Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Working Group Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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1:00 1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- **1:03 2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA** To add an agenda item, it must fit into one of the following categories: a) A majority determination that an emergency (as designed by the Brown Act) exists; or b) A 4/5 determination that the need to take action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
- **1:04 3. PUBLIC FORUM** The Public may address the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Working Group on any item of interest not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Working Group.

- **4.** APPROVE MINUTES of the March 2, 2022 and August 3, 2022 YSGA Working Group meetings, pages 3 –10
- 1:37 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM Report of the Executive Officer Kristin Sicke
- 1:40 6. DROUGHT UPDATE: Current Water Conditions and Fall 2022 Projections
 - a. SB 552 and Drought Planning with Yolo County OES
 - b. WRA TC Ad Hoc Drought
 - c. YSGA Drought Contingency Planning Committee
- 1:50 7. GSP IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE, GSP Technical Team
 - a. Summary of Projects Received during the Project Solicitation
 - b. <u>Prioritization Process and Review of *Draft* Prioritization Criteria</u>, pgs. 11-13
 - c. DWR's SGMA Implementation Funding
- 2:45
- 8. DISCUSSION: WRA DISSOLUTION and INCORPORATION INTO THE YSGA
- 2:50
- 9. DISCUSSION: MANAGEMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK
 - a. Draft Public Advisory Committee Concept
- 2:55
- 10. FUTURE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS Executive Officer
 - a. Annexation of "Grey Areas"
 - b. Role of Water Transfers
- 2:58
- 11. WRAP UP and NEXT STEPS
- 3:00
- 12. ADJOURN

Consideration of items not on the posted agenda, items in the following categories: 1) majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or 2) a 4/5ths determination that the need to take action arose subsequent to posting of the agenda. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda meeting of the Working Group of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency was posted August 29, 2022 at the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District at 34274 State Highway 16 and Winters Fire Department at 700 Main Street and was made available to the public during normal business hours.

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Working Group 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. via GoToMeeting Teleconference March 2, 2022 Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Kristin conducted a roll call and determined a quorum of member agencies were virtually in attendance (Roll Call attached).

- 2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA –No additional items.
- **3. PUBLIC FORUM** No public comments.

4. APPROVE MINUTES of September 2, 2021 YSGA WORKING GROUP MEETING. Lynnel Pollock motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Camille Kirk and passed unanimously. (Roll call attached).

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Report of the Executive Officer** (Kristin Sicke):

Kristin gave an overview of current groundwater conditions:

- On average, water levels are below this time last year but above this day in 2015. Spring measurements will occur this week to capture the seasonal high.
- DWR's latest InSAR dataset shows some subsidence occurring in Yolo County.
- Kristin and Dana Carey from Yolo OES provided an overview of the continuing drought response efforts by the County and the YSGA.

6. CURRENT WATER CONDITIONS AND SUMMER 2022 PROJECTIONS, Member Roundtable

- Statewide Overview, Kristin Sicke: This year's precipitation has fallen below average. State Water Project contractors have a 15% allocation, and Central Valley Project contractors' allocations are yet to be announced.
- *Bill Vanderwaal, Dunnigan Water District/RD 108:* DWD has received a 0% allocation. Settlement contractors are in a Shasta critical year they will likely receive some water, but USBR has not announced allocations.
- WDCWA/City of Woodland, Matt Cohen: There is still a lot of uncertainty about water supply this year. The City will likely pump groundwater as supplemental supply, but aims to keep the water treatment plant running. Woodland is still injecting into the ASR wells until Term 91 is implemented.
- Colusa Drain MWC, Lynnel Pollock: This year's allocation is uncertain. If the MWC does receive an allocation, there may not be water in the Drain to deliver.
- City of West Sacramento, Bill Roberts: The City is looking at alternate water supplies. Term 91 will affect the City's surface water supply as well.
- YCFC&WCD, Kristin Sicke: The District does not have sufficient water to deliver this year.

7. SB 552 AND DROUGHT PLANNING

- Dana Carey, Yolo OES, gave an overview of the new legislation SB 552. The bill will
 require small water systems to prepare an abridged water shortage plan. Counties are
 required to form aa standing drought task force and to develop a drought and water
 shortage plan. OES continues to seek clarification on these requirements.
- Kristin provided a summary of coordination efforts in drought planning between the County, the YSGA, and the WRA.
- Dave Schaad commented that there may be a need to consider increased water quality sampling.

