



Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 20, 2023

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

**Woodland Police Department
1000 Lincoln Ave, Woodland, CA 95695
And via GoToMeeting**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Gary Sandy, 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, (Richard Tsai*)
City of West Sacramento: Verna Sulpizio-Hull
City of Winters: Carol Scianna, (Kurt Balasek)
Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad, (Bill Vanderwaal)
Esparto CSD: Charlie Schaupp**
Reclamation District (RD) 108: (Bill Vanderwaal)
RD 150: Warren Bogle
RD 307: James Johas**
RD 537: Tom Ramos
RD 765: David Dickson, Jr.
RD 787: (Dominic Bruno*)
RD 999: Tom Slater
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)
UC Davis: (Kelli O'Day)
Cal Am Water – Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs
Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company: Lynnel Pollock
Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith
Environmental Representative: Ann Brice

Absent: City of Woodland, RD 730, RD 787, RD 2035, Rumsey Water Users Association

*remote attendance, member was nonvoting

**remote attendance, member provided just cause pursuant to AB 2449

2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA: Nothing to add.

3. PUBLIC FORUM: No public comment.

4. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Approve January 23, 2023 Regular YSGA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- b) Receive Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Statements: January 20, 2023 – March 15, 2023
- c) Receive minutes of Executive Committee: 1/17/23

Lynnel Pollock commented that the item for Yolo County Fair Market Value in the YSGA financial statements should be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Action: Approve item a) as presented.

Motion: City of Winters (Scianna)

Second: Environmental Representative (Brice)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached)

5. CONSIDERATION: FINANCIAL ITEMS

- a) Authorize Executive Officer to Enter into Agreement with LSCE to Proceed with Fee Study: Kristin provided an overview of the presentation given to the Ad Hoc Committee for Reconsideration of Voting Structure and Expense Allocation by LSCE.

The Board discussed the details of the proposed scope of work. An assessment, if deemed necessary, would be planned for the August 2024 tax roll. Verna Sulpizo-Hull and Tom Barth agreed that public outreach should occur earlier in the timeline than currently listed. David Schaad expressed that the project should likely go out to bid for transparency purposes. Other directors expressed concern about meeting the timeline if the project went out to bid. Additional details of the proposed work, such as funding scenarios, funding methodology, and municipality participation were discussed.

Action: Authorize Executive Officer to enter into agreement with LSCE to proceed with fee study. LSCE will bring the proposed scope of work to the Ad Hoc Committee for Reconsideration of Voting Structure and Expense Allocation for revision and further discussion.

Motion: YCFC&WCD (Barth)

Second: Madison CSD (Refsland)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached)

- b) Approve Cost Share Contribution to Update Subbasin Model and Incorporate Dunnigan Area Recharge Program

Dunnigan Water District is requesting a cost share contribution of \$19,000/year for 3 years to assist the District in modeling the Dunnigan Area Groundwater Recharge Program within the Yolo Subbasin groundwater model. This contribution will go towards the USBR WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources grant. Updates to the YSGA Model will benefit the entire Subbasin. If awarded, this contribution can be refunded by the SGMA Implementation grant.

Action: Approve item 5(b) as presented.

Motion: YCFC&WCD (Barth)

Second: Esparto CSD (Schuapp)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached)

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

Kristin Sicke provided a written update from NCWA.

7. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES UPDATE

Nicholas Vadpey, California Department of Water Resources, provided an update on current activities and available resources:

- The Department is providing technical and financial assistance for County drought planning efforts in compliance with SB 552
- 2020 Statewide Crop Mapping was just released, and provisional 2021 data will be released in the next few weeks
- Recent Executive Order N-4-23 waived permitting requirements for surface water diversions for groundwater recharge in areas where a flood threat exists. A webinar providing more information will be held on April 23.

8. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer, provided a summary of her written update included in the agenda packet.

Recent Executive Order N-7-23 modified some provisions of the drought Order N-7-22, but the well permitting procedure remains unchanged. Staff participated in DWR's Groundwater Awareness Week event on March 6. 3 additional multicompletion monitoring wells are planned to be drilled this summer through DWR's TSS program. Lastly, groundwater levels are showing significant recovery, which is expected to continue until the start of the irrigation season.

9. WATER CONDITIONS UPDATE, Member Agency Roundtable

- a. Bill Vanderwaal, Sacramento River Update: Settlement contractors are anticipating 100% water supply this year. Dunnigan Water District's allocation is currently 35%, but this is expected to increase.
- b. Tim Busch, Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency: WDCWA will be getting their full allocation from USBR. Curtailment will likely start late, if at all, this year. Woodland will be supplied with almost 100% surface water. So far, 450 million gallons have been injected into the aquifer using the ASR wells. Tim is anticipating storing around 700 million gallons this year.

