

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Working Group April 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes

1	<p>CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM Tim O’Halloran called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. There was a quorum of fifteen (15) member agencies in attendance (sign-in sheet attached).</p>
2.	<p>APPROVE AGENDA and ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA – Tim informed that the WG meetings will be following Brown Act protocols. Tim O’Halloran requested to start each meeting with a current water conditions report under Informational Item. The agenda was approved with this addition.</p>
3.	<p>PUBLIC FORUM – There were no comments from the public.</p>
4.	<p>APPROVE MINUTES - February 7, 2018 YSGA Working Group meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Lynnel Pollock, CDMWC and seconded by Denise Sagara, YCFB and was unanimously approved.</p>
5.	<p>INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Report of the Executive Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim O’Halloran reported that at the April 22nd YSGA Board of Directors meeting, he will request approval to formalize a Technical Working Group (WG) subcommittee. The WG will consist of one technical or staff representative from each JPA member entity. Voting structure will be one vote per member agency and the subcommittee meetings will be subject to comply with the Brown Act. The current WG attendees unanimously approved of the formal establishment of the Technical WG as Tim presented. • Tim provided a current water conditions report.
6.	<p>DWR UPDATE – Barrett Kaasa, California Department of Water Resources (DWR), gave an update on groundwater related funding and activities. Barrett’s summary is attached.</p> <p>Mary Fahey gave a short summary of implementation activities for the Colusa Groundwater Authority (Colusa County’s Groundwater Sustainability Agency). https://colusagroundwater.org/</p> <p>Max Stevenson, YCFB&WCD, gave an update on the groundwater well database.</p>
7.	<p>APRIL 22, 2019 BOARD MEETING AGENDA - Executive Officer</p> <p>a. <u>Reconsideration of Voting Structure and Expense Allocation</u>: Tim reviewed the purpose of the 2-year “re-opener” clause that is scheduled after the end of this fiscal year 6/30/19. Tim is going to propose to the YSGA Board that reconsideration of the JPA agreement voting structure and expense allocation (membership dues) be delayed until the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is completed in about 1½ years. It was requested that the proposal include a clause for re-consideration and discussion if the GSP is <u>not</u> completed after 1½ years. After the GSP is developed it will better inform us about the fees and expenses for the YGSA moving forward. Tim asked legal counsel, Kevin O’Brien, to address any potential problems with postponing the re-opener discussion. Kevin did not see any issues if the Board gives this proposal proper consideration and discussion as detailed in the JPA Agreement Section 5.1.</p>

Tim asked the WG for their input. Several Reclamation Districts (RD) asked how delaying the re-opener clause would impact discussing dues adjustments for the RDs that have original JPA agreement acreage disputes for overlapping areas. Tim will discuss this issue with RD537 directly. RD 108 asked whether the 4 rural agencies will continue paying additional dues of \$10,000/each for additional acreage that covers areas not being paid for by Yolo County. Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company asked about the possibility a reduction in agency dues across the board if the YSGA had enough funds accumulated. UC Davis asked for a projection of expenses for the next 2 years in order to determine whether we anticipate having sufficient funds or an excess of cash reserves. Tim asked if anyone had issues with the current voting structure. No one expressed any issues with current structure.

- b. Consolidation of WRA and YSGA: Tim informed that the Executive Committee (EC) discussed consolidation with legal counsel. Consolidation of the two agencies is not required but might be a better business practice. Kevin O'Brien shared that if the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) was folded into the YSGA, the YSGA's purposes would need to be expanded and the JPA Agreement would need to be revised. The JPA's purposes are currently focused on SGMA, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The focus areas that the WRA covers that the JPA does not are more regional issues like mercury contamination, invasive species issues and participation in the Westside-Sacramento Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The WRA is the official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) partner for Yolo county along with Solano, Lake and Napa counties. Jeanette Wrynski, Administrative Project Manager for the Westside IRWM group addressed the issue that the MOU charter would also need to be revised if the YSGA became the MOU partner. These are issues are not insurmountable but will need to be addressed if there are organizational changes.
- c. Addition of New Members: RDs 150, 307 and 999: Kristin Sicke gave a summary of the process to formally modify the subbasin boundaries with DWR to include the three Reclamation Districts (RD) in the Clarksburg area. She gave a status report on RD's intent to join the JPA. Kevin O'Brien has indicated that the JPA Agreement would not need to be revised to include the RDs. The YSGA Board would need to vote to approve the new JPA members. RD 150 and 999 have given their clear intent to join the JPA. RD307 could provide a resolution of their intent to join the JPA. The RDs will need to sign the JPA agreement signature page to formally be part of the YSGA. The three RDs have agreed retroactive pay dues to the formation date of the YSGA, June 1,2017, if that is what the YSGA Board decides. It was suggested that a formal policy on this issue be adopted to avoid further confusion.
- d. FY2017-2018 Financial Audit Report: Donna Gentile reported on the YSGA's first annual fiscal year audit by Richardson & Company, LLP. The final audit report will be presented to the YSGA Board at their April 22, 2019 meeting. The audit process went very smoothly, and the auditor found no major issues in the way the YSGA is conducting their financial operations. The first audit is always more involved as the initial files are prepare and the next audit process will be quicker. The next audit cycle will be 6/30/19. The Executive Committee discussed whether it might be prudent to change to a 2-year audit cycle. If the Board agreed to this change, the JPA agreement would need to be amended. Richardson's proposal quoted fees an annual audit for 3

