

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency  
MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting  
August 21, 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, Elisa Sabatini (phone), Sarah Leicht, Nathan Fisher

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Lee Smith at 12:02 pm.
2. **Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Nothing to add.
3. **Public Comment:** No comments.
4. **Administrative Items** (Sicke):
  - a) July 24, 2023 meeting minutes were approved.
  - b) Reviewed financials: FY 2023-2024: 7/20 – 8/18/23: Financials were provided with the agenda packet. A budget amendment will be brought to the Board in September to correct the audit charges.
  - c) Payments to approve: Payments were provided with the agenda packet.

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

5. **Update on YSGA GSP Implementation Actions:** Discussion Item (Sicke)
  - a) *Water Conditions Update:* Kristin provided an update on current groundwater level conditions. Groundwater levels are showing good recovery from drought conditions.
  - b) *Grant Funding Opportunities:* Staff are working with Consero to track funding opportunities. The application to the ICARP Regional Resilience Grant has been postponed until next year. In the meantime, elements of the proposal will be included in the County's climate planning process and other grant solicitations. Staff are also planning to apply to the upcoming WaterSMART program solicitation.
  - c) *Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee:* The Committee is scheduled to meet on August 23 to discuss the work put forth by West Yost and YSGA staff towards mapping Areas of Special Concern. EC members requested the map be sent out ahead of the meeting if possible. The EC discussed the policy development process and whether the map should be distributed for public comment. The EC suggested data gaps be created as a separate map from areas of special concern, because it may be easier to achieve consensus on those areas.
  - d) *Ad Hoc Committee for Reconsideration of Expense Allocation:* Kristin presented a draft 5-year GSA budget and outreach timeline prepared by LSCE. The EC recommended that the fee study cover more than 5 years if possible, and discussed the outreach strategy to minimize conflict.
6. **September 18, 2023 Board of Directors *Draft* Agenda Items** (Sicke)
  - a) Consent Items
    - i. Financials
    - ii. Approval of Payments
    - iii. Meetings Minutes
  - b) Gary Sandy Honorary Resolution
  - c) Resolution Acknowledging Helen Thomson's Contributions to Groundwater
  - d) NCWA Update on Water Legislation and Regulatory Issues
  - e) DWR Update
  - f) Report of Chair and Executive Officer
  - g) GSP Implementation Update
    - i. Groundwater Conditions
    - ii. Grant Funding Opportunities Update
    - iii. Update on Fee Study Process
  - h) Closed Session Items

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- i) Areas of Special Concern and Well Permitting Update

The agenda is likely too long, and items h) and i) will be moved to a special meeting if needed. Kristin will work with Dotty to plan items b) and c).

**7. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items:** Nothing to report.

**8. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** September 27 or 28, 2023.

**9. Adjourned** at 12:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke  
Executive Officer