



YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 17, 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 3:07 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)
- Madison CSD: Leo Refsland
- Reclamation District (RD) 108: Roger Cornwell
- RD 765: David Dickson, Jr.
- RD 787: Dominic Bruno
- RD 999: Tom Slater**
- RD 1600: Michele Clark
- RD 2035: Kyriakos Tsakopoulos
- Rumsey Water Users Association: (Mica Bennett)
- Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth
- UC Davis: Andrew Fulks
- Colusa Drain MWC: Lynnel Pollock**
- Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith

Absent: City of Davis, City of West Sacramento, RD 150, RD 307, RD 537, RD 730, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Yolo County, Cal Am Water - Dunnigan

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2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA

There were no items to add.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing to report.

4. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Approve January 13, 2025 Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes
- b) Approve Payment Of Bills In Approved Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget
- c) Receive Fiscal Year 24/25 Financial Statements: 1/10/25 – 3/10/25

- d) Receive Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting: 12/13/24, 2/18/25
- e) Receive Audited Financial Statements for FY 21/22 and FY 22/23

Action

Approve Items 4a and 4b as presented

Motion: Dunnigan Water District (Schaad)

Second: Yolo County Farm Bureau (Smith)

Discussion: Nothing to report

Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

5. UPDATE: CA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Nicholas Vadpey provided an update to the Board on programs and resources from the Department, including:

- The new Underrepresented Communities and Small Farmers assistance program will offer a variety of groundwater-related technical services.
- DWR has recently released a third guidance document on depletion of interconnected surface waters.
- Provisional 2023 statewide crop mapping and final 2022 statewide crop mapping were recently released.
- InSAR subsidence data is now available through July 2024.
- The SGMA Data Portal is implementing a new module for the input of projects and management actions.
- A new public meeting series will be focused on basin characterization.

Kristin inquired about the release of the land subsidence BMP document. Nick will provide an update via email after the meeting.

6. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

- Form 700s are due to the FPCC by April 1.
- Groundwater levels are similar to this time last year, and significantly higher than this time in 2022. Spring measurements will be completed in late March.
- 3 continuous GPS stations and one corner reflector were recently constructed in the Subbasin, and data is now live on SGMA Data Viewer.
- Staff provided a preliminary update on conditions during Water Year 2024, which will be provided in full in the upcoming Annual Report.
- There are currently 25 well permits in the queue for review, 13 within the Focus Areas and 12 outside.
- Kristin provided an update on the fee study. She plans to seek proposals for assistance from economists and convene the Finance Committee to discuss the next steps.
- Kristin provided information about local events that may be of interest to the Board.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE SEAT VACANCY

Kristin reminded the Board that the previous Environmental Representative, Ann Brice, stepped down from the Board in November 2024. Jeanette Wrynski of Yolo RCD expressed interest in the seat. Kristin opened the floor for feedback from the Board on other potential environmental representatives. No comments from the Board were heard. The Executive Committee will discuss the vacancy at the April EC meeting and provide a recommendation to the Board.

8. SGMA IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

Project proponents provided updates on each SGMA Implementation Grant Component:

- GSP Implementation: Staff are partnering with USDA to identify groundwater recharge opportunities in the Hungry Hollow area.
- YCFC&WCD Recharge Program: The District recharged about 4,440 AF in January and February 2025. The District is working with MBK Engineers to prepare and submit a long-term water right application. Preparations are currently underway to expand the program for next winter.
- Yolo-Zamora Recharge Pilot Project: Staff partnered with a landowner along China Slough to pilot on-farm recharge. Water and Land Solutions is completing the water availability analysis and feasibility studies for project alternatives. Staff are exploring the acquisition of a permit for the rehabilitation of the slough, and YSGA may be the lead agency for the permit.
- City of Winters Feasibility Studies: Kurt Balasek, Davids Engineering, provided an update on the feasibility studies underway for the City's water supply and recycled water. Davids Engineering has completed a preliminary analysis of water supply in the area and is preparing an outreach meeting for growers in the area.
- Dunnigan Area Recharge Program: Jordon Navarrot, Dunnigan Water District, provided an update on recent activities. In 2024, the District recharged 1,300 AF of water through Buckeye Creek and over farm fields. The District was able to divert 275 AF of flood flows under Water Code Section 1242.1 in February 2025, after the issuing of [Executive Order N-16-25 on January 31](#). Next steps include further expanding recharge, expanding the monitoring network, and developing a basis of design and recharge operations manual. Additionally, Dunnigan Water District is currently investigating a design concept for reverse tile drains at a property within their service area.

9. MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Nothing to report.

10. NEXT MEETING

May 19, 2025

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 4:06.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristin Sicke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristin" and last name "Sicke" clearly distinguishable.

Kristin Sicke
Executive Officer, Board Secretary

	Agency	Name	Board/ Alternate	ATTENDANCE	VOTE - ITEM 4a and 4b
1	City of Davis	Bapu Vaitla	Board	Absent	Absent
		Stan Gryczko	Alternate		
2	City of West Sacramento	Verna Sulpizio Hull	Board	Absent	Absent
3	City of Winters	Carol Scianna	Board	X	Aye
		Jesse Loren	Alternate		
4	City of Woodland	Mayra Vega	Board	X	Aye
		David Moreno	Alternate		
5	Dunnigan Water District	David Schaad	Board	X	Aye
		Jordon Navarrot	Alternate	X	
6	Esparto CSD	Pierce Scott	Board		
		Alex Lepley	Alternate	X	Aye
7	Madison CSD	Leo Refsland	Board	X	Aye
8	RD 108	Roger Cornwell	Board	X	Aye
		Jordon Navarrot	Alternate	X	
9	RD 150	Warren Bogle	Board	Absent	Absent
10	RD 307	James Johas	Board	Absent	Absent
11	RD 537	Tom Ramos	Board	Absent	Absent
12	RD 730	Jim Heidrick	Board	Absent	Absent
13	RD 765	David Dickson, Jr.	Board	X	Aye
		Doug Dickson, Sr.	Alternate		
14	RD 787	Dominic Bruno	Board	X	Aye
			Alternate		
15	RD 999	Tom Slater	Board	X**	Aye
16	RD 1600	Michele Clark	Board	X	Aye
17	RD 2035	Kyriakos Tsakopoulos	Board	X	Aye
		Jesse Clark	Alternate		
18	Rumsey Water Users Association	Ken Muller	Board		
		Mica Bennett	Alternate	X	Aye
19	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Marc Fawns	Board	X (Item 5-end)	Absent
		Jim Etters	Alternate		
20	Yolo County	Mary Vixie Sandy	Board	Absent	Absent
		Angel Barajas	Alternate		
21	YCFC&WCD	Tom Barth	Board	X	Aye
		Shane Tucker	Alternate		
22	UC Davis	Andrew Fulks	Board	X	Aye
		Kelli O'Day	Alternate		
23	Cal Am Water -Dunnigan	Evan Jacobs	Board	Absent	Absent
		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		
26	Environmental Rep.		Board		

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