

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
March 14, 2022, 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Teleconferenced GoToMeeting

Present: Roger Cornwell, Kurt Balasek, Lynnel Pollock, Kristin Sicke, Elisa Sabatini, Sarah Leicht, Jack Cronin, Kurt Balasek

Absent: Jesse Loren

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Roger Cornwell, Chair at 12:15 pm.

2. **Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Nothing to add.

3. **Public Comment:** No comments.

4. **Administrative Items (Sicke):**

- a) February 15, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.
- b) Reviewed financials: FY2021-22: 1/21-3/10/22: Financials were provided with the agenda packet.
- c) Authorization of Purchasing Groundwater Monitoring Equipment and a Groundwater Communications Plan: Staff recommend the authorization of \$10,000 for the purchase of 5 Wellntel units and 1 acoustic sounder and \$8,000 for the preparation of a *Groundwater Communications Plan* within the YSGA's itemized fiscal budget allowances.
- d) Payments to approve: Payments were provided with the agenda packet.

Kurt Balasek moved to approve administrative item c), which was seconded by Lynnel Pollock and unanimously approved. Lynnel Pollock moved to approve administrative items a) and d), which was seconded by Kurt Balasek and unanimously approved.

5. **Update on YSGA GSP Activities (Sicke):**

- a) Water Conditions Update:
 - Water levels in the real-time wells are approximately 10 feet lower than this day last year, and approximately equal to 2015 levels.
 - Settlement contractors are working with USBR to create a temperature management plan. Up to 600 square miles could be followed in the Sacramento Valley this year. Reductions are voluntary, and RD108 will likely receive about 30% or less of their normal allotment.
- b) Stakeholder Meetings: Kristin and Elisa continue to provide updates to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. The ad hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee will be reconvened soon to prepare for questions from the County Board of Supervisors this summer. A meeting in North Yolo Management Area convened primarily by RD 108 and other Yolo and Colusa Subbasin entities discussed opportunities for groundwater recharge. Another community meeting in the Hungry Hollow area worked to further develop the goals of the Hungry Hollow Area Groundwater Committee and strategies for community outreach. Kristin has begun outreach to the white areas to discuss potential strategies for incorporation.
- c) GSP Implementation: The GSP Annual Report is in progress and will be presented at the next YSGA Board meeting. Kristin is hiring a special projects advisor to assist in the formation of the MA committees and the WRA/YSGA merger. The ad hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee will continue work on a groundwater communications plan and start development of a domestic well mitigation plan in coordination with the County.
- d) GSP Projects: The opportune implementation of the Buckeye Creek Recharge Project was written up and is being presented at various meetings as a pilot project that can be easily emulated in other areas. GSP projects need to be prioritized and further developed in order to be ready to

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access grant funding. YSGA staff are working on a potential proposal for the DOC Land Repurposing Grant, which will need to have a letter of support from the YSGA Board.

6. **Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items:** No additional items.
7. **Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** April 18, 2022; via GoToMeeting
8. **Adjourned** at 1:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke
Executive Officer