



# Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

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

**Woodland Fire Station #3**

**1550 Springlake Court, Woodland, CA 95695**

**(and via Zoom)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Meeting called to order at 3:00 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 West Sacramento: Verna Sulpizio Hull

City of Winters: Carol Scianna

City of Woodland: Mayra Vega (*Item 8 – end*)

Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad, (Bill Vanderwaal\*)

Esparto CSD: Pierce Scott, (Alex Lepley)

Reclamation District (RD) 108: Roger Cornwell, (Bill Vanderwaal\*)

RD 307: James Johas

RD 537: Tom Ramos

RD 765: David Dickson, Jr.

RD 1600: Michele Clark

RD 2035: (Jesse Clark)

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Marc Fawns

Yolo County – Mary Vixie Sandy (*Item 5 – end*)

Rumsey Water Users Association: (Mica Bennett (*item 8-end*))

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth, (Shane Tucker\*)

UC Davis: Andrew Fulks

Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith

Environmental Representative: Ann Brice

*Absent:* Madison CSD, RD 150, RD 730, RD 787, RD 999, Cal Am Water Dunnigan, Colusa Drain MWC

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

**3. PUBLIC FORUM:** Nothing to report.

**4. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Approve March 18, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- b. Receive Fiscal Year 23/24 Financial Statements: 3/12/24-5/16/24
- c. Receive minutes of Executive Committee: 2/21/24 and 4/4/24
- d. Approve Payment of Bills in Approved Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget
- e. Authorize Ad Hoc Committee for Reconsideration of Voting Structure and Expense Allocation

Action: Approve item 4a as presented.

Motion: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Second: City of Davis (Vaitla)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached).

Action: Approve item 4d and 4e as presented.

Motion: YCF&WCD (Barth)

Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached).

**5. UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER LEGISLATION c**

Ivy Brittain, Northern California Water Association, provided an update on relevant items from the state legislature:

- Assembly Bill 2079 was introduced by Assemblymember Bennet and is supported by DWR. The bill would place restrictions on “large diameter, high capacity” wells based on proximity to neighboring wells and land subsidence. Kristin has been working closely with NCWA to advocate for appropriate amendments to the bill.
- Groundwater recharge is also a central issue for the legislature. Senate Bill 1390 would modify the requirements for diversion of flood flows. However, the bill is currently not broad enough to benefit most users in the Sacramento Valley.
- AB 2060 would exempt a temporary urgency permit for diversion to underground storage from lake and streambed alteration agreements.

**6. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES UPDATE**

Nicholas Vadpey, DWR, provided an update on relevant resources from DWR:

- The Underrepresented Communities Technical Support Program has a variety of services to offer.
- DWR recently released the semiannual update to the CA Water Plan. Water conditions are promising with a significant increase in groundwater storage.
- Also released was the first paper on depletions of interconnected surface water. More papers are on the way.
- The Spring GSA forum is on May 23 and will be focused on leveraging the statewide AEM data.
- 2022 Statewide Crop mapping is now available.
- Statewide InSAR land subsidence data is now available through Jan 2024.
- DWR is using some excess funding in the CASGEM program to install additional continuous GPS stations for subsidence monitoring. Staff are working with YSGA to plan 2 sites in the Yolo Subbasin.

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

Kristin Sicke, YSGA Executive Officer, provided an update on recent activities:

Kristin introduced Erik Cadaret, the new Assistant General Manager for YCFC&WCD. Erik will be assisting with YSGA matters. Groundwater levels remain high relative to recent years. The Water Year 2023 Annual Report is now available at [yologroundwater.org](http://yologroundwater.org). Kristin gave an overview of AB 2079 and explained her concerns about the bill.

**8. CONSIDERATION: FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET**

The drafted budget accounts for planned expenses and revenues related to the SGMA Implementation Grant and needs for additional capacity. The YCFC&WCD Technical and Administrative Support contract will require a future amendment by the Board due to additional staff. There is potential to move bookkeeping service in-house, but the Executive Committee recommends some amount of outside oversight over the books. Lee Smith requested the SGMA Grant Budget table be incorporated into the main budget table.

Action: Approve item 8 as presented, with the grant budget table incorporated into the main budget table.

Motion: City of Davis (Vaitla)

Second: YCFC&WCD (Barth)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached).

**u UPDATE: WELL PERMIT REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The Board adopted the tiered well permit review process in March 2024. Kristin reviewed the adopted process and reviewed the comments that were received. Comments mainly centered around revisions to the GSP, which will be addressed in the 2027 update. There are currently 22 well permits in the queue and all are pending information from the applicant.

**10. UPDATE: GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

- a. WaterSMART Applied Science Grant Award: YSGA was awarded \$400,000 from the USBR WaterSMART Applied Science program for improvements to the YSGA Model, development and modeling of projects & management actions, development of a seasonal forecasting platform, and improvements to the WRID. A joint application between Colusa County Water District, Dunnigan Water District, and RD 108 was also awarded. The project would expand groundwater monitoring in the area.
- b. SGMA Implementation Grant Projects: Kristin reviewed the work that has started and will be starting soon under the grant. Consultants will be needed for some elements.
- c. Responses to RFQ for GSP Update and Related Services: Many responses were received to the RFQ distributed. Staff will develop criteria to rank respondents and review the ranking with the Executive Committee.

**8. MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Nothing to report.

**9. NEXT MEETING:** July 15, 2024

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

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

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