

**Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 20, 2021, 3:15 p.m.**  
**Meeting held via GoToMeeting**  
34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Roger Cornwell, Chair.  
Kristin Sicke conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present.

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

City of West Sacramento: (William Roberts)  
City of Winters: Jesse Loren (*Item 1-8*), (Kurt Balasek (*Item 6-9*))  
City of Woodland: Mayra Vega (*Item 5-8*)  
Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad, (Bill Vanderwaal)  
Esparto CSD: Charles Schaupp  
Madison CSD: Leo Refsland  
Reclamation District (RD) 108: Hilary Reinhard, (Bill Vanderwaal)  
RD 307: James Johas  
RD 730: Jim Heidrick  
RD 765: David Dickson, Jr. (*Item 6-end*)  
RD 787: Roger Cornwell, Board Chair, (Dominic Bruno)  
RD 999: Tom Slater (*Item 6-end*)  
RD 1600: Michele Clark  
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: (Marc Fawns)  
Yolo County: Gary Sandy  
Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth,  
(Kristin Sicke)  
University of California, Davis: Camille Kirk  
California American (Cal Am) Water - Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs  
Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company (MWC): Lynell Pollock  
Yolo County Farm Bureau: Stan Lester, (Denise Sagara)  
Environmental Representative: Ann Brice

Absent: City of Davis, RD 150, RD 537, RD 2035

- 2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA**

There were no items added to the agenda.

- 3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Kevin O'Brien gave notice to the Board that a new law, AB 361, extends the teleconference provisions the Board has been operating under. The next meeting will need to adopt a resolution regarding teleconference to comply with this law.

#### 4. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approved June 21, 2021 Board of Directors' meeting minutes
- b. Received Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Financial Statements: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
- c. Received Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Financial Statements: July-September 3, 2021
- d. Approved Recommended Auditor for FY 2020/21 Audit: The Executive Committee recommended the Board of Directors authorize entering into an arrangement with Richardson & Company for the single-year audit of Fiscal Year 2020-21.
- e. Received minutes of Executive Committee: 6/7, 7/26, and 8/16/21
- f. Received minutes of Working Group: 7/29/21

Action: Approve all consent items as presented.

Motion: Tom Barth, YCFC&WCD

Second: Jesse Loren, City of Winters

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote: Unanimously approved (roll call attached).

#### 5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kristin Sicke, YSGA Executive Officer: The Draft GSP is now posted to the website and available for public comment. Two public workshops were held to announce the GSP. Feedback focused on the drought, data gaps, and changing conditions. Groundwater levels are much lower than this time in 2020. Groundwater declines have lessened, and water levels are beginning to stabilize and recover.

#### 6. WATER CONDITIONS UPDATE, Member Agencies

- a. Dana Carey, Yolo County OES: OES is working with YCFC&WCD to compile and verify dry well reports. They are providing services such as bottled water deliveries, aboveground storage tanks, and trucked water deliveries. Equine programs have recently been covered under existing programs, but they are still working with a pheasant farm and individual well owners who are not covered under existing programs.
- b. Tim Busch, Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency: The agency holds two water rights, a junior right from the Water Board subject to Term 91 and a more senior settlement contractor right, currently subject to 25% curtailment. This year Term 91 started earlier than normal and is expected to go later. They were able to purchase additional water from TNC, but overall are providing about 25% less water than last year. If Term 91 continues past Nov 1, WDCWA will have no water right access; they are working on securing additional water. They also experienced some chemical shortages and are undergoing a two-week outage while the chemicals are changed. To-date, the groundwater levels are typical. Director Sandy asked about the sale of water for people outside the City of Woodland who need water; Tim is working with Dana and Kristin to arrange this. The water from the hydrants is potable; but potability varies by transportation method. The intention of the program is largely for non-potable water.
- c. Leo Refsland, Madison, Knight's Landing, and Cacheville CSDs: Madison Community Services District's (CSD) well is at the cautionary concern level, in good shape. Water levels are mirroring the 2014-15 drought. Cacheville CSD's well is recovering, and just entered cautionary concern out of critical concern. They are working to get real-time monitoring well at

the fire station. The Knights Landing CSD well is also recovering. The districts have been stockpiling chlorine, etc. for water treatment to avoid shortage.

