



Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2024

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Woodland Fire Station #3

1550 Springlake Court, Woodland, CA 95695

(and via Zoom)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Lee Smith, Vice Chair.

Executive Officer Sicke conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present.

The following Board members and (alternates) were in attendance:

City of Davis: Bapu Vaitla (*Item 5 – end*)

City of West Sacramento: Verna Sulpizio Hull

City of Winters: Carol Scianna

City of Woodland: Mayra Vega (*Item 5 – end*)

Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad, (Bill Vanderwaal*)

Reclamation District (RD) 108: Roger Cornwell, (Bill Vanderwaal*)

RD 150: Warren Bogle

RD 307: James Johas

RD 537: Tom Ramos

RD 765: David Dickson, Jr.

RD 787: Dominic Bruno

RD 2035: Jesse Clark*

Madison CSD: Leo Refsland

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Marc Fawns

Yolo County – Mary Vixie Sandy**

Rumsey Water Users Association: (Mica Bennett)

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth, (Shane Tucker*)

Cal Am Water – Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs

Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company: Lynnel Pollock

Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith

Environmental Representative: Ann Brice

Absent: Esparto CSD, RD 730, RD 999, RD 1600, UC Davis

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2. **ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA:** Nothing to report.
3. **PUBLIC FORUM:** Ben King commented on his findings about chromium mobilization from serpentine rock. He provided backup documentation to Kristin.
4. **CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS**
 - a. Approve January 22 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - b. Receive Fiscal Year 23/24 Financial Statements: 1/17 – 3/11/24
 - c. Receive minutes of Executive Committee: 1/12/24
 - d. Authorize Entering into Contract with Frame Surveying and Mapping

Action: Approve item 4a as presented.

Motion: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Second: Cal Am Dunnigan (Evans)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached).

Action: Approve item 4d as presented.

Motion: YCFCWCD (Barth)

Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached).

5. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer, provided an overview of her report included in the agenda packet. She also provided a preliminary overview of the Water Year 2023 Annual Report and an update on DWR's [new well permitting report](#).

6. **PRESENTATION: GSA AUTHORITY**

Rebecca Smith, Legal Counsel, presented an overview on SGMA and GSA authority to implement a GSP. The slides are posted to the [YSGA website](#).

Board discussion

The Board discussed with Rebecca how the authorities she presented apply to the well permit review process.

Public comment

Ben King expressed his concerns about agency transparency, potential conflicts of interest, GSP water quality thresholds, and coordination with Colusa Subbasin.

7. **CONSIDERATION: 2-TIER WELL PERMIT REVIEW PROCEDURES**

- a. Update on Draft 2-Tier Well Permit Review Process: Kristin provided an overview of the drafted 2-tier well permit review procedures and proposed a public review period from March 19 – April 2.

Board discussion

Bennett: Asked whether staff feel confident they have enough guidelines to make a decision on each permit. Kristin responded that West Yost has provided decision thresholds to minimize confusion. Smith: Asked for clarification about what statements the PG or CHG would provide their certification on and how they would support their certification. Erik clarified that the guidelines are outlined extensively in the drafted TM.

Vaitla: Are there any concerns about staff capacity to perform Tier 1 analysis? Does Tier 1 analysis help the GSA fill data gaps, or is most of that value contained in Tier 2? Sicke: There will be a large effort at the outset, but once the backlog is cleared there should be no capacity issues. The most value for data gap filling will probably be the construction information requirements imposed on all wells in the Subbasin.

Jacobs: Asked about public outreach for the comment period. Outreach will occur mainly through the YSGA listserv. Current well permit applicants and well drillers will be noticed also.

Public comment

Kathi Parks expressed concerns about the costs to applicants. Kristin read out a written comment from Isaac Avalos, who expressed concerns about impacts to neighboring wells and public transparency.

- b. Approve Updated Well Permitting Procedures and Public Comment Period for Draft Technical Memorandum and Focus Areas Map: Rebecca Smith provided an overview of her drafted well permitting procedures.

Action: Approve item 7b as presented.

Motion: Dunnigan Water District (Schaad)

Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Discussion: Pollock: Asked whether current well permit fees would be adequate to cover this cost or if additional fees will be needed. Kristin predicts the current fees will be adequate but will reassess once the process begins.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached).