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8. GSP IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

a. Annual Report submission for April 1, 2022 deadline: Jack Cronin provided an overview of the required elements and draft outline for the YSGA's first annual report to DWR. The draft annual report will be provided to the Board of Directors for review on March 21.

b. Upcoming funding solicitations: YSGA staff continue to monitor open funding solicitations for project opportunities. Staff are working with the Yolo RCD and CARCD to submit a block grant application for the Department of Conservation Land Repurposing Grant.

c. Project Proponent commitments: The YSGA JPA mandates that local projects must be paid for and implemented by the beneficiary agency(ies). Member agencies are welcome to pursue funding opportunities on their own with a YSGA letter of support.

d. North Yolo Management Area's Buckeye Creek Recharge Project: Bill Vanderwaal provided an update on the project. 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.

9. DISCUSSION: WRA DISSOLUTION and INCORPORATION INTO THE YSGA, Kristin Sicke

The WRA and YSGA fulfill overlapping purposes in the County and contain many of the same members. Consolidating into one entity would increase administrative efficiency. Consolidation would mean the YSGA would take on the responsibilities and benefits of IRWM membership.

10. DISCUSSION: MANAGEMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK, Kristin Sicke

Kristin provided a draft outline of the roles and responsibilities of the Management Area Committees. She proposed hiring a special projects advisor to help address complex issues such as the MA committees, drought planning, and dispute resolution. A formal proposal will be brought to the Board at the next meeting.

11. FUTURE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS

- a. Advisory Committee Roles
- b. Annexation of "Grey Areas"
- c. Role of Water Transfers

12. WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

The Board of Directors will meet on March 21st. Staff will continue to develop a regular schedule for Working Group meetings.

10. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Sicke Executive Officer

Yolo SGA Working Group Meeting Roll-Call Attendance and Votes March 2, 2022, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., via GoToMeeting teleconference

<u>Agency</u>	Representative(s)	In Attendance	Vote – Item 4
California American Water Dunnigan	Evan Jacobs	-	Absent
City of Davis	Stan Gryczko	Stan Gryczko Dawn Calciano	
City of West Sacramento	GM Tully William Roberts	William Roberts	Aye
City of Winters	Kurt Balasek	Kurt Balasek	Aye
City of Woodland	Matt Cohen	Matt Cohen	Aye
Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company	Lynell Pollock	Lynnel Pollock	Aye
Dunnigan Water District	Bill Vanderwaal Dave Schaad	Dave Schaad	Aye
Esparto CSD	Steve Knightley Manuel Quintana	-	Absent
Madison CSD	Leo Refsland	Leo Refsland	Absent
Reclamation District (RD) 108	Bill Vanderwaal Roger Cornwell	Bill Vanderwaal	Aye
RD 150 (Merritt Island)	Warren Bogle		Absent
RD 307 (Lisbon Island)	James Johas		Absent
RD 537 (Lovdal District)	Tom Ramos	-	Absent
RD 730 (Knights Landing)	Jim Heidrick	Jim Heidrick	Aye
RD 765 (Glide District)	David Dickson		Absent
RD 787 (Fair Ranch)	Roger Cornwell Dominic Bruno		Absent
RD 999 (Netherlands)	Tom Slater		Absent
RD 1600 (Mull District)	Michelle Clark		Absent
RD 2035 (Conaway Ranch)	Mike Hall		Absent
Rumsey Water Users Association	Ken Muller	Ken Muller Ken Muller	
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Marc Fawns	Marc Fawns	Aye
Yolo County	Richard Reed Elisa Sabatini	Elisa Sabatini	Aye
Yolo County Farm Bureau	Stan Lester Denise Sagara	Stan Lester Denise Sagara	Aye
Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Tom Barth Kristin Sicke	Kristin Sicke Tom Barth	Aye
Environmental Representative	Ann Brice		Absent

Other Attendees				
Yolo County OES	Dana Carey			
City of Winters	Kristine DeGuerre			
City of Davis	Sherry Kimura			
Yolo County RCD	Heather Nichols Kate Reza			
YSGA Staff	Jack Cronin Sarah Leicht			
Public	Ashley Driver Carol Scianna Lee Mica Bennett Rod Schaeffer Stacie Ann Silva Rachael Taryn Ravazzini Thomas Harter Grant Davids Jan Jeanette Wrysinski Cork McIsaac			

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Working Group 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. August 3, 2022 Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER and DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm. Kristin conducted a roll call and determined a quorum of member agencies were not in attendance. The meeting was therefore held for discussion purposes only and no deciding votes were made (Roll Call attached).

