

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
February 21, 2024, 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, Mary Vixie Sandy, Dotty Pritchard, Kurt Balasek, Sarah Leicht, Elisa Sabatini, Nathan Fisher

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Lee Smith at 12:01 p.m.
2. **Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Nothing to add.
3. **Public Comment:** No comments.
4. **Administrative Items (Sicke):**
 - a) *January 12, 2024 meeting minutes* were approved.
 - b) *Reviewed financials: FY 2023-2024: 1/12 – 2/16/24:* Financials were provided with the agenda packet. An update from the Treasury was not available.
 - c) *Payments to approve:* Payments were provided with the agenda packet. Separate ledgers for each of the grant projects should be set up soon for grant reporting.

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

5. **Update on YSGA GSP Implementation Actions:** Discussion Item (Sicke)
 - a) *Water Conditions Update:* Water is currently plentiful - Clear Lake has been in flood releases since early February, and Indian Valley Reservoir is continuing to fill. The State Water Project recently increased allocations to 15%. Groundwater levels are continuing to recover, and YCFC canal should start soon. DWD will be using 215 water to recharge when possible until March 1; currently, Buckeye Creek is still running with stormwater. Recent rule changes are making it more difficult to divert water for recharge.
 - b) *Grant Funding Opportunities:* Consero is helping evaluate further opportunities, including those for City of Winters. This spring, the YSGA will be soliciting new projects for the GSP. The City of Woodland has expressed interest in adding a groundwater recharge component to the Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Reduction Project.
 - c) *Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee:* The well permitting process is moving forward, and West Yost is working to develop Tier 1 review procedures. The DCPC will meet in March to discuss the procedures, which will be presented to the YSGA Board on March 18. The next update to the County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 9. Kristin has continued conversations with well drillers and concerned landowners.
 - d) *Ad Hoc Committee for Reconsideration of Expense Allocation:* No updates.
6. **Draft Agenda Items for March 18, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting**
 - a) Consent Items:
 - i. Meeting Minutes
 - ii. Financials

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- iii. RFQ for GSP Update
- b) Executive Officer Report – Brief Annual Report Update
- c) Presentation by Legal Counsel on GSA Authority
- d) 2-Tier Well Permit Review Procedures Updates

7. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items: Kristin is assembling a honorary book for Tim O’Halloran. The SWRCB recently released recommended amendments to the Bay-Delta Plan – staff suggested a large amount of unimpaired flows (55%). SCWA will be meeting with the SWRCB on April 24 to discuss these changes. The Governor’s salmon strategy shows Capay Dam blocking salmon flows, but data show there are no salmon in Cache Creek.

8. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: April 4, 2024 (tentative)

9. Adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke
Executive Officer