- d. Charlie Schaupp, Esparto CSD: Esparto CSD has deep wells that have been fine throughout the summer. The shallow wells are showing recovery. Steve Knightley has stepped down as General Manager, so there will be a new alternate for Esparto CSD.

## **7. CONSIDERATION: RUMSEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION’S REQUEST TO JOIN THE YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY**

The Rumsey Water Users Association (RWUA) has requested to join the YSGA. The RWUA is a non-profit organization with 40 members that provides irrigation water to approximately 340 acres in the northern Capay Valley. A map of the administrative boundary and constituent parcels of the RWUA was provided in the agenda package, and provided in the virtual presentation. RWUA has nominated Board Member and local farmer Ken Muller as its candidate for YSGA Board Representative. With an approximate service area of 340 acres, dues collected upon entering into an MOU with RWUA would be \$340 (for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022).

Action: Approve the RWUA’s request for membership as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Motion: Gary Sandy, Yolo County

Second: Leo Refsland, Madison CSD

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached).

## **8. CONSIDERATION: NORTH YOLO MANAGEMENT AREA RECHARGE PROJECT**

David Schaad of Dunnigan Water District recused himself for this item to avoid conflict of interest. Bill Vanderwaal provided an overview of the project. The project would obtain a 180-day temporary permit to divert flows from Tehama Colusa Canal to Buckeye Creek via dewatering gates for the purpose of groundwater recharge. It is a pilot project that can be applied to other ephemeral streams in the Subbasin. The estimated cost of the project is \$60,000 to \$123,000 with estimated recharge potential of 1,000 to 2,000 AF, which equates to a cost of \$60/AF. The Executive Committee recommends the Board of Directors approve the YSGA to serve as the water right applicant and provide staff support to facilitate the water right application process.

Director Schaupp raised concerns about how the item was agendized in the agenda package and whether it was appropriate for the Board to consider providing financial assistance to the effort. Executive Officer Sicke asked for Legal Counsel to review the agenda item language as written in the agenda package and to provide guidance for proceeding with the item. Legal Counsel O’Brien informed the Board that they could proceed with considering the item as it was recommended in the Board package: “The Executive Committee recommends the Board of Directors approve the YSGA to serve as the water right applicant and provide staff support to facilitate the water right application process”.

Action: Authorize the YSGA to serve as lead agency and provide staff support for the Buckeye Creek Recharge Project and authorize the allocation of up to \$10,000 towards the project, subject to

reimbursement from any subsequently available funding sources.

Motion: Tom Barth, YCFCWCD

Second: Charles Schaupp, Esparto CSD

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved by majority vote (Dunnigan Water District abstained; roll call attached).

## **9. CONSIDERATION: FORMATION OF YSGA DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

On July 27 and August 31, Executive Officer Sicke presented drought conditions to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors along with County staff, Resources Manager Elisa Sabatini and OES Manager Dana Carey. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors has requested monthly updates from the YSGA on groundwater levels and relevant data that would assist the Board of Supervisors in being responsive and proactive to drought issues.

As of September 17, 2021, 17 domestic wells have been reported to Yolo County OES and confirmed by YSGA staff to have gone dry during the 2021 drought. At the September 2, 2021 Working Group meeting, members discussed the release of the draft Yolo Subbasin GSP and the responses and feedback received at the public workshops. Viewed in the current context of the drought, the GSP will likely need to include a preface that manages expectations on what the GSP is meant to accomplish and whether near-term solutions for drought mitigation can be accomplished. At the September 8, 2021 Executive Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the formation of an Ad-Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee to 1) develop local planning considerations for drought-related actions (in the event there is insufficient rainfall this winter), and 2) facilitate improved coordination activities between the YSGA and County of Yolo in implementing the Yolo Subbasin GSP.

Action: Authorize the formation of the Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee and authorize Executive Officer Sicke and Chair Cornwell to choose committee members.

Motion: Tom Barth, YCFCWCD

Second: Leo Refsland, Madison CSD

Discussion: Upon further discussion the item was tabled to be presented again at a special October meeting, with the list of committee members provided for approval in advance of the meeting.

