

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Brett Ewart called the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority meeting of Wednesday, November 9, 2016 to order at 9:01 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Tom Nelson – Elk Grove Water District/ Florin Resource Conservation District
Tom Mahon – Agricultural Interests
Carl Werder – Agricultural-Residential
Christine Thompson – Public Agencies Self-Supplied
Paul Schubert – Golden State Water Company

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Todd Eising – City of Folsom
Brian Fragio – City of Elk Grove
Allen Quynn – City of Rancho Cordova
Brett Ewart – City of Sacramento
Forrest Williams Jr. – County of Sacramento
Jose Ramirez – Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Staff Members:

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

Others in Attendance:

Jonathan Goetz – GEI
Rodney Fricke – GEI
Tom Gohring – Water Forum
Mark Madison – Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District
Bruce Kamilos – Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District
Charlotte Mitchell – Agricultural Interests
Suzanne Pecci – Domestic Well Owner
Lisa Dills – Southgate Recreation Park District
Mike Eaton – Cosumnes Coalition

Mike Wackman – Omochochumne-Hartnell Water District
Darlene Thiel – Rancho Murieta CSD
Ron Pecci
Melinda Frost-Hurzel – Cosumnes Coalition
Kerry Schmitz – SCWA
Jay Schnieder – SRCD
Jim Blanke – RMC Water and Environment
Alberto Ramirez - Teichert

Member Agencies Absent

Commercial/Industrial Self-Supplied

Conservation Landowners

Omochochumne-Hartnell Water District

Rancho Murieta CSD

California American Water Company

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzanne Pecci submitted and read aloud a statement to the Board regarding the recent election activity at the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) Board meeting held on October 27, 2016.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Melinda Frost-Herzel stated that her comment at the October 5, 2016, SGMA Subcommittee meeting regarding trigger points was misrepresented in the minutes. She stated that she asked if the Board had ever acted on low trigger points and the answer was that the Board had not chosen to act on them in the past.

Motion/Second/Carried - Director Carl Werder moved, seconded by Director Christine Thompson, the motion carried unanimously to approve the October 12, 2016, SCGA Board meeting and the October 5, 2016 SGMA Subcommittee meeting with amendment to October 5, 2016, SCMA Subcommittee following review of the audio.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion/Second/Carried - Director Carl Werder moved, seconded by Director Christine Thompson, the motion carried unanimously to reappoint, in accordance with SCGA Policies and Procedures §3.06(a), Director Brett Ewart as Chair and Director Forrest Williams as Vice Chair for 2017 term.

5. **PUBLIC DRAFT SOUTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN ALTERNATIVE SUBMITTAL**

Executive Director Darrell Eck introduced Tom Gohring of the Water Forum who provided a status report presentation from the bilateral outreach meetings (*Note: The presentation given by Tom Gohring may be viewed on the Authority's website for the November 9, 2016 meeting date.*)

Director Paul Schubert requested clarification on what happens if overlapping GSA's are not resolved by June 2017. Counsel Sarah Britton provided that the State issued an opinion that the County would be the default governing entity over an overlap area. The area would continue to be considered overlapped and unmanaged. Counsel Sarah Britton further stated that the consequences of overlap are potential probationary status and extraction reporting.

Chair Brett Ewart said that the resolution being recommended should reaffirm and reiterate previous and future intent of the Board and continue efforts to resolve issues and work with agencies.

Speaker Melinda Frost-Herzel commended the Water Forum on their efforts during the Alternative Submittal process. She stated that the recommended resolution should give staff and the Water Forum authority to continue those efforts.

Speaker Mark Madison stated that Florin Resource Conservation District (FRCD) has thoroughly and closely reviewed the Alternative Submittal and commended staff and the consultants on their work. He further stated that the Alternative Submittal would not fix every ailment that an agency has, however, it would provide for compliance with SGMA in the least costly way. Mark Madison said that FRCD believes that there are no undesirable results. He stated that he encourages Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD) and Sloughhouse RCD to consider returning to participating in SCGA and not pursue their own GSA quest.

