## SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Final Minutes February 8, 2024

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Selsky called the regularly scheduled meeting of the SGA Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. at the RWA conference room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

A quorum was established of 12 participating members. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

## **Board Members**

Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District - Chair
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Todd Eising, City of Folsom (Alternate)
Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento (Alternate)
Chris Hunley, County of Sacramento
Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District
Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District (Alternate)
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company
Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District
Mike DeWit, Agriculture

### Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Trevor Joseph, Tom Hoffart, Ryan Ojakian, Raiyna Villasenor, and Chris Sanders, legal counsel

### Others in Attendance

Brynn Jensen, Forsgren Associates; Alan Driscoll, Forsgren Associates; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District; Tim Shaw, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District; Chris Shepard, Orange Vale Water Company; Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Criag Locke, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Barbara Evoy; Ted Rauh, Environmental Counsel of Sacramento; Ali Taghavi, Woodard and Curran; Vanesa Nishikawa, Stantec; Lisa Porta, Montgomery and Associates; Rebecca Scott, Citrus Heights Water District; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Tony Barela, San Juan Water

District;

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ted Rauh commented on the letter sent to the SGA Board on the benefits of including a public member on the Board of Directors of groundwater sustainability agencies.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of December 14, 2023 regular SGA Board meeting.
- 3.2 Appoint Tom Hoffart as Acting Board Clerk
- 3.3 Appoint Tom Hoffart as Controller and Treasurer
- 3.4 Approve Staff Cost of Living Adjustments in accordance with Policy 100.3

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Ewart moved with a second by Director Matteoli

Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento; Chris Hunley, County of Sacramento; Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water District; Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; Mike DeWit, Agriculture; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 12 Noes- 0 Abstained- 0 Absent- 4

# 4. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND ROUND 2 GRANT AWARD

Mr. Joseph made a presentation to the Board.

A motion was made to waive SGA Policy 300.1 and Authorize the Executive Director to enter into separate agreements for consulting services with GEI Consultants, Woodard Curran, and West Yost.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Yasutake moved with a second by Director Costa

Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento; Chris

Hunley, County of Sacramento; Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water District; Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; Mike DeWit, Agriculture; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 12 Noes- 0 Abstained- 0 Absent- 4

#### 5. DEVELOPMENT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Peifer and Mr. Joseph explained the process of the Annual Report.

Ms. Barbara Evoy and Mr. Ted Rauh requested the Board allow for public input of the Annual Report.

Director Kaplan requested staff provide the annual reports to community members that are interested. Director Matteoli stated a concern about staff time being devoted to addressing items outside the compliance of SGMA.

### 6. DEVELOPMENT OF SGA FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 BUDGET

Mr. Hoffart made a presentation to the Board.

Chair Selsky appointed a Budget Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Directors Paul Schubert, Brett Ewart, and Jay Boatwright

### 7. SGA 2024 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Mr. Joseph presented the SGA 2024 Strategic Priorities to the Board. Mr. Peifer noted that Mr. Costa requested an additional priority in section 3 that is: "Monitor the development of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank, receive regular briefings on progress, and weigh in when appropriate and necessary with policy direction consistent with SGA's authorities and responsibilities."

A motion was made to approve the Strategic Priorities and include Mr. Costa's requested language.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Ewart moved with a second by Director Matteoli

Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento; Chris Hunley, County of Sacramento; Robert Matteoli, Del Paso Manor Water District;

Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water District; Mary Harris, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; Mike DeWit, Agriculture; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 12 Noes- 0 Abstained- 0 Absent- 4

### 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer referred the Board to his written report. Mr. Peifer amended his report to disclose that the RWA was selected by the Department of Water Resources for a Watershed Resilience Pilot Project Grant.

## 9 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Ewart explained that the City of Sacramento on average pumps approximately 20,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year. However, this year it is anticipated pumping will be reduced to approximately 9,000 acre-feet per year as the City of Sacramento has been able to use proportionally more surface water than groundwater to meet demands. Director Ewart explained that the reduction of pumping is resulting in an in-lieu recharge banking action on the part of the City of Sacramento.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Selsky adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

By:

Paul Selsky, Chair

Tom Hoffart

Alternate Board Clerk