- 2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA –No additional items.
- 3. **PUBLIC FORUM** No public comments.
- **4. APPROVE MINUTES of March 2, 2022 YSGA WORKING GROUP MEETING.** The March 2, 2022 minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.
- **5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM Report of the Executive Officer** (Kristin Sicke): Kristin gave an overview of the establishment and purpose of the YSGA Working Group. The intent of the group is to work through technical and administrative issues at a largely staff level before issues are brought to the Board.

6. CURRENT WATER CONDITIONS AND SUMMER 2022 PROJECTIONS

Groundwater levels are beginning to stabilize, showing less rapid decline than earlier in the summer.

- SB 552 and Drought Planning with Yolo OES; SB 552 has required the County to establish a standing drought task force and develop a drought and water shortage plan. The WRA is currently serving as the forum for the drought task force. The County continues to coordinate with the YSGA to develop the drought and water shortage plan.
- WRA TC Ad Hoc Drought Task Force: The task force continues to meet to discuss water conditions at domestic wells and small water systems.
- YSGA Drought Contingency Planning Committee: The Committee was formed with the intention to advise YSGA Directors regarding local planning strategies, appropriate management actions for drought conditions, and coordination with the Yolo County Supervisors. The next meeting will be held on August 10 and will discuss the drafted groundwater communications plan, well permitting pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22, and drought conditions.

7. GSP IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Kristin provided an overview of the proposed process for GSP project solicitation and prioritization. The intent of the process is to identify the projects that are ready to move forward and prepare for grant solicitations. The Group reviewed the draft timeline, project information form, budget template, and project solicitation flyer. Kristin provided an overview of the upcoming SGMA Implementation Grant funding opportunity.

- YSGA staff will be responsible for submitting Subbasin-wide projects to the prioritization process
- Mica Bennett asked how this process will interplay with the Management Area committees. Kristin answered that both processes are occurring concurrently. Once Management Area committees are established, they will then be responsible for prioritizing projects based on local conditions.

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- Ciriaco Chavez asked how projects will be prioritized based on the received project information forms. The projects will be prioritized based on criteria to be presented at the next meeting.
- Matt Cohen inquired about the definition of "white area"
- Lee Smith asked what the funding cap is
- Tom Barth asked about the functional difference between projects and management actions, and whether both would be considered under this solicitation
- Jenny Scheer commented on the white areas.
- Dave Schaad asked how the projects will be packaged to DWR and how awarded funding will be allocated between projects
- Denise Sagara asked about the readiness to proceed of the projects in the GSP. Kristin responded that this process is intended to assess each project's readiness.
- Marc asked if additional funding sources would increase a project's rank in the prioritization
- Matt Cohen asked about the sources of the SGMA funding.

8. DISCUSSION: WRA DISSOLUTION and INCORPORATION INTO THE YSGA, Kristin Sicke

Kristin provided an update on the dissolution of the WRA and its incorporation into the YSGA. A draft JPA Amendment will be reviewed by the YSGA's Ad Hoc Committee. Consideration of approval of the JPA Amendment will occur at the September 19, 2022 WRA/YSGA Board of Directors Meetings.

9. DISCUSSION: MANAGEMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK,

Kristin provided an overview of the Hungry Hollow area community meetings. The area is serving as a pilot for the implementation of the YSGA management area committees. Kristin then presented the concept for the structure and purpose of the management area advisory committees.

- Tom Barth commented that the proposed structure will align with the purpose of the GSP, which was that local action would be driven by local priorities. The involvement of agencies will also be critical in the committees since they have the authority to implement SGMA.
- Denise Sagara commented on the importance of ensuring landowners have a voice and decision-making power
- Mica Bennet asked how private pumper representatives will be chosen for each management area
- The group discussed the authority and decision-making power of the committees relative to the Board of Directors. General consensus was reached that the power structure of the various YSGA groups would need to be clearly outlined at the outset of committee formation.

10. FUTURE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS

- b. Annexation of "Grey Areas"
- c. Role of Water Transfers

11. WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

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Kristin will send an email following the meeting with digital versions of the documents presented, as well as information about the SGMA Implementation Grant. The next meeting will be held on August 31.

12. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Sicke Executive Officer

Yolo SGA Working Group Meeting SIGN-IN

August 3, 2020, 1 to 3 p.m.

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August 29, 2022

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Project Eligibility and Prioritization Criteria

Eligibility Criteria

Projects must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- 1. The project is located in the Yolo Subbasin.
- 2. The project is included in the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or the project proponent will submit the project for inclusion in the GSP.
- 3. The project proponent has the institutional capacity to implement the project.

