

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)

Budget Committee Meeting

Final Minutes

May 4, 2011

LOCATION: 827 7th Street, Room 301
Sacramento, CA 95814
1:30-2:30 p.m.

MINUTES:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting commenced at 1:35 p.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep.):

Ed Crouse, Rancho Murieta Community Services District

Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners

Board Members (Alternate Rep.):

Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento

Herb Niederberger, Sacramento County Water Agency

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck, Executive Director, SCGA

Ping Chen, SCGA

Ramon Roybal, SCGA

Others in Attendance:

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. DISCUSSION OF THE 2010-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Eck pointed out that the administrative financial report of the fund balance was significantly higher than SCGA staff calculations and needed to be reconciled. Mr. Eck stated that staff felt like the financial report was not accurate.

Mr. Eck then pointed out that contributions from groundwater pumping member agencies were down compared to years past due to decrease groundwater pumping across the board. Mr. Niederberger confirmed that SCWA's pumping was down and attributed it to a mild summer in 2010 and a very wet spring 2011.

Mr. Niederberger asks if SCGA could partner with the City of Folsom in implementing their water optimization grant for funding work related to groundwater banking in the Central Basin. Mr. Eck responded that it was a possibility and that he was scheduled to meet with the City of Folsom later in the week.

Mr. Niederberger then asked about the prospect of SCGA complying with SBX7 6 relating to groundwater monitoring. Mr. Eck answered that SCGA has been confirmed as the official monitoring entity for the Central Basin under the California State Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program and that staff is currently working on putting together a monitoring plan. Mr. Eck stated that he had met with Cathy Lee (City of Roseville) and Rob Schwartz (RWA/SGA) regarding the production of a monitoring plan and that Rob had stated an interest to meet again.

Mr. Bettis asked if the Water Accounting Framework could be folded into the DMS. Mr. Eck responded that they would not necessarily be related on a programmatic level but that certainly the effects of the Water Accounting Framework would be tracked by the DMS as there may be a change in groundwater levels. Mr. Bettis speculated that EBMUD's plans to bank water in the Central Basin could theoretically result in a correlation between a known volume of banked water and a change in groundwater levels using the DMS.

Mr. Bettis then stated that funding should be made available for outreach and coordination related to the agricultural-residential water conservation program. Mr. Eck replied that this effort had been accounted for in the budget as work related to implementation of the GMP.

Mr. Peifer asked if the GMP related expenses shown on proposed budget related to an update or addendum to the GMP. Mr. Eck responded that those expenses were related to staff costs for implementation of the GMP.

Mr. Niederberger asks the committee if there were any additional questions. Being none, Mr. Niederberger confirmed with the committee if they approved of recommending the proposed budget for approval at the regular board meeting. All approved.

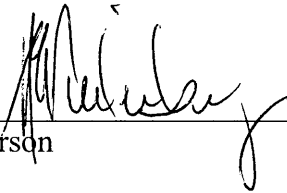
4. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourns at 2:20 p.m.

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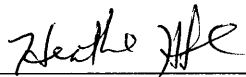


Chairperson

July 13, 2011

Date

Attest:



Attestor

07/13/11

Date

