

Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency SPECIAL Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 24, 2022 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695

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3:00 1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- **3:02 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.
- 3:05 3. PUBLIC HEARING: Final Draft Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- **3:45 4. CONSIDERATION:** Adoption of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and Authorize Submittal of the GSP to the California Department of Water Resources

3:58 5. NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 21, 2022

4:00 6. ADJOURNMENT

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Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

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MEETING DATE: January 24, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

<u>SUBJECT</u>: Public Hearing: Final Draft Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

INITIATED OR [] BOARD REQUESTED BY: [X] STAFF [] OTHER _____

[X] INFORMATION [] ACTION: [] MOTION [] RESOLUTION

ATTACHMENT [] YES [X] NO

BACKGROUND

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in high and medium priority groundwater basins to develop and implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The passage of SGMA in 2014 established a historic statewide framework to protect groundwater resources over the long-term, with an emphasis on local management.

The Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency is the primary Groundwater Sustainability Agency within the boundaries of the Yolo Subbasin (5-021.68) and has solely been responsible for developing the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The purpose of the GSP is to comply with SGMA and serve as an implementation guide for groundwater.

Development of the GSP began in 2017 and has involved an inclusive process with many public meetings, public workshops, and numerous opportunities for public input on the contents of the Plan. Per California Water Code §10728.2, the YSGA will periodically evaluate the GSP, assess changing conditions in the basin, and potentially adjust components in the GSP based on new understanding of conditions and determination of whether the actions under the GSP are meeting the sustainability goal in the basin.

The draft Yolo Subbasin GSP was prepared in compliance with the SGMA and California Water Code Section 10727 et seq. and was available for public comment from August 25 to October 27, 2021. Approximately 300 comments were received, which YSGA staff worked diligently to review and incorporate in the GSP. The final Yolo Subbasin GSP is available on the YSGA's website at the following link: <u>https://www.yologroundwater.org/yolo-subbasin-groundwater-sustainability-plan</u>. Public comments received on the draft GSP and YSGA responses to comments are included as Appendix C to the final GSP, which is available at the following link: <u>https://www.yologroundwater.org/tiles/83a72f016/Appendix+C+-+Public+Comments.pdf</u>

The YSGA provided written notice to adopt the Yolo Subbasin GSP to the County of Yolo, Cities of Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento, and Winters, and all member agencies and affiliated parties on November 16, 2021.

This public hearing was noticed in the Daily Democrat on Tuesday, January 4 and 11, 2022. The public, agencies, and other interested parties are invited to attend this remote public hearing to provide oral or written comments. Comments received during this public hearing may be considered by the YSGA for its to determination to adopt the proposed GSP. The YSGA will consider adoption of the Yolo Subbasin GSP after this public hearing. Once adopted by the YSGA Board, the GSP will be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources through the SGMA Portal by the statutory submittal deadline of January 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for informational purposes only.

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MEETING DATE: January 24, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

<u>SUBJECT</u>: Consideration: Adoption of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Authorize Submittal of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan to the California Department of Water Resources

INITIATED OR [] BOARD REQUESTED BY: [X] STAFF [] OTHER _____ [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION: [X] MOTION [] RESOLUTION

ATTACHMENT [] YES [X] NO

BACKGROUND

The Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) was formed in June 2017 to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Yolo Subbasin and has solely been responsible for developing the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

The final Yolo Subbasin GSP is consistent with the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the YSGA, which provides the authority for the YSGA to develop and adopt a GSP for the portions of the groundwater basins in its jurisdiction:

Article 2 states, "The Members and Affiliated Parties intend to work together in mutual cooperation to develop and implement a GSP for the Subbasin in compliance with SGMA..."

Article 3 outlines the purposes and powers of the YSGA, including to "develop, adopt and implement a legally sufficient GSP for the Subbasin", and to "exercise all powers granted to a GSA under SGMA" to the extent authorized through the Board of Directors.

Article 4.7 states that the approval of a GSP shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the directors present.

Once adopted by the YSGA Board, the GSP will be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources through the SGMA Portal by the statutory submittal deadline of January 31, 2022. Implementation of the adopted GSP will begin on January 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the Board of Directors adopt the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and authorize the Executive Officer to submit the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan to the California Department of Water Resources.