## SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY



Board Meeting Final Minutes December 12, 2024

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Selsky called the regular meeting of the SGA Board of Directors to order on December 12, 2024 at 9:01 a.m. at the RWA conference room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

A quorum was established of 9 participating members. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

#### **Board Members**

S. Audie Foster, California American Water
Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District, Chair
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Chris Hunley, County of Sacramento, Vice Chair
Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company
Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District

## **Staff Members**

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

## Others in Attendance

Chris Shepard, Orange Vale Water Company; Brett Grey, Natomas Central MWC; Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; Rebecca Scott, Citrus Heights Water District; Austin Miller Sacramento County GSA; and Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

**3.1** Approve the draft meeting minutes of August 8, 2024 SGA Board meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Ewart moved with a second by Director Costa S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Chris Hunley, County of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District. Voted yes.

Ayes- 9 Noes- 0 Abstained- 0 Absent- 7

Director Marx entered the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

## 4. FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 AUDIT REPORT

This is an action item for the Board of Directors to receive a presentation from Ingrid Sheipline of Richardson & Company, LLP and accept the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audit Report.

## A motion was made to accept the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audit Report

Motion/Second/Carried: Director Costa moved with a second by Director Sheehan

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Chris Hunley, County of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District. Voted yes.

Ayes- 10 Noes- 0 Abstained- 0 Absent- 6

Consultant Ingrid Sheipline exited the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

#### 5. ELECTION OF 2025 SGA OFFICERS

This was an action item presented by Chair Selsky to receive the following nominations from the appointed Nomination Ad Hoc Committee:

SGA Chair Chris Hunley, Sacramento County SGA Vice Chair Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District

#### Public Comment:

Director Yasutake - The City of Folsom supports the nominations made by the ad-hoc committee for Chair and Vice Chair. I also want to thank Director Harris-Garrison and Director Pratt for serving on the Ad Hoc nomination committee.

A motion was made to accept the committee nomination of SGA Chair - Chris Hunley, Sacramento County and SGA Vice Chair - Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District.

Motion/Second/Carried: Director Ewart moved with a second by Director Sheehan

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Chris Hunley, County of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; John Wingerter, Orange Vale Water Company; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District. Voted yes.

Ayes- 10 Noes- 0 Abstained- 0 Absent- 6

#### 6. WATER BANK SGA AD HOC GROUP UPDATE

This is a standing information/discussion item for the Board of Directors to receive an update by Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services to report on any updates from the SGA Ad Hoc group's activities aiding in the implementation of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank (Water Bank) project. The SGA Ad Hoc group was formed in fall 2024 and is responsible for aiding in the development of the Water Bank, specifically addressing the subject of the Water Bank starting balance while protecting the sustainability of groundwater in the North American Subbasin and supporting SGA's interests.

No action taken this item, information only.

# 7. NASB GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS – CURRENT STATUS OF WATER LEVEL DATA

This is an information/discussion item for the Board of Directors to receive a presentation by Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services brief update on groundwater conditions in the North American Subbasin. Groundwater conditions, provided through illustration of current water level data will be important as agencies work with SGA to complete ongoing requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and contemplate additional conjunctive water management actions in the subbasin including Groundwater Substitution Transfers.

No action taken this item, information only.

## 8. SGMA GRANT UPDATE

This was an information/discussion item Raiyna Villasenor, Senior presented a brief update on the status of SGA's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act grant with the Department of Water Resources. Ongoing work to implement the components of the grant are critical to SGA and other North American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies efforts to meet the ongoing requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Grant Administration (\$293K) – Ongoing Groundwater Recharge Feasibility Study (\$437K) – In progress Groundwater Quality Degradation Study (\$242K) – In progress Groundwater Monitoring Wells Construction (\$600K) – In progress

- GDE (4) three of the four sites confirmed
- Lowering of Levels (1)
- SW Depletion (1)

Groundwater Monitoring Well/Emergency Supply Well (\$376K) - In progress

Domestic and Emergency Supply (1)

GSP Update and Annual Reporting (\$838K) – In progress CoSANA Model Upgrade and Enhancements (\$776K) – In progress

No action taken this item, information only.

## 9. SGA 2025 LOOK AHEAD

This is an information discussion item for the Board of Directors to receive a brief update presented by Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services on SGA's planned activities, projects, and actions for 2025. SGA staff work on multiple activities, projects, and actions to advance SGA's goals and objectives including implementation of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requirements. Additional workload requirements are planned and anticipated in 2025 and should be discussed in the context of existing SGA staff obligations.

No action taken this item, information only.

## 10.EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reminded everyone that the Holiday Social is this evening at the Delta King. He also reported on the Streamflow Depletion Factor for Water Year 2025 and 2026 – Mr. Joseph and Mr. Peifer are involved in the development of a Sacramento Valley Wide Streamflow Depletion Factor (SDF) for water transfers for Water Year 2025 and 2026. Mr. Joseph is on the Technical Advisory Committee and Mr. Peifer is on a Policy Advisory Committee (PAG).

#### 11.DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Boatwright reported that negotiations between Sacramento Suburban Water District and Del Paso Manor Water District have completed and they are moving forward

with review from LAFCO for approval.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Selsky adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

By:

Chris Hunley, 6GA Chair

Attest:

Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board