

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Monday, NOVEMBER 16, 2020, 3:30 p.m.
Meeting held via Teleconference
34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Roger Cornwell, Chair.
Donna Gentile conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present.

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

California American Water, Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs
Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company: Lynnel Pollock
City of West Sacramento: (William Roberts)
City of Winters: Jesse Loren, Vice-Chair, (Kurt Balasek)
Dunnigan Water District: (Bill Vanderwaal)
Environmental Representative: Ann Brice
Esparto Community Service District (CSD): Charles Schaupp
Madison CSD: Leo Refsland
Reclamation District (RD)108: (Bill Vanderwaal)
RD 537: Tom Ramos (arrived at 3:45 pm, Item #6)
RD 765: David Dickson (arrived at 3:45 pm, Item #6)
RD 787: Roger Cornwell, Board Chair
RD 999: Tom Slater
RD 1600: Michele Clark
RD 2035: (Mike Hall)
University of California Davis (UCD): Camille Kirk
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Emily Drewek
Yolo County: Gary Sandy
Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB): (Denise Sagara)
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth

Absent: City of Davis, City of Woodland, RD 150, RD 307

- 2. APPROVE AGENDA:** The Board approved the November 16, 2020 agenda as posted.
Motioned by Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company to approve the agenda, seconded by the City of Winters and unanimously approved.

Absent: City of Davis, City of Woodland, RD 150, RD 307

- 3. PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments.
- 4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR and EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Chair Cornwell did not have anything to report. Kristin Sicke highlighted information provided in the written Executive Officer's report with the November agenda.

5. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approved September 21, 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes
- b. Received Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Financial Statements: July – October 2020
- c. Received minutes of Executive Committee: 9/14/20
- d. Received Yolo LAFCo JPA Service Review for the YSGA adopted by LAFCo on October 29, 2020: <https://www.yololaftco.org/files/c57ca461c/YSGA+JPA+Service+Review+10-29-2020+FINAL.pdf>

Motioned by the University of Davis California to approve all consent items, seconded by Esparto Community Service District and unanimously approved.

Absent: City of Davis, City of Woodland, RD 150, RD 307

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

Adam Robin, Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Legislative Affairs Director, gave the following updates below related to water and groundwater. NCWA's *Water Briefings State Legislation* newsletter (October 2020) was distributed (<https://www.yologroundwater.org/board-of-directors>).

- NCWA's 2020 state legislative year-in-review document is now available.
- The 2021-2022 state legislative session begins on December 7, 2020, with both the Senate and Assembly beginning their work in earnest in January 2021. It is likely that the ongoing COVID-19 will continue to affect the Legislature's ability to consider their usual number of bills. The state budget will also be impacted by decreased state revenues and COVID-related expenditures.
- The Governor's January Budget will be a key milestone in understanding how the state budget and related policy initiatives might begin to take shape in 2021.
- The State Water Resources Control Board has noticed a series of workshops for early December on estimating the costs of compliance with a new maximum contaminant level for hexavalent chromium in drinking water.

7. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES UPDATE, Barrett Kaasa gave the following updates for November 2020:

Flood-MAR (Managed Aquifer Recharge)

- A new survey on forming a Flood-MAR network is available: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FloodMAR_2020. This survey is being conducted on behalf of DWR. There is also a new Lunch-MAR monthly speaker series. If you are interested in attending, please email Jennifer.Marr@water.ca.gov (916) 651-9229 to be added to the calendar invite. To join the Flood-MAR listserv follow this link: https://listserv.ceqa.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_FLOODMAR&A=1

NEW Statewide Groundwater Level Change Report and Maps Available

- The [Spring 2020 Groundwater Level Change Report](#) and accompanying maps are available on the DWR website and present a summary of groundwater level data. The report and maps include a discussion of groundwater level trends with multi-year comparisons which can assist with the development of GSPs.

GSPs have been submitted by all Critically Over-drafted basins.

- GSPs and public comments have been posed on the SGMA portal here: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/all>. The public comment period is now open for the Madera Subbasin through December 23, 2020.

Facilitation Support Services (FSS): Funding still available

- GSA’s developing GSPs are eligible to receive funding for identification and engagement of interested parties, meeting facilitation, interest-based negotiation/consensus building, and public outreach facilitation.
- More information can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement> New written translation services available in 10 languages for outreach materials (5,000 word maximum).

Technical Support Services (TSS): Funding still available

- COD basins have priority, but this application is open to all high and medium priority basins including those with an approved alternative plan. More information and applications can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>.
- Funds can be used for monitoring well installation, geophysical logging, geologic logging, groundwater level monitoring training, borehole video logging, and other field activities.

Kristin Sicke asked Barrett for an update on the GSA private property owner access agreement and the status of YCFC&WCD’s well installation request.

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

Kristin Sicke, YSGA Executive Officer, highlighted information from her written GSP update included with the November Board agenda. An YSGA organizational flow chart was created to illustrate the interaction of the various committees and working groups which can be found in the Board meeting PowerPoint presentation posted here: <https://www.yologroundwater.org/board-of-directors?year=2020>

- a. Water Budget
- b. Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model
- c. Stakeholder Communication and Engagement
- d. Groundwater Monitoring and Report
- e. Surface Water and Groundwater Modeling
- f. Sustainable Management Criteria

9. MEMBERS’ REPORTS and FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – No additional information was discussed.

10. NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 11, 2021

11. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Cornwell adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Gentile, Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator