

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

SPECIAL Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Friday, October 27, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Woodland Police Department
1000 Lincoln Ave, Woodland, CA 95695

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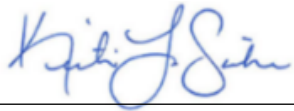
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| 1:00 | 1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM |
| 1:05 | 2. PUBLIC FORUM -- The Public may address the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Board of Directors on any item of interest not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter of the YSGA. |
| 1:10 | 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE , page 3 |
| 1:20 | <u>4. CONSIDERATION: APPROVAL OF DRAFT YSGA FOCUS AREAS MAP AND PUBLIC REVIEW</u> , pages 4-5 |

2:55 **5. NEXT MEETING – Monday, November 20, 2023**

3:00 **6. ADJOURNMENT**

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Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

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MEETING DATE: October 27, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

SUBJECT: Report of the Chair and Executive Officer

INITIATED OR BOARD INFORMATION
REQUESTED BY: STAFF ACTION: MOTION
 OTHER _____ RESOLUTION

ATTACHMENT YES NO

BACKGROUND

The YSGA Chair and Executive Officer will provide an oral report on recent activities.

RECOMMENDATION

This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

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MEETING DATE: October 27, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

SUBJECT: Consideration: Approval of Draft YSGA “Focus Areas” Map and Public Review

INITIATED OR BOARD INFORMATION
REQUESTED BY: STAFF ACTION: MOTION
 OTHER _____ RESOLUTION

ATTACHMENT YES NO

BACKGROUND

In March 2022, Governor Newsom issued [Executive Order N-7-22](#), setting certain requirements for well permit issuance in light of California’s on-going drought. The Order required, in relevant part, that before issued a well permit, the permitting authority must obtain a written verification from the Groundwater Sustainability Agency that:

- The groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP for that area; and
- The groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan.

Separately, the permit-issuing agency must make a determination that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure. In February of this year, those requirements were extended and modified by [Executive Order N-3-23](#). These requirements do not apply to domestic wells producing less than 2 acre-feet annually; wells that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply system; or certain wells that are replacing facilities that had been acquired by eminent domain.

In May 2022, YSGA adopted [Resolution No. 22-01](#), authorizing the Executive Officer to develop and implement Well Permit Procedures that were consistent with the requirements of the Order. At the September Board meeting, YSGA adopted [Resolution No. 23-01](#), directing staff to establish a timeline and general parameters for updated Well Permit Procedures to be considered and ultimately adopted by the YSGA Board. The Resolution stated that a draft map depicting regions potentially requiring specially attention (“Areas of Special Concern” and “Data Gap” regions) would be included in the updated Well Permit Procedures, as well as a description of the

characteristics meriting that special designation, and the process for including lands within these maps.

Since the September Board meeting, the YSGA's *Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee* met twice with YSGA staff and West Yost to review draft maps depicting Areas of Special Concern" and areas of existing data gaps (collectively "Focus Areas"), and provided valuable feedback during map creation, which consisted of the following:

- Focus on groundwater level decline as basis for delineation
- Incorporate Fall 2023 depth to water measurements
- Avoid dependence on single data points
- Consider geology more explicitly
- Rename "Areas of Special Concern" and "Data Gap regions" to "Focus Areas"
- Incorporate land subsidence in a future update

The map identifying Focus Areas where additional information may be required in connection with YSGA's verification process incorporates a wide variety of technical data: groundwater levels, geologic and geomorphology maps, reported citizen concerns on declining groundwater levels, domestic well density and small water systems, and reported dry wells to delineate areas in the Yolo Subbasin that may be sensitive to groundwater pumping and warrant additional information and analysis. Delineation in a Focus Area is not an indicator that a particular well or region is or is not sustainable. Rather, these map areas are flagged as regions in which YSGA would benefit from additional supporting information prior to issuing a verification under the EO.

A draft version of the "Focus Areas" map is available at the following link: <https://portal.giscloud.com/map/2496272/ysga-draft-focus-areas>. Staff and West Yost will provide a thorough overview of the methodology used to develop the map. Staff are requesting a 2-week public comment review period occur October 31 – November 14, 2023 prior to bringing the map back to the Board for adoption and incorporation into the Well Permit Procedures.

Staff are continuing to perform this work in coordination with Yolo County, which is the entity responsible for issuing well permits.

RECOMMENDATION

YSGA staff recommend the Board of Directors approve the draft Focus Areas Map to begin the public review process.