

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)**  
**Agricultural-Residential Water Conservation Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**Final Minutes**  
**June 15, 2011**

**LOCATION:** 827 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 301  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
11:00 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting commenced at 11:05 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep.)

Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners  
Ron Lowry, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

Staff Members

Darrell Eck, Executive Director, SCGA  
Ramón Roybal, SCGA  
Ping Chen, SCGA

Others in Attendance

Karen Buhr, Executive Director, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts  
Amanda Platt, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts  
Mark Roberson, Water Forum

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Water Conservation Best Management Practices**

Discussion of agricultural-residential best management practice materials provided by Amanda Platt.

Review of information related to the collection and reuse of greywater. Karen Buhr mentioned that there is a legislative push for a greywater ordinance in every county. Rick Bettis asked if there was a greywater ordinance for Sacramento County. Ms. Buhr suggested a list of contacts of those familiar with greywater system policy compliance. Ron Lowry further suggested a list of resources that specialize in greywater system design.

Ms. Buhr then distributed a "Small Acreage Checklist" that was put together by her

organization and used during fire safety assessments in El Dorado and Placer counties. The list included water conservation elements such as storm water runoff prevention, water and energy saving methods, habitat value, and creating good soils. Ms. Buhr stated that a similar list should be developed for the Sacramento County region.

Regarding outreach to ag-res users, Mr. Lowry suggested making presentations to the various CPAC's in the Central Basin. Ms. Buhr concurred and added that the most effective outreach to the ag-res community was done in person and the handouts and references to websites do not necessarily work as they tend to be very ingrained communities without formal communication networks.

Mark Roberson then mentioned with respect to targeting an audience, that a recently compiled satellite image of the region showing evapotranspiration could be used to identify ag-res users by comparing the image to GIS parcel data. Mr. Roberson stated that the Water Forum would be offering training in the use of the data.

Mr. Roberson then suggested that when the presentations are made to ag-res users, that a pointed, coherent introduction be given, explaining the importance of water conservation while including information on the groundwater table and groundwater level trends.

Mr. Lowry suggested coordination with the Native Plant Society on outreach to ag-res users.

Mr. Roberson announced that the Water Forum had recently secured a grant to fund outreach to agricultural, residential, and agricultural-residential water users. The funding could support the preparation of informational pamphlets, workshops, and follow-up visits and audits. Mr. Roberson announced that the funding was awarded as of June 1 for a total amount of \$22,000.

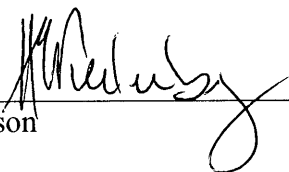
Mr. Roberson then asked Ms. Buhr if her organization would require additional funding for an implementation plan for the Sacramento region. Ms. Buhr replied that she already had implementation plans for other counties and that a plan for Sacramento could be tailored from the existing plans and thus no additional funding would be necessary.

Darrell Eck then requested a timeline from the committee for putting together a recommendation for the SCGA Board. Mr. Eck suggested reconvening the sub-committee in time for a recommendation at the September SCGA Board meeting. It was agreed that another sub-committee meeting be held in roughly a month's time in order to format and strategize for a recommendation.

#### 4. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss meeting adjourns at 12:00 p.m.

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Chairperson

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