

**APPROVED**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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By *Alorence Evans*  
Clerk of the Board

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA)  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Brett Ewart called the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority meeting of Wednesday, February 8, 2017 to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Carl Werder – Agricultural-Residential  
Evan Jacobs - California American Water Company  
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):

Brian Fraggio – City of Elk Grove  
Todd Eising – City of Folsom  
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  
Darlene Thiel – Rancho Murieta CSD  
John Lowrie – Water Forum  
Jafar Faghiih – HDR  
Dave Zuber – Brown and Caldwell  
Wyatt Arnold – Department of Water Resources  
Tom Gohring – Water Forum

Mark Madison – Elk Grove Water District  
Mike Eaton – COS Coalition  
Alex Peterson – Kennedy/Jenks Consultant  
Suzanne Pecci – Alternate Agricultural-Residential  
Lisa Dills – Southgate Residential and Park District  
Sam Safi – Regional Sanitation

Member Agencies Absent

*Agricultural Interests*

*Commercial/Industrial Self-Supplied*

*Conservation Landowners*

*Rancho Murieta Community Services District (Rancho Murieta CSD)*

*Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD)*

**\*Motioned/Second/Carried** - Director Ewart moved, seconded by Director Nelson, the motion carried unanimously to move Agenda Item No. 8 (Director's Comments) to be heard directly following Item No. 5 (Executive Director's Report), followed by Item No. 7 (Brown Act Training), finally, to hold Item No. 6 (Closed Session) last with those members present. Directors Allen Quynn of the City of Rancho Cordova, Tom Mahon of Agricultural Interests, Leland Schneider of OHWD, and Jerry Pasek of Rancho Murieta CDS were absent.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion/Second/Carried** – Director Christine Thompson moved, seconded by Director Forrest Williams, the motion carried unanimously to approve the January 11, 2017 SCGA Board meeting minutes with those members present. Directors Allen Quynn of the City of Rancho Cordova, Tom Mahon of Agricultural Interests, Leland Schneider of OHWD, and Jerry Pasek of Rancho Murieta CDS were absent.

**4. BUDGET STATUS REPORT**

Executive Director Darrell Eck provided background related to the Budget Subcommittee's proposed budget adjustment relating to a change of Rancho Murieta CSD's Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budget contribution and a potential contract with a rate consultant to facilitate development of future funding strategies. Jon Goetz of GEI Consultants provided a presentation on the total expenditures as of December 31, 2016. (Note: The presentation given by Jon Goetz may be viewed on the Authority's website for the February 08, 2017 meeting date.)

Mark Madison asked Jon Goetz the amount of funds that were budgeted for the Alternative Submittal and how much of that has been spent to date. Jon Goetz stated that the budget for the Alternative was approximately \$95,000.00 however \$91,000.00 was spent. Jon Goetz clarified stating that there are additional variables associated with the cost and confirmed that SCGA was within budget in regards to the Alternative.

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Darrell Eck provided his Executive Director's report with information on the following:

Budget Subcommittee Meeting 2/23/17 – Budget Subcommittee will be meeting with a rate consultant, Shawn Koorn of HDR Inc.

CSAC/RCAC Meeting 1/26/17 – The Power Point from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is included in the board packet. Chair Brett Ewart asked Counsel for clarification regarding responses from State DWR. Chair Ewart stated that there are some outstanding questions the State has been asked but has not provided a timeframe or answers. Counsel Sarah Britton stated that State DWR acknowledged the questions.

Governor Brown's 2017-18 Budget Proposal – Increased budget for additional staffing at State DWR. Executive Director Eck provided that DWR appears to be preparing for the GSA filing deadline at the end of June.

Form 700 – Due April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 and Ramon Roybal will be sending out a reminder email.

Appointments to the Board – The Board of Supervisors approved the new appointments to the Board.

Water Forum – Tom Gohring provided a brief explanation regarding the Water Forum efforts in the South American Subbasin.

California Water Bank Presentation – March 8, 2017 – The presentation will be on March 8, 2017 instead of today, February 8, 2017.

Agendanet – Staff will begin using Agendanet for the March, 8, 2017 meeting. Agendanet will help with efficiency and increased transparency.

JPA Status – Board of Supervisors approved the JPA. Ramon Roybal is obtaining the signatures as the amendment is approved by the signatory entities.

Communication – Executive Director Eck received communications from the County of Sacramento regarding the County's Pooled Investment Fund as well as communication from VDT, LLP who is conducting an audit of the Authority's Fiscal Year 2015-16 financial statements.

6. **CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1)**

Closed Session Report Out: SCGA will defend the lawsuit filed by SRCD.

7. **BROWN ACT TRAINING**

Counsel Sarah Britton provided a presentation on Brown Act training. (Note: The presentation given by Counsel Sarah Britton may be viewed on the Authority's website for the February 08, 2017 meeting date.)

Director Tom Nelson asked a hypothetical question regarding Brown Act violations. Director Nelson asked if two members were driving to a meeting together and discussed the agenda, would those two members be in violation of Brown Act. Counsel Sarah Britton stated that they would not be in violation however, they would be risking the possibility of an eventual 'daisy chain' which would be a violation of Brown Act. Director Tom Nelson asked if it was found that there was a Brown Act violation on an agenda item, would the vote be void. Counsel Sarah Britton stated that it would be void. Director Tom Nelson stated that he had concerns with the thought of a Closed Session item requiring additional funding from his agency and him not having the authority from his agency to approve additional funding. Mark Madison asked Counsel Sarah Britton if Director Tom Nelson may discuss legal issues addressed in Closed Session with Elk Grove Water District's legal counsel. Counsel Sarah Britton stated that he may, as it is a privileged relationship.

8. **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

New Board Member Evan Jacobs of California-American Water Company thanked everyone and expressed his excitement to be a Board Member of SCGA.

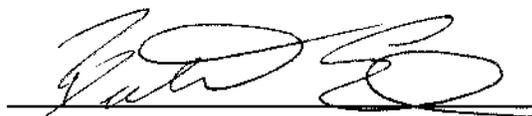
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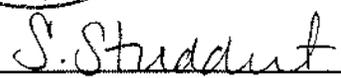
Chair Brett Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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



  
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Chair, of the Sacramento  
Central Groundwater Authority Board

ATTEST:   
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Stephanie Studdert, Deputy Clerk,  
Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority Board