

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)
Governing Board Meeting
Final Minutes
May 8, 2013

LOCATION: 10060 Goethe Road, Room 1212
Sacramento, CA 95827
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jim Peifer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Tom Mahon, Agricultural Interests
Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners
Ed Crouse, Rancho Murieta Community Services District
Dave Ocenosak, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Ron Lowry, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Todd Eising, City of Folsom
Elizabeth Sparkman, City of Rancho Cordova
Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento
Forrest Williams, County of Sacramento/Sacramento County Water Agency
Charlotte Mitchell, Agricultural Interests
José Ramirez, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck, Executive Director
Heather Peek, Clerk
Ping Chen, SCGA
Ramon Roybal, SCGA

Others in Attendance:

Walt Sadler, HydroScience Engineers Inc.
Jim Blanke, RMC Inc.

Member Agencies Absent

City of Elk Grove
Elk Grove Water District
Agricultural-Residential
Public Agencies Self-Supplied
California-American Water Company

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The draft meeting minutes for the March 13, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed for final approval.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Bettis moved, seconded by Mr. Schubert, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

4. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Eck introduced and provided a brief overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget as recommended by the budget subcommittee. Mr. Eck announced that there were no plans to move forward on the Well Protection Program in the upcoming year. He then reported that funding sources totaled \$244,222 with an estimated prior year fund balance of \$748,739, and an expected AB303 grant award for \$200,000. Mr. Eck then reported interest income of around \$2,000 which resulted in total overall means of financing of \$1,194,961. Mr. Eck announced that expected expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year were \$554,050 and that sufficient money remained in the fund balance to meet the twenty percent reserve requirement set forth in the Policy and Procedures document. Mr. Eck stated that the subcommittee discussed the ongoing decline of revenue as a result of reduced groundwater pumping and those contributions which are based on three year moving average of pumping and which has been reduced about \$24,000 over the past three years. Mr. Eck stated that, as had been mentioned previously during the last budget recommendation, the drop in pumping was due in part to hydrologic conditions but that the bulk of it was attributed to the startup of the Sacramento County Water Agency's Vineyard Surface Water Treatment Plant, and that it was expected that those numbers would continue to decline over time. Mr. Eck then reported that sufficient money existed in the fund balance to cover any kind of discrepancy and that no problems were expected. Mr. Eck announced that the recommendation of staff was to approve the resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget recommendation.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Lowry moved, seconded by Mr. Schubert, the motion carried unanimously to approve the resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget recommendation for SCGA.

5. CALENDAR YEAR 2013 INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE POOLED INVESTMENT FUND

Mr. Eck reported that Sacramento County provided an annual investment policy report for its pooled investment fund which included the Groundwater Authority's funds as they were on deposit with the County. Mr. Eck stated that a copy of the report had been provided as part of the Board package and that the Director of Finance for Sacramento County recommended that the report be received and filed by the Authority.

Action: Receive and file.

6. WATER EFFICIENCY ON LARGE LANDSCAPES PROJECT

Mr. Eck recounted that during the SCGA board meeting held on September 8, 2010, the board established an agricultural-residential water conservation sub-committee. The purpose of that subcommittee was to look into ways to develop water conservation best management practices for self-serve agricultural and agricultural-residential water users. Mr. Eck reported that during the initial sub-committee meeting the discussion focused more towards the agricultural-residential water users because of the feeling that agricultural pumpers were already focused on water conservation due to concerns over electricity costs and that a more effective use of the Authority's resources would be accomplished by focusing on agricultural-residential pumpers. The sub-committee then conducted a series of meetings with representatives from the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) to discuss ways to provide water conservation outreach and education services. Mr. Eck then recalled that coincidentally at that time, the Regional Water Authority (RWA) announced it had secured a grant through Prop. 84 to fund water conservation outreach including agricultural-residential users and based on what that program was going to provide, the Board, on March 14th, 2012, authorized the expenditure of up to \$10,000 to assist the CARCD in the implementation of that program. The subcommittee met again on April 23, 2013 with representatives of RWA and CARCD to discuss the scope of work and the duration of the schedule. Mr. Eck reported that currently staff was working with CARCD to put together a contract to move forward with that work. Mr. Eck then stated that staff recommended to the Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with CARCD for the sum of \$9,160, of which that total had already been accounted for in the current fiscal year budget.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Lowry moved, seconded by Mr. Bettis, the motion carried unanimously to enter into an agreement with California Association of Resource Conservation District for \$9,160.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Eck reported on the following:

- a) **Local Groundwater Assistance Grant** – On April 25, 2013 DWR reconvened the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) to present and further discuss with the TAP and the public regarding DWR's rankings of Local Groundwater Assistance grant applications so that the TAP may formulate funding recommendations to DWR decision makers. While no final decision has been made, it appears that the Groundwater Authority will receive at least \$200,000 from the grant. Awards are expected to be made in July 2013 and grant agreements are tentatively scheduled to be executed in September 2013.
- b) **Review Policies and Procedures** – A significant amount of time has passed since the Board adopted Policies and Procedures for the Groundwater Authority. Staff proposes to initiate a process that will provide for a regular assessment of standing policies and procedures. This process will offer an opportunity to review and revise as necessary.

8. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Bettis stated that he attended the presentation, "Dry Wells and Groundwater Quality" given by Barbara Washburn, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and which discussed scientific literature on dry wells as well as the planned research and monitoring project that is being led by the City of Elk Grove. Mr. Bettis reported that Ms. Washburn was very positive regarding the results that have been attained thus far and was optimistic of the potential for dry wells to serve as a viable option for groundwater recharge. Mr. Bettis then stated that it was discussed at the budget subcommittee to look into adding recharge location data and analysis capability to the HDMS. Mr. Eck added the City of Elk Grove would be making a presentation to the Board, sometime in July or in September, regarding its drywell project.

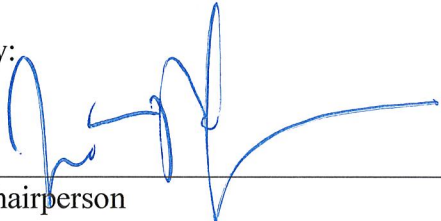
Mr. Schubert announced that Golden State Water Company had drilled a new well in Rancho Cordova and that they would commence a test pump by Friday. The new well would replace one of the fifteen or sixteen that they had lost in Rancho Cordova.

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings –

Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, June 12, 2013. 3005 Gold Canal Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

By:



Chairperson

6.12.2013

Date

Heather Park

Chairperson

June 12, 2013

Date

