



# Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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**Monday, September 18, 2023**

**3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Woodland Police Department  
1000 Lincoln Ave, Woodland, CA 95695  
And via Zoom**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Meeting called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Lee Smith, Vice 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 Davis: Bapu Vaitla (*Item 4-end*)  
City of West Sacramento: Verna Sulpizio-Hull  
City of Winters: (Kurt Balasek)  
City of Woodland: Tania Garcia-Cadena (*Item 4-end*)  
Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad, (Bill Vanderwaal)  
Esparto CSD: (Manuel Quintana\*)  
Madison CSD: Leo Refsland  
Reclamation District (RD) 108: (Bill Vanderwaal)  
RD 307: James Johas  
RD 537: Tom Ramos  
RD 730: Jim Heidrick  
RD 765: David Dickson, Jr.  
RD 787: Roger Cornwell  
RD 999: Tom Slater  
RD 1600: Michele Clark\*  
Rumsey Water Users Association: Ken Muller  
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Marc Fawns  
Yolo County: Jim Provenza  
Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth,  
(Kristin Sicke)  
Cal Am Water – Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs  
Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith, (Denise Sagara)  
Environmental Representative: Ann Brice

Absent: RD 150, RD 2035, Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company

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**2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA:** Nothing to add.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Ben King, farmer from Colusa County, commented about groundwater contaminated by mercury at the Colusa and Sacramento National Wildlife Refuges. He has been researching these issues and submitted several references to Kristin.

Craig Riddle, California Rice Commission, commented on a recently released report about opportunities for Groundwater Sustainability Agency collaboration on conjunctive use approaches to integrated water management. Craig will send the report to Kristin.

**4. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS**

- a) Approve June 19, 2023 Regular YSGA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- b) Receive Fiscal Year 2022/2023 End Financial Statements
- c) Receive Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Financial Statements: 7/1-9/15/23
- c) Receive minutes of Executive Committee: 5/30 and 7/24/23
- d) Approve Payment of Bills in Approved Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget

Action: Approve item a) as presented.

Motion: Dunnigan Water District (Schaad)

Second: City of Winters (Balasek)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached)

Action: Approve item e) as presented.

Motion: RD 787 (Cornwell)

Second: City of Davis (Vaitla)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached)

**5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Executive Officer reported the following:

DWR announced the final awards for the SGMA Implementation Grant solicitation. The YGSA will receive \$7.91 million, funding six of the nine submitted components. The July update to the InSAR subsidence data was released and shows that the rate of subsidence has slowed. Staff will work to schedule a ground-based survey as soon as possible. Consero has finalized the YSGA Grant Strategy, provided with the agenda packet. The three new multi-completion wells from DWR's Technical Support Services contract are drilled and will be instrumented with real-time monitoring equipment this fall. According to the real-time network, groundwater levels are on average 22 feet higher than this time last year and 16 feet higher than this date in 2015. Fall measurements of the entire network are being taken this week and will be reported at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

## **6. PRESENTATION: UPDATE FROM LSCE ON FEE STUDY DEVELOPMENT**

Jack DeBra, LSCE, gave an overview of the fee study development process and next steps. The slides were included with the agenda packet.

Sulpizo-Hull: Suggested calculating the per-owner cost of the proposed fees. Asked how many owners are within the grey area. Major landowners should be focused on in outreach efforts.

Schaad: Asked whether an agency could opt out of the membership fees and have its land assessed along with the grey area. Further discussion about whether agencies will keep paying membership fees is needed.

Barth: Asked about the Prop 218 vs Prop 26 processes. Jacque recommended Prop 218 because Prop 26 requires additional action.

Ben King, public, expressed his concern with the assessment process. Agencies need to consider voting rights, benefits of assessment, and equity issues.

Smith: Asked how landowners in a district but not taking district water would be assessed.

Provenza: The assessment could be difficult to pass because grey area landowners don't have an entity they are used to dealing with.

Barth: Suggested that governance structure should be addressed before fee structure.

The Board directed Kristin to focus on the governance structure before the fee study process. Outreach will be postponed until JPA membership contributions are decided upon.

## **7. CONSIDERATION: ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-01 DIRECTING THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF UPDATED WELL PERMIT REVIEW PROCEDURES**

Kristin provided an update on Yolo County Board of Supervisors actions. On July 11, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to return with options for consideration, including a moratorium on new wells in areas of special concern. The YSGA Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee (DCPC) met on July 26 and August 23 to review the YSGA process for mapping areas of special concern. Kristin provided an overview of the factors being considered in the mapping process. The DCPC is scheduled to meet next week to review the map progress, with the intention to provide a draft map for approval at a special Board of Directors meeting in October. The map will be used to support revised YSGA well permit verification criteria. At the September 12 meeting, the Board of Supervisors decided to enact a 45-day moratorium in Central Yolo, North Yolo, and Dunnigan Management Areas starting on September 26.

