



Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 10, 2022

3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting held via GoToMeeting

34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695

CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Meeting called to order at

- 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 Davis: Josh Chapman
City of Winters: (Kurt Balasek)
City of Woodland: Mayra Vega
Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad, (Bill Vanderwaal)
Esparto CSD: Charles Schaupp, (Manuel Quintana)
Reclamation District (RD) 108: Hilary Reinhard, (Bill Vanderwaal)
RD 150: Warren Bogle (*Item 3-end*)
RD 307: James Johas
RD 537: Tom Ramos
RD 730: Jim Heidrick
RD 765: David Dickson, Jr.
RD 787: Roger Cornwell, Board Chair
RD 999: Tom Slater (*Item 5-end*)
RD 1600: Michele Clark
RD 2035: (Mike Hall)
Rumsey Water Users Association: Ken Muller
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 (*Item 10-end*)
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 West Sacramento, Madison CSD

- 2. CONSIDERATION: RE-AUTHORIZE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A**

RESULT OF THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Action: The Board 1) find that, as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees, and 2) hold meetings by teleconference as authorized by subdivision (e)(1)(C) of Section 54953 of the Government Code.

Motion: Dunnigan Water District

Second: Yolo County

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Unanimously approved (roll call attached).

3. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA: Item 7 will not occur due to a scheduling conflict.

4. PUBLIC FORUM: No public comments.

5. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approved the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.
- b. Received Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Financial Statements: November 1, 2021 – January 7, 2022
- c. Received minutes of Executive Committee: November 8, 2021

Action: Approve all consent items as presented.

Motion: Dunnigan Water District

Second: Colusa Drain MWC

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote: Unanimously approved (roll call attached).

6. UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION, REGULATORY & DELTA ISSUES,

Gary Link, Northern California Water Association: Last year, the state budget set aside \$370 million for groundwater. This year, there will be \$60 million from last year's budget and another \$60 million for 2023-24. The governor recently announced his budget for this year, which includes roughly \$650 million in fire prevention efforts and an additional \$750 million for drought response.

7. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES UPDATE: No update.

8. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kristin Sicke, YSGA Executive Officer: Kristin provided an overview of the Executive Officer Report provided with the agenda package. A real-time unit has been installed at the Yolo Fire District to measure groundwater levels for Cacheville CSD. Countywide groundwater levels are lower than last year but above 2015 values. The *Drought Contingency Planning Committee* is working to develop a *Groundwater Communications Plan* clarifying the duties of the YSGA and the County with respect to groundwater.

9. WATER CONDITIONS UPDATE, Member Agency Roundtable

- a. Update from the WRA TC Ad Hoc Drought Task Force Committee: Groundwater levels in the three CSDs are recovering. Wild Wings CSA is recovering but levels are still 30 feet below last

year. New legislation requires every County to have a drought task force in place; future meetings will focus on planning for this requirement.

- b. Tim Busch, Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency: The curtailment of WDCWA's primary water ended in October 2021, and the Agency has unrestricted flow at the moment. The City of Woodland is injecting into its ASR wells. WDCWA is planning to obtain supplemental water supply in case of a (likely) Shasta Critical Year.
- c. Roger Cornwell, Reclamation District 787: Groundwater levels have been recovering and are approaching normal spring levels. Shasta Lake is currently at 33% of its normal storage, so without additional precipitation it will still be a difficult year.
- d. Bill Vanderwaal, Dunningan Water District:
 - a. Buckeye Creek Recharge Project Update: DWD is working on outreach to landowners and observing the creek during recent precipitation events. Additional funding has been obtained from a private landowner. If water is available, recharge is planned to start in mid-February with a cost of approximately \$26/AF.

10. UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION TO GSP IMPLEMENTATION,

a. GSP Development: Since the closing of the public comment period on October 27, 2021, the GSP has been revised and the Final Draft GSP has been posted to the website. A public hearing will be held at the YSGA's special Board meeting on January 24, 2022 at 3:00 pm to adopt the GSP. The GSP must be submitted to DWR by January 31, 2022.

b. GSP Implementation: The Board discussed the following items related to implementation of the GSP:

1. Process for Considering GSP Revisions and Soliciting New Projects
2. Funding GSP Implementation
 - i. Administration and Groundwater Monitoring
 - ii. Project Implementation
3. Establishing a Framework for Forming the Management Area Advisory Committees
4. Annual Report Submittal – Due April 1, 2022
5. DWR's AEM Survey

11. MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Charlie Schaupp announced that Steve Knightly has left Esparto CSD and Manuel Quintana will likely become the new General Manager.

12. NEXT MEETING – *Special Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022 3:00 pm* and Regularly Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Cornwell adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer