



Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2023

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Woodland Police Department
1000 Lincoln Ave, Woodland, CA 95695
(and via Zoom)**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Meeting called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Lee Smith, Vice Chair.
Executive Officer Sicke conducted a roll call and determined a quorum was present.

The following Board members and (alternates) were in attendance:

City of Davis: Bapu Vaitla
City of Winters: Carol Scianna
City of West Sacramento: Verna Sulpizio Hull**
Dunnigan Water District: David Schaad
Reclamation District (RD) 108: Roger Cornwell
RD 150: Warren Bogle**
RD 307: James Johas
RD 537: Tom Ramos*
RD 730: Jim Heidrick
RD 765: David Dickson, Jr.
RD 787: Roger Cornwell (*nonvoting*) (Dominic Bruno*)
RD 999: Tom Slater
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation: Marc Fawns
Yolo County: Mary Vixie Sandy
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (YCFC&WCD): Tom Barth, (Kristin Sicke)
Cal Am Water – Dunnigan: Evan Jacobs
Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company: Lynnel Pollock**
Yolo County Farm Bureau: Lee Smith
Environmental Representative: Ann Brice

Absent: City of Woodland, Esparto CSD, Madison CSD, RD 1600, RD 2035, Rumsey Water Users Association

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2. ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA: Nothing to report.

3. PUBLIC FORUM: Nothing to report.

4. CONSIDERATION: CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Adopt 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Dates: 1/22, 3/18, 5/20, 7/15, 9/16, and 11/18/24

- b. Approve September 18 Regular and October 27, 2023 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- c. Receive Fiscal Year 23/24 Financial Statements: 9/16-11/17/23
- d. Receive minutes of Executive Committee: 8/21, 9/28, and 10/23

Action: Approve items 4a and 4b as presented.

Motion: DWD (Schaad)

Second: RD 108 (Cornwell)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached)

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer, provided an overview of her report included in the agenda packet.

The Sites Project Authority has officially certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) and given the go-ahead to the Sites Reservoir Project. One additional well added to the real-time monitoring network. Average groundwater levels are approximately 20 feet higher than this time last year. Kristin provided an overview of the corrective actions provided with DWR’s conditional approval of the 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Corrective actions centered on the minimum thresholds and undesirable results for groundwater level decline, change in groundwater storage, groundwater quality, land subsidence, and depletion of interconnected surface waters.

6. CONSIDERATION: FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 BUDGET: AMENDMENT, PAYMENTS, AND ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS

- a. Adopt Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Amendment #1
- b. Approve Payment of Bills
- c. Authorize Project Initiation and Private Job Work Orders for Instrumentation of Multi-Completion Monitoring Wells
- d. Authorize Entering into Contract with Stockholm Environment Institute for Updating the YSGA Model

The Board discussed which agency, YCFC&WCD or YSGA, would retain ownership of assets related to the multi-completion monitoring wells. For now, the wells and monitoring equipment will remain owned by YCFC&WCD.

Action: Approve items 6a through 6d as presented.

Motion: Davis (Vaitla)

Second: Winters (Scianna)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached). Barth abstained from items 6b and 6c.

7. CONSIDERATION: WELL PERMIT REVIEW PROCEDURES

- a. Update on *Draft* Well Permit Review Procedures

Rebecca Smith provided an overview of the goals and intention of the drafted well permit review procedures.

Board Discussion

Vaitla: Concerned about not specifying what evidence exactly would be needed to bring an appeal forward.

Barth, Jacobs: Agreed with Vaitla but emphasized the need for flexibility in responding to unique conditions and commented in support of an appeals process.

b. Adopt Focus Areas Map and Approve Public Comment Period for *Draft Hydrogeology Report Criteria*

Kristin gave an overview of the public comments received, provided with the agenda package. In response to the comments, staff combined the Focus Areas map and hydrogeologic report criteria technical memos and propose re-opening a public comment period so both can be reviewed together. Erik Cadaret, West Yost, provided an overview of the drafted hydrogeologist report criteria.

Board Discussion

Board members expressed concerns about the costs involved in fulfilling all the proposed requirements. Vice Chair Lee suggested exploring a tiered or phased approach to the report requirements, dependent on factors such as the land's farming history and planned conjunctive use of surface water. Board members expressed interest in narrowing the requirements and/or exploring a phased approach. The Board directed staff to explore these options and bring potential revisions to the *Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee* for further discussion.

Action: Adopt Focus Area Map, subject to further revision, and delay the public comment period on the Draft Hydrogeology Report Criteria pending further development by the *Ad Hoc Drought Contingency Planning Committee*.

Motion: YCF&WCD (Barth)

Second: RD 765 (Dickson)

Discussion: No further discussion.

Vote: Approved unanimously (roll call attached)

8. **MEMBERS' REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Nothing to report.
9. **NEXT MEETING:** January 22, 2024
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Sicke, Executive Officer

	Agency	Name	Board/ Alternate	ATTENDANCE	VOTE - ITEM 4	VOTE - ITEM 6	VOTE - ITEM 7
1	City of Davis	Bapu Vaitla	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Stan Gryczko	Alternate				
		Richard Tsai	Alternate				
2	City of West Sacramento	Verna Sulpizio Hull	Board	X**	Aye	Aye	Aye
3	City of Winters	Carol Scianna	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Kurt Balasek	Alternate				
		Wade Cowan	Alternate				
4	City of Woodland	Mayra Vega	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Tania Garcia-Cadena	Alternate				
5	Dunnigan Water District	David Schaad	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate				
6	Esparto CSD	Manuel Quintana	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
			Alternate				
7	Madison CSD	Leo Refsland	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
8	RD 108	Roger Cornwell	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Bill Vanderwaal	Alternate				
9	RD 150	Warren Bogle	Board	X**	Aye	Aye	Aye
10	RD 307	James Johas	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Karen Chesnut	Alternate				
11	RD 537	Tom Ramos	Board	X*	Absent	Absent	Absent
12	RD 730	Jim Heidrick	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
13	RD 765	David Dickson, Jr.	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Doug Dickson, Sr.	Alternate				
14	RD 787	Roger Cornwell	Board	X <i>(nonvoting)</i>	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Dominic Bruno	Alternate	X*			
15	RD 999	Tom Slater	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
16	RD 1600	Michele Clark	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
17	RD 2035	Kyriakos Tsakopoulos	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
18	Rumsey Water Users Association	Ken Muller	Board	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		Mica Bennet	Alternate	X*			
19	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Marc Fawns	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jim Etters	Alternate				
20	Yolo County	Mary Vixie Sandy	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
21	YCFC&WCD	Tom Barth	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Kristin Sicke	Alternate	X			
22	UC Davis	Andrew Fulks	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Kelli O'Day	Alternate				
23	Cal Am Water - Dunnigan	Evan Jacobs	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Audie Foster	Alternate				
24	Colusa Drain MWC	Lynnel Pollock	Board	X**	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Jim Wallace	Alternate				
25	Yolo County Farm Bureau	Lee Smith	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye
		Denise Sagara	Alternate				
26	Environmental Rep.	Ann Brice	Board	X	Aye	Aye	Aye

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