Speaker Jay Schneider stated that he wanted to thank the Water Forum, on behalf of SRCD, for their effort in trying to identify the issues. Jay Schneider stated that all of the issues that were discussed in the current meeting and for the last year were a result of SCGA governance over the portion of the Cosumnes Basin lying east of Grantline Road within the boundaries of SRCD and OHWD. Mr. Schneider urged the Board to think about the concept of agreeing to a boundary line adjustment, agree to allow SRCD and OHWD to be the governing entities of the portion of the Cosumnes Basin lying east of Grantline Road, and enter into an agreement that would provide a buffer area near the center line of the Cosumnes.

Motion/Second/Carried - Director Forrest Williams moved, seconded by Director Christine Thompson, the motion carried unanimously directing staff to research previous meeting minutes and provide the Board with a compiled history of previous commitments and statements made by the Board; and further directed staff to bring draft language for the issues that have not been previously addressed or committed to, for Board review at the December 14, 2016 meeting.

6. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

Executive Director Darrell Eck stated that issues related to meeting various SGMA deadlines and associated coordination efforts may necessitate the Board meet during even numbered months through 2017.

Director Carl Werder suggested that the Board permanently meet monthly.

Counsel Sarah Britton advised that the recommended action be changed to reflect the word 'add' instead of 'set'. She also stated that if the Board wished to permanently meet monthly, staff would need to provide an amendment to the SCGA Policies and Procedures.

Motion/Second/Carried - Director Paul Schubert moved, seconded by Director Forrest Williams, the motion carried unanimously amending the recommended action to read, *Approve a deviation from Section 3.09(b) of the Rules and Procedures and add meeting dates for even numbered months through 2017*; and approved the recommended action to deviate from Section 3.09(b) of the Rules of Procedure and add even numbered monthly meetings through 2017.

7. STATUS REPORT ON AMENDING THE JPA

Executive Director Darrell Eck provided status report. He stated that all of the changes have been provided to the signatory parties. Executive Director Eck provided that staff is hoping to bring the Amendment back to the Board for consideration in December. Counsel Sarah Britton clarified that the item has been circulated to the signatory staff members not their legislative bodies. Counsel Sarah Britton recommended that it return to the SCGA Board for review and potential approval, then out to the signatory legislative bodies for adoption.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Darrell Eck provided his report specific to SRCD, State Board draft fee concepts for SGMA implementation, and the next SGMA Subcommittee meeting possible dates. Executive Director Darrell Eck stated that Items Nos. 8 and 9 from the SRCD meeting agenda of October 27, 2016, is of specific interest to SCGA. Regarding the State Board Meeting, Executive Director Eck referred the Board to the agenda material packet and urged the Board to review the fees that would be applied in the event that local agencies are unable or unwilling to manage their basin. Executive Director Darrell Eck stated that staff is hoping to schedule a SGMA Subcommittee meeting for late November early December.

9. **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Director Paul Schubert stated that Golden State Water Company's dedication ceremony for their pipeline went well and water is flowing three times a week. He stated that the pipeline will go live January 1, 2017 and will run 24/7.

Chair Brett Ewart stated that over the last several Board meetings there have been comments made from Board members regarding timely receipt of material. Chair Ewart requested that staff agendize, when appropriate, a discussion of the Policies and Procedures as they pertain to the timing of meeting materials being made available to Board members so that everyone has an understanding of what the expectations are moving forward.

Director Tom Mahon stated that the probationary rate from the proposed SGMA fee schedule is obscenely high and unsustainable.

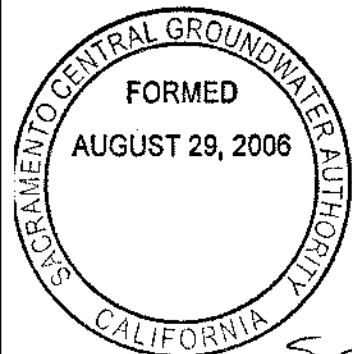
Director Carl Werder suggested that those who are looking at proposed SGMA fee schedule, write letters to DWR regarding their concerns.


ADJOURNMENT


Chair Brett Ewart adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. located at 10060 Goethe Road, South Conference Room no. 1205 (Valley Oak)




Chair, of the Sacramento
Central Groundwater Authority Board

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