



Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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**

- 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

*remote attendance, member was non-voting

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

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

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	Agency	Name	Attendance
<i>OTHER YSGA STAFF:</i>			
	Executive Officer	Kristin Sicke	X
	Legal Counsel	Rebecca Smith	X
	YSGA Staff	Sarah Leicht	X
	YSGA Staff	Nathan Fisher	X
<i>PUBLIC AND AGENCY STAFF:</i>			
		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



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SPECIAL Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 27, 2023

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Meeting called to order at 1:02 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

City of Winters: Carol Scianna (Kurt Balasek)

City of Woodland: Tania Garcia-Cadena

Dunnigan Water District: David

Reclamation District (RD) 108: Roger Cornwell

RD 537: Tom Ramos

RD 765: David Dickson, Jr. *(Item 4 – end)*

RD 787: Roger Cornwell *(nonvoting)* (Dominic Bruno*)

RD 999: Tom Slater

RD 1600: Michele Clark

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Marc Fawns

Yolo County: Mary Vixie Sandy

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth,
(Kristin Sicke)

Cal Am Water – Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs *(Item 4 – end)*

Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company: Lynnel Pollock**

Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith, (Denise Sagara*)

Absent: **City of West Sacramento**, Esparto CSD, Madison CSD, RD 150, RD 730, RD 787, RD 2035, Rumsey Water Users Association, Environmental Representative

*remote attendance, member was non-voting

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

- 2. PUBLIC FORUM:** Nothing to report.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer, provided the following updates:

- Director Mike Hall of RD 2035 passed away unexpectedly on October 11. A service will be held on

October 28 at Conaway Ranch.

- The Board welcomed new directors Andrew Fulks (UC Davis) and Mary Vixie Sandy (Yolo County).
- The Yolo Subbasin GSP was approved by DWR on October 26. DWR recommended corrective actions to be implemented prior to the 2027 GSP update.
- TNC and Audubon reached out to YSGA staff to further partnership on GDE identification, monitoring, and watershed group engagement. TNC and Audubon staff will begin reaching out to YSGA Directors to gain support and input.
- The Ad Hoc Finance Committee met on October 25 to discuss the next steps in considering the governance and funding structure of the YSGA. Legal counsel will provide a summary of decisions to be made by individual agency boards.
- YSGA staff worked with SEI and Consero to apply to the USBR WaterSMART Applied Science Grant Program. Award announcements are expected in Spring 2024.
- DWR is working with staff to drill and instrument three multi-completion wells along the west side of the Subbasin as part of the Technical Support Services program. The wells are drilled and expected to be fully online in early 2024.
- YSGA staff are participating in the filming of a video series *Farming for Our Future: Sharing Solutions to Climate Change from the Fields*.
- Fall measurements of the monitoring network are complete, and an update on groundwater levels throughout the Subbasin will be available soon.
- A check signing for the SGMA Implementation Grant award will be held before the YSGA Board Meeting on November 20. All Directors are invited to attend.

4. CONSIDERATION: APPROVAL OF DRAFT YSGA FOCUS AREAS MAP AND PUBLIC REVIEW

West Yost and YSGA staff explained the process for creating the draft focus areas map. The map was developed in collaboration with the Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee and incorporates feedback from committee members. Staff requested the Board approve the draft Focus Areas map and begin the public comment period, which will be open from October 31 – November 14. The County Board of Supervisors will meet on November 7 and receive an update from the YSGA on progress made towards updating the well permit procedures. At the November 20 YSGA Board of Directors meeting, staff will present public comments received and the Board will consider adoption of the final map. Drafts of the Hydrogeology Reports Technical Memo and updated well permit procedures will also be provided at the November 20 regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Public Comment:

- Matt Lohse expressed concerns about the validity of data collected at his monitoring well and the cost of completing a hydrogeology report if he wants to plant trees on his property. Also commented that additional data such as irrigated acreage and whether or not a parcel has received surface water in the last 5 years should be considered in this delineation. Additionally asked why data has not been acquired from well drillers.
- Michael Jarred asked about the Citizen Concern delineation, and whether the line was just drawn around the concerned citizen's property or if there was a buffer added. Sarah clarified that the buffer

is added in the final delineation.

- Johnny Darosa asked whether it is required to report lowering the pump bowls, Sarah clarified that none of the dry well reporting is mandatory.
- Jackie Lundy asked about the size of the buffer area, Sarah clarified that the buffer is 2,000 feet, equal to the county's maximum setback distance.
- Ben King suggested the YSGA require water quality measurements upon construction of new wells. He also suggested that the YSGA consider water quality interaction at Knights Landing as Sites Reservoir conveyance may result in the co-mingling of water sources.

Board Discussion:

- Director Jacobs: Inquired about whether subsidence data will be considered in this process. Erik Cadaret of West Yost responded that subsidence will be considered in future iterations.
- Director Vaitla: Asked about wells northeast of Winters that are near the 25-foot decline threshold but not included in the delineation. Erik responded that the 25-foot decline threshold was most correlated with citizen concerns, but that the public comment period would be helpful in further refining the boundaries where necessary.
- Director Fulks: Asked whether the YSGA has projections for future demand on the aquifer that would be helpful in evaluating new well permits. Sicke responded that the 2016 land use was held constant in the GSP for future projections, but that the YSGA would be updating land use projections as part of the 2027 GSP Update.
- Director Barth: Commented that he sees this evolving into a process similar to what the cities require for new development in that the developer must demonstrate that there is adequate water supply in the area to support the proposed development.

Action: Approve the draft Focus Areas Map to begin the public review process

Motion: YCFCWCD (Barth)

Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached)

5. NEXT MEETING – Next regular meeting on November 20, 2023.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

YSGA Board of Directors MEETING ROLL CALL

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

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Executive Officer	Kristin Sicke	X
Legal Counsel	Rebecca Smith	X
YSGA Staff	Sarah Leicht	X
YSGA Staff	Nathan Fisher	X
<i>PUBLIC AND AGENCY STAFF:</i>		
	Ricardo Amon	X
	Anthony Endow	X
West Yost	Anna Reimer	X
	Grant Davids	X
Yolo County	Elisa Sabatini	X
	Nailah Souder	X
Yolo County	Jianmin Huang	X
	Matt Frank	X
	Brian Hauss	X
	Linda Bell	X
	John Fawcett	X
	Claire Main	X
	Trey Strickland	X
Yolo County	Kimberley Hood	X
	Savanna Sanders	X
	Susan Millsap	X
YCFCWCD	Jim Mayer	X
Yolo County	April Meneghetti	X
West Yost	Erik Cadaret	X
LSCE	Nick Watterson	X
	Johnny Darosa	X
	Jackie Lundy	X
	Ben King	X
	Michael Jarrod	X
	Matt Lohse	X
	Rod Schaffer	X