



Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2022

3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting held via GoToMeeting

34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Roger Cornwell, 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 West Sacramento: Dawnté Early
City of Winters: Jesse Loren, (Kurt Balasek)
City of Woodland: Mayra Vega
Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad
Esparto CSD: Charles Schaupp
Reclamation District (RD) 108: Hilary Reinhard, (Bill Vanderwaal)
RD 150: Warren Bogle
RD 307: James Johas
RD 537: Tom Ramos (*Item 5-9*)
RD 730: Jim Heidrick
RD 765: David Dickson, Jr.
RD 787: Roger Cornwell, Board Chair
RD 999: Tom Slater
RD 1600: Michele Clark
RD 2035: (Mike Hall (*Item 5-end*))
Rumsey Water Users Association: Ken Muller
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Marc Fawns
Yolo County: Gary Sandy
Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth,
(Kristin Sicke)
University of California, Davis: Camille Kirk
Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company (MWC): Lynnel Pollock
Yolo County Farm Bureau: Stan Lester
Environmental Representative: Ann Brice

Absent: City of Davis, Madison CSD, Cal Am Water Dunnigan

- 2. CONSIDERATION: RE-AUTHORIZE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

Action: The Board 1) find that, as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees, and 2) hold meetings by teleconference as authorized by subdivision (e)(1)(C) of Section 54953 of the Government Code.

Motion: Yolo County (Sandy)

Second: City of West Sacramento (Early)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Unanimously approved (roll call attached).

3. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA: Nothing to add.

4. PUBLIC FORUM: Janet Mercurio commented regarding her concern about her domestic well. The YSGA is pursuing long-term solutions, but she is concerned about the short-term. She has a list of potential emergency measures to bring to the County Board of Supervisors and would like to work with the YSGA and other members of the public to refine it. Executive Officer Sicke and Chair Cornwell provided information about the ad hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee and offered to work with Janet on her list. Supervisor Sandy and Elisa Sabatini informed that the drought emergency will be on the Board of Supervisors agenda tomorrow.

5. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approved the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Regular and January 24, 2022 Special Board of Directors meetings.
- b. Received Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Financial Statements: January 8 – March 10, 2022
- c. Received minutes of Executive Committee: 12/15/21 and 2/15/22
- d. Expand the Purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee for Reconsideration of Voting Structure and Expense Allocation: The WRA/YSGA EC members suggested the committee reconvene to complete the WRA merging into the YSGA. This would require the YSGA Board of Directors to amend the purpose of the Committee to include focusing on and completing the merger. Advantages of merging the entities include streamlining administration, providing a single forum for concerned stakeholders, and managing surface and groundwater as an interconnected system. The YSGA Ad Hoc Committee for Reconsideration of Voting Structure and Expense Allocation would also review the process necessary to amend the YSGA JPA to include the authority to coordinate the study and planning of water, drainage, and flood control activities in Yolo County; coordinate implementation of Yolo County-portion of the Westside Integrated Regional Watershed Management (IRWM) Plan; and facilitate a leadership role in updating the Westside IRWM Plan every 10 years.

Action: Approve items a) and c) as presented.

Motion: City of Winters (Loren)

Second: Colusa Drain MWC (Pollock)

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached).

Action: Approve item d) as presented.

Motion: Colusa Drain MWC (Pollock)

Second: Yolo County (Sandy)

Discussion: Director Schuapp expressed his concern about mission creep. Esparto's main concern is surrounding groundwater. Executive Officer Sicke noted that both interconnected surface waters and

groundwater dependent ecosystems are discussed in the GSP. Additional financial costs would be the IRWM dues; however, membership would allow access to additional funding opportunities. Director Loren expressed her belief that the scope of the GSA's responsibilities are larger than in the past, and integration with IRWM would be appropriate.

Vote: Approved (roll call attached).

6. UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION, REGULATORY & DELTA ISSUES,

Gary Link, Northern California Water Association: Gary updated the Board on California legislation and budget news. Seven water rights bills have been introduced this year. There may be a large amount of budget surplus this year. NCWA is working with a coalition to increase funding opportunities for water projects. Also, due to the Gann limit, money will be going back to taxpayers.

7. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES UPDATE: Barrett Kaasa, DWR:

Guidelines for Round 2 of the IRWM implementation grants will be released in April. The small community program has very little funding left, and it's unlikely any more applications in Yolo County will be funded. 2 applications have been funded: a new well construction process for Wild Wings, and a water delivery program for Yolo County. SGMA implementation funding will become available in late 2022/early 2023. The GSP assessments for all critically overdrafted basins have been released. DWR's AEM survey will be flown in late April, with results available in early 2023. The California Groundwater Live platform has been released to the public.

8. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kristin Sicke, YSGA Executive Officer: Kristin reviewed recent stakeholder meetings, including Hungry Hollow area community meetings, a YSGA Working Group meeting, and a North Yolo-South Colusa groundwater recharge meeting.

9. WATER CONDITIONS UPDATE, Member Agency Roundtable

- a. Update from the WRA TC Ad Hoc Drought Task Force Committee, Kristin Sicke: The Task Force has met 12 times since its inception last summer. The group already meets the intent of the new Senate Bill 552. Each of the participating agencies has established thresholds of concern based on their monitoring wells. Cacheville CSD was able to establish a real-time monitoring well at the Yolo fire station.
- b. Groundwater Conditions Update: Groundwater levels are about 10 feet lower than this day last year, and slightly below the same day in 2015. Spring water levels in the YCFC network are also about 10 feet below spring of last year on average.
- c. Tim Busch, Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency: WDCWA recently purchased 6 TAF to secure water supplies through August. What happens in September and October is uncertain because they are not sure what their CVP allocation will be.
- d. Cities of West Sacramento and Winters: No updates.
- e. Roger Cornwell, Reclamation District 787: The District will likely deliver well below 75% of their normal supply. A large amount of fallowing is likely to occur.

f. Bill Vanderwaal, Dunnigan Water District: RD 108 is in the same situation as RD 787. Dunnigan Water District has 0 allocation this year.

a. Buckeye Creek Recharge Project Update: Due to maintenance in the Tehama-Colusa canal, DWD was able to divert about 275 AF into Buckeye Creek. Groundwater levels were monitored, and there was an estimated 128 – 211 AF of recharge.