## **10. UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) DEVELOPMENT,** Kristin Sicke, YSGA Executive Officer, highlighted information from her written GSP update included with the September Board agenda package.

## **11. MEMBERS' REPORTS and FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Nothing to report.

## **12. NEXT MEETING** – Monday, November 15, 2021

## **13. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Cornwell adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

	Agency	Name	Board/ Alternate	Attendance ITEM 1	VOTE ITEM 4	VOTE ITEM 7	VOTE ITEM 8
1	City of Davis	Josh Chapman	<b>Board</b>	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Will Arnold	Alternate				
2	City of West Sacramento	Norma Alcala	<b>Board</b>				
		William Roberts	Alternate	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
3	City of Winters	Jesse Loren	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	
		Wade Cowan	Alternate				
		Kurt Balasek	Alternate				Aye
4	City of Woodland	Mayra Vega	<b>Board</b>	Absent	Absent	Aye	Aye
			Alternate	X			
5	Dunnigan Water District	David Schaad	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Recused
		Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate	X			Aye
6	Esparto CSD	Charles Schaupp	<b>Board</b>	Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Steve Knightley	Alternate				
7	Madison CSD	Leo Refsland	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
8	RD 108	Hilary Reinhard	<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>	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
12	RD 730	Jim Heidrick	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
13	RD 765	David Dickson, Jr.	<b>Board</b>	Absent	Absent	Aye	Aye
		Doug Dickson, Sr.	Alternate				
14	RD 787	Roger Cornwell	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Dominic Bruno	Alternate	X			
15	RD 999	Tom Slater	<b>Board</b>	Absent	Absent	Aye	Aye
16	RD 1600	Michele Clark	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
17	RD 2035	Kryiakos Tsakopoulos	<b>Board</b>	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Mike Hall	Alternate				
18	Yocha Dehe	Emily Drewek	<b>Board</b>				
		Marc Fawns	Alternate	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
19	Yolo County	Gary Sandy	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Abstain
		Jim Provenza	Alternate				
20	YCFC&WCD	Tom Barth	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Kristin Sicke	Alternate	X			
21	UC Davis	Camille Kirk	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
22	Cal Am Water - Dunnigan	Evan Jacobs	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Audie Foster	Alternate				
23	Colusa Drain MWC	Lynnel Pollock	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jim Wallace	Alternate				
24	Yolo County Farm Bureau	Stan Lester	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Denise Sagara	Alternate	X			
25	Environmental Rep.	Ann Brice	<b>Board</b>	X	Aye	Aye	Aye

	Agency	Name	Attendance
	<b><u>OTHER YSGA Staff:</u></b>		
	Executive Officer	Kristin Sicke	X
	Legal Counsel, Downey Brand	Kevin O’Brien	X
	YSGA Technician	Sarah Leicht	X
	YSGA Technician	Jack Cronin	X
	GEI Consultants	Larry Rodriguez	X
	<b><u>PUBLIC and Agency Staff:</u></b>		
	Yolo County OES	Dana Carey	X
	Yolo County	Elisa Sabatini	X
		Jan Hushbeck	X
	Yolo County RCD	Jeanette Wrynski	X
		Jim Mayer	X
	Rumsey Water Users Association	Ken Muller	X
		Ken Wilson	X
		Kristin Jacobs	X
		Lee Smith	X
		Linda Bell	X
	City of Woodland	Matt Cohen	X
		Matt Frank	X
	YCFCWCD	Max Stevenson	X
	City of Davis	Richard Tsai	X
		Rod Schaeffer	X
	Woodland-Davis CWA	Tim Busch	X
		David Pratt	X
		Cork McIsaac	<i>Item 5-end</i>
		Damoon Rejaei	<i>Item 6-end</i>
		Donna Gentile	<i>Item 6-end</i>
		Matt Trask	<i>Item 6-end</i>
	Wild Wings CSA	Lachi Richards	<i>Item 6-end</i>
		Charles Hoes	<i>Item 6-end</i>
	Yolo County	Christine Crawford	<i>Item 6-end</i>