Prioritization Criteria

- 1. The project is urgent, defined as necessary to avoid drinking water supply shortages or significant economic impacts
 - 1. High: Implementation of the project is urgent.
 - 2. Medium: Implementation of the project is somewhat urgent.
 - 3. Low: Implementation of the project is not urgent.
- 2. The project is grounded in existing policies or listed in adopted plans other than the GSP
 - 1. High: The project is listed in two or more adopted plans other than the GSP.
 - 2. Medium: The project is listed in one adopted plan other than the GSP.
 - 3. Low: The project is not included in an adopted plan other than the GSP.
- 3. The project addresses the following preferences described in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Guidelines, page 14:
 - Efficient use and conservation of water supplies
 - Use of recycled water
 - The capture of stormwater to reduce stormwater runoff, reduce water pollution, or recharge groundwater supplies, or a combination thereof
 - Water efficiencies, stormwater capture for infiltration or reuse, or carbon sequestration
 - 1. High: The project addresses at least two of the four SGM Grant preferences.
 - 2. Medium: The project addresses at least one of the four SGM Grant preferences.
 - 3. Low: The project does not address any of the four SGM Grant preferences.
- 4. The project addresses the GSP's sustainability indicators.
 - Chronic lowering of groundwater elevations
 - Changes in groundwater storage
 - Seawater intrusion
 - Groundwater quality
 - Subsidence
 - Depletion of interconnected surface waters
 - 1. High: The project addresses at least three sustainability indicators.
 - 2. Medium: The project addresses at least two sustainability indicators.
 - 3. Low: The project addresses at least one sustainability indicator.

- 5. The project will help achieve and maintain sustainable groundwater management more than other proposed projects
 - 1. High: The project will help achieve and maintain sustainable groundwater management significantly more than other projects over time.
 - 2. Medium: The project will help achieve and maintain sustainable groundwater management more than some proposed projects over time.
 - 3. Low: The project will not help achieve and maintain sustainable groundwater management over time or will result in less sustainable groundwater management.
- 6. The project has quantifiable and measurable benefits.
 - 1. High: The project has baseline data and a process in place to measure the described benefits.
 - 2. Medium: The project has a plan and funding to collect baseline data and measure benefits or is reasonably likely to develop one in the near future.
 - 3. Low: The project does not have baseline data and does not have the ability to implement a process to measure benefits.
- 7. The project benefits a disadvantaged/vulnerable/underrepresented community or an Area of Special Concern in the Yolo Subbasin. Community may refer to a census tract or census block group.
 - 1. High: The project benefits two or more such communities.
 - 2. Medium: The project benefits one such community.
 - 3. Low: The project benefits no such community.
- 8. The project benefits the entire Subbasin.
 - 1. High: The project provides benefits to the entire Subbasin.
 - 2. Medium: The project provides benefits to 50 percent or more of the Subbasin.
 - 3. Low: The project provides benefits to less than 50 percent of the Subbasin.
- 9. The project provides co-benefits, or indirect benefits of the project, such as reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, mitigation for drought impacts, improvements to water supply reliability, or improvements to groundwater-dependent ecosystems.
 - 1. High: The project provides three or more co-benefits.
 - 2. Medium: The project provides 1-2 co-benefits.
 - 3. Low: The project provides no co-benefits.
- 10. The project positively impacts issues associated with small water systems or private shallow domestic wells and/or helps address the Human Right to Water (AB 685).
 - 1. High: The project both positively impacts issues associated with small water systems or private shallow domestic wells and helps address the Human Right to Water.
 - 2. Medium: The project positively impacts issues associated with small water systems or private shallow domestics wells or helps address the Human Right to Water.
 - 3. Low: The project does not positively impact issues associated with small water systems or private shallow domestic wells or help address the Human Right to Water.
- 11. The project proponent has a secure, sustainable funding source for ongoing implementation or operation and maintenance. A secure funding source is defined as a contract or other firm commitment to provide resources for a specified time.
 - 1. High: The project has a secure, ongoing funding source for 10 years or more.
 - 2. Medium: The project has a secure funding source for 5-9 years.

- 3. Low: The project does not have a secure funding source or only has funding for up to four years.
- 12. The project is technically and economically feasible
 - 1. High: The project proponent has demonstrated the project is technically and economically feasible.
 - 2. Medium: The project proponent has partially demonstrated the project is technically and economically feasible.
 - 3. Low: The project has not demonstrated the project is technically and economically feasible.