

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)
Budget Committee Meeting
Final Minutes
April 26, 2012

LOCATION: 827 7th Street, Room 301
Sacramento, CA 95814
9:30-10:30 a.m.

MINUTES:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting commenced at 9:35 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep.):

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 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Eck began by discussing the declining trend of groundwater pumping by Authority purveyors and the associated decline in annual contributions. Mr. Eck pointed out that if annual contributions continued to decline at a similar rate, certain programs of the groundwater management plan (GMP) may be affected. Mr. Eck reported that the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) had experienced a similar decline in north basin pumping and recommended that SCGA look at how SGA addressed the issue. Mr. Eck discussed the possibility of adjusting the calculation used to determine the annual contribution from a three-year pumping average to five years, or of including the number of

service connections as a factor of the contribution calculation. The purpose would be to develop a strategy to stabilize annual contributions at a level sufficient to sustain implementation of the GMP. Mr. Eck then recommended that staff begin looking into it, perhaps at the discretion of a sub-committee. Mr. Niederberger pointed out that SGA may differ in the number of fixed contributions.

Mr. Niederberger stated that he wanted to see more detail related to line item number four of Attachment F describing “GMP Related Expenses”.

Mr. Peifer stated that SGA was investigating the effect of climate change and was curious if SCGA had been asked to participate. Mr. Eck responded that he had met with Rob Swartz of SGA and Derrick Whitehead of the City of Roseville, and that it was his sense that SCGA would not be asked to contribute. Mr. Peifer then asked if SCGA would investigate those effects on its own. He expressed a concern that many existing GMP’s are potentially weak at addressing climate change when used in reference for the requirements of SB 610 and AB 221. Mr. Eck responded that he saw it more of an applicable issue for the individual purveyors but that there was potential for it to be addressed as a part of the Central Basin’s Water Accounting Framework development.

Mr. Niederberger called for a move to recommend the proposed 2012-2013 FY Budget to the SCGA Board for approval pending the recommended additions. Mr. Peifer moved with a second by Mr. Niederberger.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourns at 10:30 a.m.

By:



Chairperson

5/9/12

Date

Attest:



Attestor

5/9/12

Date

