

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)
Agricultural-Residential Water Conservation Sub-Committee Meeting
Final Minutes
January 17, 2012**

LOCATION: 827 7th Street, Room 301
Sacramento, CA 95814
2:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting commenced at 2:15 p.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep.)

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

Others in Attendance

Amanda Platt, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
Mark Roberson, Water Forum

Staff Members

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

2. Public Comment

None

3. Water Conservation Best Management Practices and Outreach

Ms. Platt provided an update of Sacramento County's adoption of the State's Grey Water legislation reporting that the County has adopted a "Laundry to Landscape" program. Mr. Eck asked which department in the County is handling the grey water program. Ms. Platt replied that she had initially talked to the Environmental Management Department (EMD) but was forwarded to the Building Department as she was told that it was more of a building permit issue although no permits are required for "Laundry to Landscape" systems. Ms. Platt stated that the laundry to landscape systems are the most common type of grey water but that more complicated systems may require County action such as a plumbing permit. Mr. Eck asked if the Statewide push for grey water was mainly intended for rural areas. Ms. Platt

responded that actually, grey water legislation was very actively pushed through by urban areas such as the San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Platt mentioned the Greywater Alliance which operates out of the Bay Area but is willing to travel to the Sacramento region in order to provide training.

Ms. Platt distributed copies of the "Conservation Home Assessment" which was a checklist to assess a property's effectiveness at limiting runoff and erosion, conserving water and energy etc. The assessment was used for residents in the Cosumnes River watershed and was provided by Ms. Platt as an example of an effective outreach mechanism to be applied within the SCGA boundary. Mr. Lowry inquired about establishing contact with ag-res users and mentioned that SMUD has a special charge code for different user types than can also be organized by zip code and stated that it may be an effective to target ag-res users via mailers. Ms. Platt stated that outreach via established community organizations such as the Wilton Action Group or the Sheldon Community Association is particularly effective. She further mentioned that the Sheldon Community Association had already expressed interest in participating in a pilot program for water conservation.

Mr. Bettis asked about funding sources for outreach efforts. Mr. Roberson re-iterated that there was funding available through the IRWMP and that he envisioned the SCGA outreach effort to serve as a pilot program for a larger, regional program. Mr. Roberson also suggested that it would be ideal if SCGA could augment funding.

Cost elements of an outreach program were generally discussed and included; 1) promotion, 2) Handouts/mailers, 3) Presenters/workshops, 4) Home audits.

The general consensus was to re-convene the committee at the end of February to develop detailed plan elements and a budget for presentation at the March SCGA Board meeting. SCGA staff agreed to look at the Authority's budget to determine how much the Authority could contribute.

4. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss meeting adjourns at 3:00 p.m.

By:



Chairperson

3/14/12
Date

Attest:



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Date