Kristin reviewed the contents of the draft Resolution with input from Rebecca Smith.

Public comment: Ben King commented that Glenn County enacted a well moratorium. He commented that the Yolo minimum thresholds for water quality are significantly lower than those for Colusa, and the monitoring network is lacking. He recommended monitoring for pH, TDS, and hexavalent chromium. Jenny Scheer noted the issue of CEQA compliance and advised that the State is revising their well standards.

Action: Approve item a) as presented.

Motion: City of Winters (Balasek)

Second: RD 787 (Cornwell)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached)

## **8. CONSIDERATION – WATERSMART APPLIED SCIENCE GRANT APPLICATION**

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 23-02 Directing and Authorizing the Executive Officer to Prepare and Submit a WaterSMART Applied Science Grant Application
- b. Approve Letter of Support for the Groundwater Recharge Data Sharing and Modeling Improvements Project

Action: Approve item a) as presented.

Motion: YCFC&WCD (Barth)

Second: City of Winters (Balasek)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached)

Action: Approve item b) as presented.

Motion: City of Winters (Balasek)

Second: RD 765 (Dickson)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Motion passed (roll call attached).

## **11. MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Nothing to report.

**12. NEXT MEETING** – Special Meeting in October – TBD. Next regular meeting on November 20, 2023.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Vice Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

ROLL CALL YSGA Board of Directors									
	Agency	Name	Board/ Alternate	ATTENDANCE	VOTE - ITEM 4a	VOTE - ITEM 4d	VOTE - ITEM 7	VOTE - ITEM 8a	VOTE - ITEM 8b
1	City of Davis	Bapu Vaitla	<b>Board</b>	X <i>(item 4-end)</i>	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Stan Gryczko	Alternate						
		Richard Tsai	Alternate						
2	City of West Sacramento	Verna Sulpizio Hull	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
3	City of Winters	Carol Scianna	<b>Board</b>						
		Kurt Balasek	Alternate	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Wade Cowan	Alternate						
4	City of Woodland	Mayra Vega	<b>Board</b>						
		Tania Garcia-Cadena	Alternate	X <i>(item 4-end)</i>	Absent	Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye
5	Dunnigan Water District	David Schaad	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate	X					
6	Esparto CSD	Charles Schaupp	<b>Board</b>						
		Manuel Quintana	Alternate	X*	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
7	Madison CSD	Leo Refsland	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
8	RD 108	Hilary Reinhard	<b>Board</b>						
		Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
9	RD 150	Warren Bogle	<b>Board</b>	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
10	RD 307	James Johas	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Karen Chesnut	Alternate						
11	RD 537	Tom Ramos	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
12	RD 730	Jim Heidrick	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
13	RD 765	David Dickson, Jr.	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Doug Dickson, Sr.	Alternate						
14	RD 787	Roger Cornwell	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Dominic Bruno	Alternate						
15	RD 999	Tom Slater	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
16	RD 1600	Michele Clark	<b>Board</b>	X*	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
17	RD 2035	Kyriakos Tsakopoulos	<b>Board</b>	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Mike Hall	Alternate						
18	Rumsey Water Users Association	Ken Muller	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
19	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Marc Fawns	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jim Ethers	Alternate						
20	Yolo County	Jim Provenza	<b>Board</b>	X	Abstain	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
21	YCFC&WCD	Tom Barth	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Kristin Sicke	Alternate	X					
22	UC Davis	Camille Kirk	<b>Board</b>	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Kelli O'Day	Alternate						
23	Cal Am Water - Dunnigan	Evan Jacobs	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Audie Foster	Alternate						
24	Colusa Drain MWC	Lynnel Pollock	<b>Board</b>	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Jim Wallace	Alternate						
25	Yolo County Farm Bureau	Lee Smith	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Denise Sagara	Alternate	X					
26	Environmental Rep.	Ann Brice	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

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	Agency	Name	Attendance
<b><i>OTHER YSGA STAFF:</i></b>			
	Executive Officer	Kristin Sicke	X
	Legal Counsel	Rebecca Smith	X
	YSGA Staff	Sarah Leicht	X
	YSGA Staff	Nathan Fisher	X
<b><i>PUBLIC AND AGENCY STAFF:</i></b>			
		Linda Bell	X
		Annie Main	X
	CA Rice Commission	Craig Riddle	X
	CA DWR	Nicholas Vadpey	X
	Yolo RCD	Kate Reza	X
	Yolo County	Elisa Sabatini	X
		Ben King	X
		Jackie Lundy	X
		Jenny Scheer	X