

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Brett Ewart called the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority meeting of Wednesday, January 11, 2017 to order at 9:01 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Carl Werder – Agricultural-Residential
Tom Nelson – Elk Grove Water District/ Florin Resource Conservation District
Paul Schubert – Golden State Water Company
Christine Thompson – Public Agencies Self-Supplied
Dave Ocenosak – Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Charlotte Mitchell – Agricultural Interests
Brian Fragio – City of Elk Grove
Allen Quynn – City of Rancho Cordova
Brett Ewart – City of Sacramento
Forrest Williams Jr. – County of Sacramento

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck – Executive Director
Sarah Britton – Legal Counsel
Stephanie Studdert – Deputy Clerk
Ramon Roybal
Ping Chen

Others in Attendance:

Jonathan Goetz – GEI
Rodney Fricke – GEI
Bruce Kamilos – Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District
Kerry Schmitz – SCWA
Darlene Thiel – Rancho Murieta CSD
Amelia Vankeuren – Sacramento State Geology

Member Agencies Absent

*Commercial/Industrial Self-Supplied
Conservation Landowners*

City of Folsom
Rancho Murieta CSD
California American Water Company
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion/Second/Carried – Director Paul Schubert moved, seconded by Director Tom Nelson, the motion carried unanimously to approve the December 14, 2016 SCGA Board meeting minutes with those members present. Directors Todd Eising of the City of Folsom and Allen Quynn of the City of Rancho Cordova were absent.

4. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SGMA EFFORTS IN THE DELTA AREA OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN

Executive Director Darrell Eck identified a correction to the recommended action, stating it should read Reclamation Districts 813 and 1002. Executive Director Eck provided background related to the Memorandum of Understanding and agreement for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) efforts in the Delta area of the South American Subbasin with Reclamation Districts 813 and 1002.

Motion/Second/Carried - Director Carl Werder moved, seconded by Director Forrest Williams, the motion carried unanimously approving the recommendation as amended with those members present. Director Todd Eising of the City of Folsom was absent.

5. SCGA COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS IDENTIFIED IN ALTERNATIVE SUBMITTAL OUTREACH

Executive Director Darrell Eck outlined stakeholder concerns and Board directives as previously stated at the December 14, 2016 meeting. Executive Director Eck identified ways that the concerns are currently and will be addressed. Executive Director Darrell Eck stated that he does not believe that these items need to be addressed by resolution as they are being addressed and acknowledged during Board meetings. Chair Brett Ewart stated that Sacramento Groundwater Authority is showing interest in a pilot groundwater banking program with Reclamation Districts and he inquired as to whether or not there were thoughts of the same type of program for the South American Subbasin. Executive Director Darrell Eck stated there have been ongoing conversations regarding regional water reliability.

Director Carl Werder provided concerns regarding SCGA eventually being proactive about managing the groundwater in the South American Subbasin. Executive Director Darrell Eck stated that the JPA provides for the Board to explore options relating to projects, however the level of projects relates to

budget discussions and the amounts stakeholders contribute for SCGA to pursue those projects. Executive Director Eck stated that in the past there has been dependence on SCWA activity because they were the agency that was in a strong economic position to implement projects. Director Carl Werder asked if staff recommends establishing a sub-committee to identify applicable projects for SCGA. Director Forrest Williams stated that a possible alternative to an additional sub-committee could be to start identifying those projects during preliminary budget discussions.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Darrell Eck provided a review of recent Budget subcommittee meetings. He stated that the Budget Subcommittee is making efforts to schedule a meeting the week of January 23, 2017. Executive Director Eck stated that the Budget Subcommittee needed to discuss the 2017/18 fiscal budget, specifically in regards to options regarding future ways of funding. Attendee and Budget Subcommittee Member Bruce Kamilos stated that at the last Budget Subcommittee meeting his recollection was that staff was directed to move forward with obtaining a consultant. Director and Budget Subcommittee Member Forrest Williams stated opposition to Bruce Kamilos's recollection of the meeting. Director Forrest Williams stated that he recalled attorney Michael G. Colantuono provided the Subcommittee with information, and the Subcommittee decided to discuss ramifications, customers and funding mechanisms. Director Williams stated that there was no decision to hire a consultant at that meeting. He further stated that the first move should be to see if the funds are available for a consultant. Executive Director Darrell Eck stated that the cost will need to be known as there are potential issues relative to the current budget as this was not a factor that was contemplated when the budget for the 2016/17 fiscal year was completed. Director Paul Schubert stated that it would be appropriate to discuss this at the Budget Subcommittee meeting.

Executive Director Darrell Eck provided an update on the Alternative Submittal stating that it has been submitted and it is now in the process of going through the 60 day comment period. Director Carl Werder asked a question regarding the 16 entities that submitted Alternatives and possible CEQA litigation. Counsel Sarah Britton stated that a CEQA lawsuit is based solely on the administrative record that supports whether action was taken. She further stated that she cannot predict the styling of any lawsuit and that the records would be so individual to the entities that decided to submit the Alternatives.

Executive Director Darrell Eck provided information on the following items: Bulletin 118 Interim Update 2016, DWR CASGEM, JPA Status Report, Elk Grove Dry Well Project, OHWD off season irrigation, Framework- BMP, Water Forum GSA resolution, Current Board vacancies, California Water Bank Presentation will be February 8, 2017, and communication received.

7. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Christine Thompson stated that her district just completed a flood retention basin project. She further stated that they worked with the Army Core of Engineers and they saved the homeowners in the area from having to purchase flood insurance for their homes. Director Dave Ocenosak stated that Jose Ramirez was giving a presentation to the Regional Sanitation Board for the South County

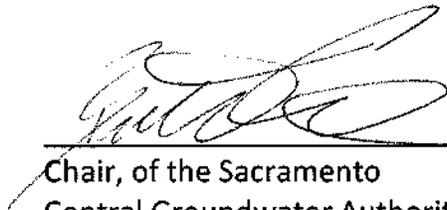
Agriculture and Habitat Lands Conservation Recycled Water program. The presentation will be available online for viewing by Friday. Director Paul Schubert stated that as of January 3, 2017 the pipeline with Carmichael Water District went live and is running and pumping the Aerojet remediated water back into the system. Director Forrest Williams thanked staff for all of their hard work in getting the Alternative Submittal completed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brett Ewart adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. located at 10060 Goethe Road, SRCSD/SASD Office Conference Room no. 1212 (Sunset Maple)



Chair, of the Sacramento
Central Groundwater Authority Board

ATTEST: S. Studdant.
Deputy Clerk, of the Sacramento
Central Groundwater Authority Board