	<p>years. We would need to ask them how the fees would change for a 2-year vs. annual audit. Donna mentioned that the WRA is ready to conduct their 2-year audit for fiscal years ending 6/30/18 and 6/30/19 with a different auditor.</p>
8.	<p>GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) DEVELOPMENT: OVERVIEW OF WATER BUDGETS - Executive Officer and Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)</p> <p>a. <u>Review of Material Provided at May 3, 2018 Entity Group Meeting</u> – Susie Bresney, SEI, informed that there is a packet of information labeled by entity with an update of the water budget materials last provided at the 5/3/18 meeting. Contact her if you need an explanation of packet materials - Susie.Bresney@sei-us.org.</p> <p>Chuck Young, SEI, reviewed their analysis of conservation wells throughout the basin and the purpose for their analysis. He also gave an overview of the water budgets prepared and reviewed some of their findings.</p> <p>b. <u>Individual Entity Outstanding Questions</u> – Tim asked everyone to review their packet of information and contact Chuck if they have questions: cyoung@sei-us.org</p> <p>c. <u>Future Scenarios</u> – Not discussed.</p>
9.	<p>GSP DEVELOPMENT: MANAGEMENT AREAS and SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT CRITERIA WORKSHOPS - Executive Officer</p> <p>Tim gave a brief explanation of sustainable management criteria and how the criteria will guide us in the management the subbasin. He is proposing that we establish administrative leads for each management area and hold a series of workshops throughout each management area to discuss criteria. Kristin distributed maps of the individual management areas. Please provide your input to Tim or Kristin if you find any needed minor adjustments or changes to the boundaries. Tim will be reaching out to establish who is interested in participating.</p> <p>a. Establishing Advisory Committee that includes participation from the people impacted in each management area.</p> <p>b. Scheduling Workshops</p>
10.	<p>FUTURE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS – Executive Officer, Tim O’Halloran</p> <p>a. Annexation of White Areas</p> <p>b. White Paper on Areas of Special Concern</p> <p>c. Role of Water Transfers</p>
11.	<p>WRAP UP and NEXT STEPS</p> <p>a. <u>Next Working Group Meeting</u>: Tim proposed establishing a monthly meeting time. The WG agreed to the first Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. An agenda will be sent prior to each meeting. A meeting will not be held if it is deemed unnecessary and the WG will be formally notified.</p>
12.	<p>ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm</p>

Respectfully submitted,



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A. Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program

DWR Financial Assistance Branch (<https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans>)

→ Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program

Program Website: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Sustainable-Groundwater>

- Yolo's grant agreement has been finalized, and the kickoff meeting is complete
- Currently waiting on Yolo's first invoice

→ Prop 68 SGW Funding

- A new round of funding will be available for GSP related work (~\$46m), with funding available for the following priorities:
 - 1) Basins that have not received any GSP funding yet
 - 2) Basins that have received funding, but need additional funding to complete their GSPs
 - 3) SDAC implementation projects
- Draft guidelines and PSP expected this spring.
- In 2020 ~\$100m in additional funding will be available for implementation projects (2nd round Prop 68)

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B. Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Updates

DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Branch (water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm)

SGM Mailing List Subscription: water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/subscribe.cfm

→ SGMA Technical Support Services

- DWR is currently working with Yolo on the TSS agreement
- Once the agreement is finalized DWR will work with Yolo and the Subcontractor to schedule the work.

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→ [Basin Boundary Modification \(BBM\)](#)

- Final BBM released February 11, 2019
- 43 applications, 40 were approved or partially approved

→ [Basin Prioritization](#)

- Finalize Phase 1 Basin Prioritization on January 4, 2019 (Unmodified Basins) [\[MAP\]](#)
- Phase 2 Basin Prioritization (50+ modified basins)
 - Draft results in Spring (April?)
 - 30-day comment period
 - Final results expected by late June?

→ [Groundwater Sustainability Plan \(GSP\) Alternative Plans](#)

- SGMO is working on releasing the decisions on Alternative plans – they hope to release the decisions in May 2019
- Annual Reports are due April 1st
- For direct questions, comments, or concerns contact Craig Altare at Craig.Altare@water.ca.gov

→ [Sacramento Valley Subsidence Report](#)

The report on the findings of the 2017 GPS Survey of the Sacramento Valley Subsidence Network shows most of the Sacramento Valley has experienced little to no subsidence, however, some areas have experienced subsidence of up to 2.14 feet compared with baseline measurements recorded in the same location in 2008.

For questions, email sgmps@water.ca.gov.

- [Report](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)