8. **MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** NCWA will provide an update on drafted well permitting legislation when available. Director Schaad requested an update on the governance structure and fee study process.
9. **NEXT MEETING:** May 20, 2024
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

	Agency	Name	Board/ Alternate	ATTENDANCE	VOTE - ITEM 4	VOTE - ITEM 7
1	City of Davis	Bapu Vaitla	Board	X <i>(Item 5-end)</i>	Absent	Aye
		Stan Gryczko	Alternate			
		Richard Tsai	Alternate			
2	City of West Sacramento	Verna Sulpizio Hull	Board	X	Aye	Aye
3	City of Winters	Carol Scianna	Board	X	Aye	Aye
		Jesse Loren	Alternate			
4	City of Woodland	Mayra Vega	Board	X <i>(Item 5-end)</i>	Absent	Aye
		Vicky Fernandez	Alternate			
5	Dunnigan Water District	David Schaad	Board	X	Aye	Aye
		Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate	X*		
6	Esparto CSD	Pierce Scott	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Alex Lepley	Alternate			
7	Madison CSD	Leo Refsland	Board	X	Aye	Aye
8	RD 108	Roger Cornwell	Board	X	Aye	Aye
		Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate	X*		
9	RD 150	Warren Bogle	Board	X	Aye	Aye
10	RD 307	James Johas	Board	X	Aye	Aye
		Karen Chesnut	Alternate			
11	RD 537	Tom Ramos	Board	X	Aye	Aye
12	RD 730	Jim Heidrick	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent
13	RD 765	David Dickson, Jr.	Board	X	Aye	Aye
		Doug Dickson, Sr.	Alternate			
14	RD 787	Dominic Bruno	Board	X	Aye	Aye
			Alternate			
15	RD 999	Tom Slater	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent
16	RD 1600	Michele Clark	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent
17	RD 2035	Kyriakos Tsakopoulos	Board			
		Jesse Clark	Alternate	X	Abstain	Abstain
18	Rumsey Water Users Association	Ken Muller	Board			
		Mica Bennett	Alternate	X	Aye	Aye
19	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Marc Fawns	Board	X	Aye	Aye
		Jim Etters	Alternate			
20	Yolo County	Mary Vixie Sandy	Board	X**	Aye	Abstain
		Angel Barajas	Alternate			
21	YCFC&WCD	Tom Barth	Board	X	Aye	Aye
		Shane Tucker	Alternate	X*		
22	UC Davis	Andrew Fulks	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Kelli O'Day	Alternate			
23	Cal Am Water - Dunnigan	Evan Jacobs	Board	X	Aye	Aye
		Audie Foster	Alternate			
24	Colusa Drain MWC	Lynnel Pollock	Board	X	Aye	Aye
		Jim Wallace	Alternate			
25	Yolo County Farm Bureau	Lee Smith	Board	X	Aye	Aye
		Denise Sagara	Alternate			
26	Environmental Rep.	Ann Brice	Board	X	Aye	Aye

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	Agency	Name	Attendance
<i>OTHER YSGA STAFF:</i>			
	Executive Officer	Kristin Sicke	X
	Legal Counsel	Rebecca Smith	X
	YSGA Staff	Sarah Leicht	X
	YSGA Staff	Nathan Fisher	X
	West Yost	Erik Cadaret	X
	West Yost	Ken Loy	X
<i>PUBLIC AND AGENCY STAFF:</i>			
		Damoan Rejaei	X
		Ryan Fulton	X
	CA DWR	Nick Vadpey	X
		John Fawcett	X
		Isaac Avalos	X
		Matt Brady	X
		Monica Quezada	X
		Matt Frank	X
	Yolo County	Elisa Sabatini	X
	Yolo RCD	Kate Reza	X
		Daniel Ramos	X
		David Pratt	X
	Yolo County	Kimberly Hood	X
		Maddie Munson	X
	Wild Wings CSA	Lachi Richards	X
		Ben King	X
		Jackie Lundy	X
		Rod Scheaffer	X
		Ann Main	X
		Kurt Balasek	X