

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
January 12, 2023, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Hosted at YCFC&WCD Headquarters
34274 State Highway 16, Woodland

Present: Lee Smith, Dave Schaad, Kristin Sicke, Dotty Pritchard, Kurt Balasek, Sarah Leicht, Elisa Sabatini (phone)

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Lee Smith at 12:01 pm.

2. **Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Nothing to add.

3. **Public Comment:** No comments.

4. **Administrative Items (Sicke):**

- a) November 14, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with correction (*Kurt not in attendance, Carol was*).
- b) Reviewed financials: FY 2023-2024: 11/9/23 – 1/11/24: Financials were provided with the agenda packet.
- c) Approve Purchase of 2023 Land Use Data from Land IQ: A staff report was provided with the agenda packet. The Committee directed staff to also obtain an estimate for evapotranspiration data.
- d) Payments to approve: Payments were provided with the agenda packet.

Cameron and Kristin are still working on closing out the WRA account. David: Is the Buckeye Creek item still ongoing? Lee: Expenditure is tracking well below budgeted on some items – do we anticipate meeting these amounts or remaining under? Kristin: we are keeping the Buckeye Creek item open in case additional YSGA assistance is requested; upcoming invoices will put us closer to 50% expenditure on major budget items. The Committee also discussed how expenditures related to the SGMA Implementation Grant will be tracked.

David Schaad moved to approve administrative items a) and c) which was seconded by Kurt Balasek and approved unanimously.

5. **Update on YSGA GSP Implementation Actions:** Discussion Item (Sicke)

- a) Water Conditions Update: Surface water supply is growing, and districts have a positive outlook for the year ahead.
- b) Grant Funding Opportunities: Staff continue to track the Regional Resilience program.
- c) Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee: Kristin summarized the developed 2-tier approach that was discussed at the most recent meeting. The Committee discussed the new approach and the issues of land subsidence and legal liability.
- d) Ad Hoc Committee for Reconsideration of Expense Allocation: Kristin had a meeting with Directors Barth, Schaad, and Smith and Legal Counsel Rebecca Smith about how to proceed with the fee study. Some scenarios need to be worked up as strawmen proposals for the Finance Committee's review prior to a discussion at a Board of Directors meeting.

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7. **Draft Agenda Items for January 22, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting**
- a) Consent Items:
 - i. Meeting Minutes
 - ii. Financials
 - b) Executive Officer Report
 - c) DWR / NCWA Update
 - d) CA Water Data Consortium: Groundwater Accounting Platform
 - e) Consideration: Approve Entering into Contracts funded by SGMA Implementation Grant
 - i. Approval of SEI and Leafbird Consulting Contracts
 - ii. Approval of Websoft Contract
 - iii. Approval of Land and Water Solutions Contract
 - f) Consideration: Approval of the “*2-Tier Well Permit Review Procedures*” and Public Comment Period
 - i. Approval of West Yost Agreement Amendment
8. **Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items:** Nothing to report.
9. **Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** February 21, 2024
10. **Adjourned** at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke
Executive Officer