



# Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

## **SPECIAL** Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

**2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695

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- 2:00**    1.    **CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
  
  - 2:02**    2.    **PUBLIC FORUM** – The Public may address the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Board of Directors on any item of interest not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter of the YSGA.
  
  - 2:07**    3.    **PRESENTATION:** Review and Discussion of Item #9 of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22
  
  - 2:30**    4.    **CONSIDERATION:** Adoption of a Process for Providing Written Verification to Yolo County's Division of Environmental Health to Approve Well Permits

**2:58 5. NEXT MEETING – Monday, June 20, 2022**

**3:00 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

# Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Board of Directors

## Meeting Agenda Report

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**MEETING DATE:** April 6, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

**SUBJECT:** Review and Discussion of Item #9 of Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-7-22

INITIATED OR  BOARD

INFORMATION

REQUESTED BY:  STAFF

ACTION:  MOTION

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO

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### **BACKGROUND**

On March 28, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an Executive Order ([E.O. N-7-22](#)) asking Californians to limit summertime water use and directing the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt emergency regulations for urban water suppliers. The order also includes provisions to create a multi-year water transfer pilot project, ensure vulnerable communities have drinking water, advance groundwater recharge projects, protect vulnerable fish and wildlife, prevent illegal water diversions, and identify new proposals to support investments in short- and long-term drought resilience.

Of direct significance to the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency are the items for safeguarding groundwater supplies (Items 9-13), which include activities related to 1) well permitting coordination; 2) expedited regulatory processes for ensuring groundwater sustainability for household, small community, or public supply wells; 3) groundwater recharge project collaboration; and 4) streamlined state permitting for groundwater recharge project implementation. For discussion at this special meeting is Item 9 related to well permitting, which is stated as follows:

*To protect health, safety, and the environment during this drought emergency, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:*

*a. Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high-priority without first obtaining written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in any applicable*

*Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan; or*

*b. Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without first determining that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure. This paragraph shall not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.*

YSGA staff will provide a brief presentation on the order, along with relevant meetings that have taken place to discuss this change and plan for a revised procedure as part of the County of Yolo's Division of Environmental Health permitting process.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

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**MEETING DATE:** April 6, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Process for Providing Written Verification to Yolo County’s Division of Environmental Health to Approve Well Permits

INITIATED OR  BOARD

INFORMATION

REQUESTED BY:  STAFF

ACTION:  MOTION

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION

ATTACHMENT  YES  NO

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### **BACKGROUND**

In coordination with Yolo County, YSGA staff have developed a potential process for the YSGA to provide written verification to Yolo County’s Division of Environmental Health for well permitting approval as now required by Item 9 of the Governor’s Executive Order ([E.O. N-7-22](#)). YSGA staff will provide a presentation on the data and information used as part of this proposed process and will request for the Board of Directors to guide staff on whether this is considered adequate and aligned with the intention of the Governor’s Executive Order.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend adoption of a process for providing written verification to Yolo County’s Division of Environmental Health to approve well permits.