



# Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

## SPECIAL Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Friday, October 27, 2023**

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Woodland Police Department  
1000 Lincoln Ave, Woodland, CA 95695  
And via Zoom**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Meeting called to order at 1:02 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

City of Winters: Carol Scianna (Kurt Balasek)

City of Woodland: Tania Garcia-Cadena

Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad

Reclamation District (RD) 108: Roger Cornwell

RD 537: Tom Ramos

RD 765: David Dickson, Jr. (*Item 4 – end*)

RD 787: Roger Cornwell (*nonvoting*) (Dominic Bruno\*)

RD 999: Tom Slater

RD 1600: Michele Clark

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Marc Fawns

Yolo County: Mary Vixie Sandy

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth,  
(Kristin Sicke)

Cal Am Water – Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs (*Item 4 – end*)

Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company: Lynnel Pollock\*\*

Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith, (Denise Sagara\*)

**Absent: City of West Sacramento, Esparto CSD, Madison CSD, RD 150, RD 730, RD 787, RD 2035, Rumsey Water Users Association, Environmental Representative**

\*remote attendance, member was non-voting

\*\*remote attendance, member provided just cause pursuant to AB 2449

- 2. PUBLIC FORUM:** Nothing to report.

### **3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE**

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer, provided the following updates:

- Director Mike Hall of RD 2035 passed away unexpectedly on October 11. A service will be held on

October 28 at Conaway Ranch.

- The Board welcomed new directors Andrew Fulks (UC Davis) and Mary Vixie Sandy (Yolo County).
- The Yolo Subbasin GSP was approved by DWR on October 26. DWR recommended corrective actions to be implemented prior to the 2027 GSP update.
- TNC and Audubon reached out to YSGA staff to further partnership on GDE identification, monitoring, and watershed group engagement. TNC and Audubon staff will begin reaching out to YSGA Directors to gain support and input.
- The Ad Hoc Finance Committee met on October 25 to discuss the next steps in considering the governance and funding structure of the YSGA. Legal counsel will provide a summary of decisions to be made by individual agency boards.
- YSGA staff worked with SEI and Consero to apply to the USBR WaterSMART Applied Science Grant Program. Award announcements are expected in Spring 2024.
- DWR is working with staff to drill and instrument three multi-completion wells along the west side of the Subbasin as part of the Technical Support Services program. The wells are drilled and expected to be fully online in early 2024.
- YSGA staff are participating in the filming of a video series *Farming for Our Future: Sharing Solutions to Climate Change from the Fields*.
- Fall measurements of the monitoring network are complete, and an update on groundwater levels throughout the Subbasin will be available soon.
- A check signing for the SGMA Implementation Grant award will be held before the YSGA Board Meeting on November 20. All Directors are invited to attend.

#### **4. CONSIDERATION: APPROVAL OF DRAFT YSGA FOCUS AREAS MAP AND PUBLIC REVIEW**

West Yost and YSGA staff explained the process for creating the draft focus areas map. The map was developed in collaboration with the Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee and incorporates feedback from committee members. Staff requested the Board approve the draft Focus Areas map and begin the public comment period, which will be open from October 31 – November 14. The County Board of Supervisors will meet on November 7 and receive an update from the YSGA on progress made towards updating the well permit procedures. At the November 20 YSGA Board of Directors meeting, staff will present public comments received and the Board will consider adoption of the final map. Drafts of the Hydrogeology Reports Technical Memo and updated well permit procedures will also be provided at the November 20 regularly scheduled Board meeting.

##### **Public Comment:**

- Matt Lohse expressed concerns about the validity of data collected at his monitoring well and the cost of completing a hydrogeology report if he wants to plant trees on his property. Also commented that additional data such as irrigated acreage and whether or not a parcel has received surface water in the last 5 years should be considered in this delineation. Additionally asked why data has not been acquired from well drillers.
- Michael Jarred asked about the Citizen Concern delineation, and whether the line was just drawn around the concerned citizen's property or if there was a buffer added. Sarah clarified that the buffer

is added in the final delineation.

- Johnny Darosa asked whether it is required to report lowering the pump bowls, Sarah clarified that none of the dry well reporting is mandatory.
- Jackie Lundy asked about the size of the buffer area, Sarah clarified that the buffer is 2,000 feet, equal to the county's maximum setback distance.
- Ben King suggested the YSGA require water quality measurements upon construction of new wells. He also suggested that the YSGA consider water quality interaction at Knights Landing as Sites Reservoir conveyance may result in the co-mingling of water sources.

**Board Discussion:**

- Director Jacobs: Inquired about whether subsidence data will be considered in this process. Erik Cadaret of West Yost responded that subsidence will be considered in future iterations.
- Director Vaitla: Asked about wells northeast of Winters that are near the 25-foot decline threshold but not included in the delineation. Erik responded that the 25-foot decline threshold was most correlated with citizen concerns, but that the public comment period would be helpful in further refining the boundaries where necessary.
- Director Fulks: Asked whether the YSGA has projections for future demand on the aquifer that would be helpful in evaluating new well permits. Sicke responded that the 2016 land use was held constant in the GSP for future projections, but that the YSGA would be updating land use projections as part of the 2027 GSP Update.
- Director Barth: Commented that he sees this evolving into a process similar to what the cities require for new development in that the developer must demonstrate that there is adequate water supply in the area to support the proposed development.

Action: Approve the draft Focus Areas Map to begin the public review process

Motion: YCFCWCD (Barth)

Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached)

**5. NEXT MEETING** – Next regular meeting on November 20, 2023.

**6. ADJOURNMENT** – Vice Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

YSGA Board of Directors MEETING ROLL CALL

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

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Agency	Name	Attendance
<b><i>OTHER YSGA STAFF:</i></b>		
Executive Officer	Kristin Sicke	X
Legal Counsel	Rebecca Smith	X
YSGA Staff	Sarah Leicht	X
YSGA Staff	Nathan Fisher	X
<b><i>PUBLIC AND AGENCY STAFF:</i></b>		
	Ricardo Amon	X
	Anthony Endow	X
West Yost	Anna Reimer	X
	Grant Davids	X
Yolo County	Elisa Sabatini	X
	Nailah Souder	X
Yolo County	Jianmin Huang	X
	Matt Frank	X
	Brian Hauss	X
	Linda Bell	X
	John Fawcett	X
	Claire Main	X
	Trey Strickland	X
Yolo County	Kimberley Hood	X
	Savanna Sanders	X
	Susan Millsap	X
YCFCWCD	Jim Mayer	X
Yolo County	April Meneghetti	X
West Yost	Erik Cadaret	X
LSCE	Nick Watterson	X
	Johnny Darosa	X
	Jackie Lundy	X
	Ben King	X
	Michael Jarrod	X
	Matt Lohse	X
	Rod Schaffer	X