

**Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 14, 2019, 3:30 p.m.**

Woodland Community and Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Meeting called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Roger Cornwell, Vice-chair.

Tim O'Halloran conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present.

The following Board members and (alternates) were in attendance:

City of West Sacramento: (Denix Anbiah)
City of Winters: Jesse Loren, (Kurt Balasek)
City of Woodland: Xóchitl Rodriguez
Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company (CDMWC): Lynnel Pollock
County of Yolo: (Supervisor Jim Provenza)
Dunnigan Water District; George Burger, (Bill Vanderwaal)
Environmental Representative: Ann Brice
Esparto Community Service District (CSD): (Steve Knightley)
Madison CSD: Leo Refsland
Reclamation District (RD)108: Hilary Reinhard, (Bill Vanderwaal)
RD 537: Tom Ramos
RD 765: David Dickson
RD 787: Roger Cornwell, Board Vice-chair, (Dominic Bruno)
RD 827: Dan Ramos
RD 1600: Michele Clark
RD 2035: (Mike Hall)
University of California Davis (UCD): Camille Kirk
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Emily Drewek, (Marc Fawns)
Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB): Stan Lester
Yolo County Flood Control & WCD (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth (Tim O'Halloran)

ABSENT: City of Davis, California American Water Company, RD 730, and RD 785

- 2. APPROVE AGENDA:** The Board approved the January 14, 2019 agenda as posted. Motioned by CDMWC to approve the agenda, seconded by YCFB and unanimously approved.

Absent: City of Davis, California American Water Company, RD 730, and RD 785

- 3. PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments from the public.
- 4. OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:** Roger Cornwell turned this item over to Tim O'Halloran, Executive Officer. Tim explained that Babs Sandeen's committee assignments have changed with the new year and she is no longer on the WRA and YSGA board representing West Sacramento. He thanked her for her years of service as chair. Babs spoke briefly to the group.

Tim O'Halloran stated that the JPA agreement does not delineate a specific process or length of term for the election of officers. He proposed that for the time being it would be recommended to keep the

representatives acting as chair and vice-chair of the WRA and the YSGA the same for continuity and efficacy. Vice-chair Roger opened the floor to receive nominations for the positions of chair and vice-chair. YCFC&WCD, motioned the nomination of Roger Cornwell for the position of chair and Jesse Loren for vice-chair. The motion was seconded by UC Davis and unanimously approved.

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- 5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR and EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Roger Cornwell thanked everyone for their support as the new chair. Tim O'Halloran highlighted several activities in his written report included with the agenda and summarized current water conditions (Agenda pages 7 - 11).

- 6. CONSENT ITEMS:** Motioned by the County of Yolo to approve all consent items, seconded by City of Winters and unanimously approved.

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- a. Approved September 17, 2018 Board of Directors meeting minutes
- b. Received Fiscal Year End 2018-2019 Financial Statements: July 2018 to November 2018
- c. Approved 2019 Board of Directors meeting dates: 1/14, 3/18, 6/17, 9/16, and 11/18/19
- d. Received report on Selection of Firm to Perform Audits for Fiscal Years Ending 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020.

7. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) UPDATE

Barrett Kaasa, DWR, gave an update on items related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) program. His summary notes are included at the end of these minutes.

8. UPDATE ON BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION (BBM) REQUEST,

Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD, summarized the modification process and the reason for Yolo's jurisdictional basin boundary modification request for new members. The modification request was primarily for incorporating Reclamation Districts 150 and 999 into the Yolo subbasin. Yolo's "Plan B" BBM included the addition of Reclamation District 307 to ensure that no "islands" were created from an adjacent modification being denied by DWR. Reclamation Districts 150 and 999 intend to join the YSGA as JPA members. Staff is still working with Reclamation District 307 to determine whether they will become a member. Appropriate coordination agreements will be established between our partners to determine how to manage the data across county boundaries. DWR approved draft BBM on November 29th and the public comment period closed on January 4th. The BBMs go before the California Water Commission for preliminary approval on January 16, 2019 with a final approval by mid-February. A consideration item for formally adding Reclamation Districts 150 and 999 (and potentially Reclamation District 307) will be presented at the March 18th YSGA Board meeting. Tim asked Kevin O'Brien, YSGA's legal counsel, to address the need for a minor modification to the JPA agreement to incorporate the new basin boundaries as modified by Yolo's request.

9. UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) DEVELOPMENT,

Tim O'Halloran summarized the process for developing the GSP. He informed that we are in a good position to complete the draft GSP before DWR's required deadline of January 2022. The GSP's five key components were listed in the attached agenda report. Tim asked David Gutierrez, GEI Consultants, to discuss the stakeholder communication engagement plan process. David reviewed the Sustainable Management Criteria and how the criteria will support the sustainability of the Yolo Subbasin by defining measurable objectives and minimum thresholds for each sustainability indicator. Management actions will be considered to avoid the occurrence of undesirable results. Tim summarized the stakeholder outreach conducted since Yolo's SGMA process began.

Tim informed that several technical components of the GSP, such as, the hydrogeologic conceptual model and other groundwater monitoring components were completed as part of Yolo's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The reports will need to be repackaged to fit the criteria of the GSP.

Kristin Sicke discussed the water budgets developed in preparation for the GSP with the assistance of the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI). Staff and contractors will gather critical missing information identified through videologging wells and surveying ground surface conditions with technical assistance from DWR. The Water Resources Information Database (WRID) will also be updated and enhanced as part of the GSP development process.

Tim informed that monthly Working Group meetings will be scheduled starting next month to discuss and review all of the GSP components outlined. Tim answered questions.

10. MEMBERS' REPORTS and FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – YSGA Members were invited to briefly report on current issues and recommended topics for future YSGA Board of Directors meetings.

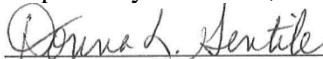
Tim mentioned that Item a below will be a focus topic as the YSGA completes its second fiscal year of operations. It was agreed at the onset that the merger, voting structure and fees would be re-visited after the first two years. Jeanette Wrynski, Westside-Sacramento IRWM Administrative Project Manager, reminded that as the WRA and YSGA discuss the merging the two organizations to remember that the WRA is the Yolo MOU partner of Westside regional group. Therefore, the WRA is the only group recognized by the Westside to take official actions for Yolo county. For example, the Westside Coordinating Committee recently adopted the updated Westside IRWMP. Each of the four partners are also required to adopt this update. This is scheduled to be presented to the WRA Board at their March 2019 meeting. Any changes to the WRA's structure will need to be reflected in this membership agreement with the Westside.

- a. Establishment of Subcommittee for Merger of Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) and Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency and Reconsideration of Voting Structure and Expense Allocation (Agreement Section 5.11)
- b. "White" Area Annexation
- c. White Paper on Areas of Special Concern

11. NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 18, 2019

12. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Prepared for **YSGA** Board Meeting,
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A. Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program

DWR Financial Assistance Branch (water.ca.gov/funding)

Financial Assistance Mailing List Subscription: <http://www.water.ca.gov/funding/subscription.cfm>

→ Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program

Program Website: water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/

- Yolo's grant agreement has been finalized, and the kickoff meeting is complete
- Yolo has up to 4 months from the execution date (11/21/2018) to submit the first invoice (by 3/21/2019), then all subsequent invoices will be on a quarterly schedule

→ 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
- In 2020 ~\$100m in additional funding will be available for implementation projects

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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 on a general TSS Services agreement that is needed before beginning work

- The agreement will likely require GSAs to ensure DWR has access to properties for work on monitoring wells, and that existing wells are free of equipment (video logging).
- The agreement is currently under DWR legal review.

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→ Basin Boundary Modifications

- http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/basin_boundaries.cfm
- Draft recommendations for approved Basin boundary modifications were released on Nov. 29th.
- Yolo's modification request has been tentatively approved (this modification incorporates RD 150, 999, and 307 into the Yolo Subbasin)
- The public comment period closed on January 4th ~ Yolo only had comments in support of modification
- Water Commission meeting on January 16th to allow the commission to hear and comment on DWR's draft recommendations. However it is up to DWR to make final decisions.
- DWR will release the final basin Mods in February.

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→ Basin Boundary Reprioritization

- <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization>
- The final Basin prioritization results were release January 4th (for basins without modifications)
- 59 basins with potential modifications will be reprioritized after final BBM results are released
- Final prioritization for those 59 basins is expected in late spring 2019
- Some basins with grant funding reprioritized from Med/High to Low – funding may go back into pool for future solicitations

→ Alternative Plans

- Final review expected to be completed in early 2019 – Not before mid march