10. CONSIDERATION: APPROVE YOLO SUBBASIN GSP ANNUAL REPORT FOR WATER YEARS 2019-2021

The first annual report for the Yolo Subbasin is due to the California Department of Water Resources by April 1, 2022. Annual reports will provide information on groundwater conditions and information about GSP implementation that has occurred in the last water year. This annual report will contain a narrative description of subbasin conditions in water years 2019, 2020, and 2021. It includes updated monitoring well hydrographs, elevation contours, estimates of surface water and groundwater use, and estimated change in groundwater storage for the Subbasin. It also includes an evaluation of the subbasin’s progress with respect to sustainable management criteria, and information about current activities towards GSP implementation. The Draft 2022 Annual Report is available on the YSGA website. Staff provided a presentation to the Board summarizing the report’s methodology and main findings.

Action: Approve the GSP Annual Report for submission to DWR.

Motion: YCFC&WCD (Barth)

Second: Yolo County (Sandy)

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote: Unanimously approved (roll call attached).

11. UPDATE: GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The next steps in GSP implementation are the establishment of Management Area Committees, the planning of budget and administration, and the implementation and funding of projects and management actions. Executive Officer Sicke proposed hiring a special projects advisor to help in the process.

12. CONSIDERATION: ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

Executive Officer Sicke requested an amendment to the YSGA’s Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Adopted Budget to 1) balance the budget from unanticipated expenses related to Account 7400 (GSP-Related Consultant Costs) and Account 5800 (Postage, Copies, Website Hosting); and 2) request an increase in expense allocation related to Account 7200 (Consultant Services). This is not a request to change or increase any revenue line items or member agency/affiliated party membership dues.

Directors indicated that a separate line item for a grant writer may be beneficial, and it was agreed that some proposals would be provided for review at the next meeting.

Action: Adopt Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #1 as presented.

Motion: YCFC&WCD (Barth)

Second: Yolo County Farm Bureau (Lester)

Discussion: No further discussion

Vote: Unanimously approved (roll call attached).

13. MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Schaupp reminded the Board that Form 700's are due on April 1. Director Pollock noted that Ethics and Harassment trainings also needs to be renewed. Director Lester provided an update that the Farm Bureau has reconvened its water committee. Director Schaad noted that an update on funding in the white areas would be beneficial at the next meeting. Executive Officer Sicke will return to the Board with a budget proposal for a grant writing line item.

14. NEXT MEETING – Monday, June 20, 2022

15. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Cornwell adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

ROLL CALL YSGA Board of Directors									3/21/2022
Agency	Name	Board/ Alternate	ATTENDANCE	VOTE - ITEM 2	VOTE - ITEM 5a-c	VOTE - ITEM 5d	VOTE - ITEM 10	VOTE - ITEM 12	
1 City of Davis	Josh Chapman	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
	Will Arnold	Alternate							
2 City of West Sacramento	Dawnté Early	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Absent	Absent	
	Chris Ledesma	Alternate							
3 City of Winters	Jesse Loren	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
	Kurt Balasek	Alternate	X						
	Wade Cowan	Alternate							
4 City of Woodland	Mayra Vega	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
	Tania Garcia-Cadena	Alternate							
5 Dunnigan Water District	David Schaad	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
	Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate	X						
6 Esparto CSD	Charles Schaupp	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	
	Manuel Quintana	Alternate							
7 Madison CSD	Leo Refsland	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
8 RD 108	Hilary Reinhard	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye			
	Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate	X				Aye	Aye	
9 RD 150	Warren Bogle	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Absent	Absent	
10 RD 307	James Johas	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
	Karen Chesnut	Alternate							
11 RD 537	Tom Ramos	Board	Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye	Absent	Absent	
12 RD 730	Jim Heidrick	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
13 RD 765	David Dickson, Jr.	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
	Doug Dickson, Sr.	Alternate							
14 RD 787	Roger Cornwell	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
	Dominic Bruno	Alternate	X						
15 RD 999	Tom Slater	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
16 RD 1600	Michele Clark	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Absent	
17 RD 2035	Kryiakos Tsakopoulos	Board	Absent	Absent					
	Mike Hall	Alternate			Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye	
18 Rumsey Water Users Association	Ken Muller	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
19 Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Marc Fawns	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Abstain	Aye	Aye	
20 Yolo County	Gary Sandy	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
	Jim Provenza	Alternate							
21 YCFC&WCD	Tom Barth	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
	Kristin Sicke	Alternate	X						
22 UC Davis	Camille Kirk	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
23 Cal Am Water -Dunnigan	Evan Jacobs	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
	Audie Foster	Alternate							
24 Colusa Drain MWC	Lynnel Pollock	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
	Jim Wallace	Alternate							
25 Yolo County Farm Bureau	Stan Lester	Board	X	Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye	
	Denise Sagara	Alternate							
26 Environmental Rep.	Ann Brice	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	

Agency	Name	Attendance
OTHER YSGA STAFF:		
Executive Officer	Kristin Sicke	X
Legal Counsel, Downey Brand	Kevin O'Brien	X

