://www.yologroundwater.org/files/3935e49e8/YSGA+BOD+Presentation_20210621_no_gifs.pdf</p>
8.	<p>GSP DEVELOPMENT: DRAFT CHAPTERS OF THE GSP, REPORT OF DATA SHARING EFFORTS, AND PUBLIC WORKSHOPS Sicke, Executive Officer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Draft Chapters of the GSP:</i> The full draft of the GSP is planned to be released on August 10, 2021 with a 60-day public comment period. b. <i>Report of Data Sharing Efforts:</i> Coordination has been ongoing with Colusa, Solano, North American, and South American Subbasins. c. <i>Public Workshops:</i> A public workshop is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on August 11, 2021 at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. d. <i>Future Working Group Discussions:</i> A discussion will be scheduled for early September to discuss any comments received on the draft GSP.
9.	<p>FUTURE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS – Executive Officer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annexation of “Grey Areas” b. Advisory Committee Roles c. Role of Water Transfers
10.	<p>WRAP UP and NEXT STEPS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No additional comments.
11.	<p>ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Sicke
 Executive Officer

Yolo SGA Working Group Meeting Roll-Call Attendance and Votes
July 29, 2021, 1-3 p.m., via GoToMeeting teleconference

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Representative(s)</u>	<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Vote – Item 2</u>	<u>Vote – item 4</u>
California American Water -- Dunnigan	Evan Jacobs	Evan Jacobs	Yes	Yes
City of Davis	Stan Gryczko Dawn Calciano	Dawn Calciano	Yes	Yes
City of West Sacramento	William Roberts	William Roberts	Yes	Yes
City of Winters	Kurt Balasek Kristine DeGuerre Jesse Loren	Kristine DeGuerre Kurt Balasek (item 6-end) Jesse Loren (Item 1-7)	Yes	Yes
City of Woodland	Matt Cohen	Matt Cohen	Yes	Yes
Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company	Lynell Pollock	--	Absent	Absent
Dunnigan Water District	Bill Vanderwaal David Schaad	Bill Vanderwaal David Schaad	Yes	Yes
Esparto CSD	Steve Knightley Jose Quintana	Jose Quintana (Item 6-end)	Absent	Absent
Madison CSD	Leo Refsland	--	Absent	Absent
Reclamation District (RD) 108	Bill Vanderwaal	Bill Vanderwaal	Yes	Yes
RD 150 (Merritt Island)	Warren Bogle	--	Absent	Absent
RD 307 (Lisbon Island)	James Johas	--	Absent	Absent
RD 537 (Lovdal District)	Tom Ramos	Tom Ramos	Yes	Yes
RD 730 (Knights Landing)	Jim Heidrick	--	Absent	Absent
RD 765 (Glide District)	David Dickson	David Dickson	Yes	Yes
RD 787 (Fair Ranch)	Roger Cornwell Dominic Bruno	--	Absent	Absent
RD 999 (Netherlands)	Tom Slater	--	Absent	Absent
RD 1600 (Mull District)	Ammy Reyes Michele Clark	Ammy Reyes	Abstain	Abstain
RD 2035 (Conaway Ranch)	Mike Hall	--	Absent	Absent
University of California, Davis	Camille Kirk Kelli O'Day	Kelli O'Day (Item 1-7) Camille Kirk (Item 7-end)	Yes	Yes
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Emily Drewek Marc Fawns	Emily Drewek	Yes	Abstain
Yolo County	Richard Reed Elisa Sabatini	Elisa Sabatini (item 3-end)	Absent	Yes
Yolo County Farm Bureau	Stan Lester Denise Sagara	Denise Sagara	Yes	Yes
Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Tim O'Halloran Tom Barth Max Stevenson Kristin Sicke	Kristin Sicke Max Stevenson Tom Barth	Yes	Yes
Environmental Representative	Ann Brice	Ann Brice	Yes	Yes

Other Attendees	
YCFC&WCD/YSGA Staff	Jack Cronin Sarah Leicht
GEI Consultants	Larry Rodriguez Satya Gala
County of Colusa	Mary Fahey
Yolo County RCD	Jeanette Wrynsinski
Capay Valley Stakeholder	Mica Bennett
Driver Farms (Private Pumper)	Ashley Driver
Ponticello Engineers (City of Winters)	Carol Scianna
Tully & Young (City of West Sacramento)	Gwyn-Mohr Tully
Colusa Farmer	Ben King
	Jack Vickrey