- c. Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD: After significant rainfall, the District now has a full irrigation entitlement. Clear Lake is currently in flood releases. The District has diverted 4,300 AF so far from Cache Creek for groundwater recharge.
- d. Yolo County will be hosting a Water Awareness Forum on May 16 at Woodland Community Center.

10. UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- a. *Review of Annual Report for Water Year 2022:* Kristin provided an overview of the drafted WY 2022 Annual Report. The Report will be submitted to DWR by the April 1 deadline.
- b. *Areas of Special Concern: Summary Update on Northwest of Winters:* Grant Davids, resident of the Golden Bear area, provided an analysis of the data he has collected in the area.

11. MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Verna Sulpiczo-Hull: There is a company currently blending biodiesel on the railroad in West Sacramento right next to the water treatment facility. The City Council is working to address this issue; Verna will keep the Board updated on future developments. Evan Jacobs and Charlie Schuapp provided a reminder that Form 700's and sexual harassment trainings need to be renewed.

12. NEXT MEETING – June 19, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Sandy adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

ROLL CALL YSGA Board of Directors							
	Agency	Name	Board/ Alternate	ATTENDANCE	VOTE - ITEM 4	VOTE - ITEM 5(a)	VOTE - ITEM 5(b)
1	City of Davis	Bapu Vaitla	Board	X (remote)	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Stan Gryczko	Alternate				
		Richard Tsai	Alternate	remote - nonvoting			
2	City of West Sacramento	Verna Sulpizo-Hull	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
3	City of Winters	Carol Scianna	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Kurt Balasek	Alternate	X			
		Wade Cowan	Alternate				
4	City of Woodland	Mayra Vega	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Tania Garcia-Cadena	Alternate				
5	Dunnigan Water District	David Schaad	Board	X	Aye	Nay	Aye
		Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate	X			
6	Esparto CSD	Charles Schaupp	Board	X (remote)	Aye	Nay	Aye
		Manuel Quintana	Alternate				
7	Madison CSD	Leo Refsland	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
8	RD 108	Hilary Reinhard	Board				
		Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
9	RD 150	Warren Bogle	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
10	RD 307	James Johas	Board	X (remote)	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Karen Chesnut	Alternate				
11	RD 537	Tom Ramos	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
12	RD 730	Jim Heidrick	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
13	RD 765	David Dickson, Jr.	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Doug Dickson, Sr.	Alternate				
14	RD 787	Roger Cornwell	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Dominic Bruno	Alternate	remote - nonvoting			
15	RD 999	Tom Slater	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
16	RD 1600	Michele Clark	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
17	RD 2035	Kryiakos Tsakopoulos	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Mike Hall	Alternate				
18	Rumsey Water Users Association	Ken Muller	Board	remote - nonvoting	Absent	Absent	Absent
19	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Marc Fawns	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jim Etters	Alternate				
20	Yolo County	Gary Sandy	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jim Provenza	Alternate				
21	YCFC&WCD	Tom Barth	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Kristin Sicke	Alternate	X			
22	UC Davis	Camille Kirk	Board				
		Kelli O'Day	Alternate	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
23	Cal Am Water - Dunnigan	Evan Jacobs	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Audie Foster	Alternate				
24	Colusa Drain MWC	Lynnel Pollock	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jim Wallace	Alternate				
25	Yolo County Farm Bureau	Lee Smith	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Denise Sagara	Alternate				
26	Environmental Rep.	Ann Brice	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye

Agency	Name	Attendance
<i>OTHER YSGA STAFF:</i>		
Executive Officer	Kristin Sicke	X
Legal Counsel, Downey	Kevin O'Brien	X
YSGA Water Resources	Sarah Leicht	X
YSGA Water Resources	Nathan Fisher	X
<i>PUBLIC AND AGENCY STAFF:</i>		
CA DWR	Nicholas Vadpey	X
	Grant Davids	X
City of Woodland	Calia Taylor	X
	Rod Schaffer	X
	Geoff Klein	X
	Nick Edsall	X
	Christine Crawford	X (remote)
County of Yolo	Elisa Sabatini	X (remote)
	Emily Reinhart	X (remote)
	Jeanette Wrysinski	X (remote)
	Linda Bell	X (remote)
LWA	Ryan Fulton	X (remote)