



**SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

**Board Meeting  
Final Minutes  
February 12, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Boatwright called the regular meeting of the SGA Board of Directors to order on February 12, 2026 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 12 participating members. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

**Board Members**

S. Audie Foster, California American Water  
Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District  
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District  
Barbara Leary, City of Folsom  
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom  
Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento  
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento  
Chris Hunley, County of Sacramento  
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District – Arrived at 9:05 a.m.  
Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company, Vice Chair  
Maria Liverett, Rio Linda/ Elverta Community Water District  
Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Chair - Exited at 10:58 a.m.  
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District  
Clint Luedtke, Self Supplied, Del Paso Country Club

**Staff Members**

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

**Others in Attendance**

Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Trevor Kent, Intera; Andrea Zimmer; Brett Gray, Natomas MWD; Jingnan Zhou, Woodard & Curran; Devyani Kar, Jacobs; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Ryo Takanashi, WaterOne; Cor Jiang, Woodard & Curran; Nicole Sears, Environmental Counsel of Sacramento.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 3.1** Approve the draft meeting minutes of December 11, 2025 SGA Board meeting and January 15, 2026 SGA Special Board meeting.
- 3.2** Approve Change Order 2 SGA Consulting Agreement (Task Order 2024-02) for Professional Services between GEI and SGA
- 3.3** Approve Change Order 4 SGA Consulting Agreement (Task Order 2024-02) for Professional Services between Woodard & Curran and SGA

**A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.**

Motion/Second/Carried Director Hunley moved with a second by Director Sheehan

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; 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; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Maria Liverett, Rio Linda/ Elverta Community Water District; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; and Clint Luedtke, Self Supplied, Del Paso Country Club; Voted yes.

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

### **4. SGA 2026 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

This was an action item presented by Trevor Joseph, Technical Services Manager for the SGA Board to receive and consider approval of the 2026 SGA Strategic Priorities.

**A motion was made to accept the SGA 2026 Strategic Priorities**

Motion/Second/Carried: Director Kaplan moved with a second by Director Hunley

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; 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; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Maria Liverett, Rio Linda/ Elverta Community Water District; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; and Clint Luedtke, Self Supplied, Del Paso Country Club; Voted yes.

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

## **5. JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS**

This was a discussion item presented by Jim Peifer, Executive Director for the Board of Directors to consider authorizing the Executive Director to initiate discussions with the signatories of the SGA Joint Powers Authority (JPA) regarding possible amendments to the JPA.

Chair Boatwright appointed the following Directors to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for the review of the SGA JPA:

Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District - Chair  
Chris Hunley, County of Sacramento  
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District  
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom  
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento  
Rob Donlon, General Counsel  
Chris Sanders, General Counsel  
Jim Peifer, SGA, Executive Director  
Trevor Joseph, SGA, Manager of Technical Services  
Ashley Flores, SGA, Associate Project Manager & Board Clerk

No action taken, direction provided to staff to return to the Board with further information.

## **6. FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 PLANNING**

This was an discussion item presented by Finance Director Hoffart for the Board a Mid-Year update on the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget and outlines policies and considerations for developing the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget. Additionally, the Chair appointed a Budget Ad Hoc Committee.

The following Directors were appointed to the Budget Ad Hoc Committee by Chair Boatwright:

Chair Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Vice Chair Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company  
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento

## **7. SGA PROGRAM UPDATES**

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.

No action taken this item, information only.

## **8. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE**

This is an information item to provide a briefing on important legislative and regulatory updates for the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors.

The Legislative bill introduction deadline is February 20, 2026. There will be a much clearer picture of the scope of bills that could impact SGA after that date. There is an expectation at this time that there will be legislation related to changing the conditions under which water will be available for recharge. Additionally, AB 1413 related to the adjudication process is still a live bill, though action, if any, is not expected for some time. The State Budget remains an area of significant activity. There is a budget deficit in the billions of dollars but of even greater significance than the total deficit this year is the projected “structural deficit” in future years. Appropriation of Proposition 4 funds will likely be a significant part of the budget debate. There are approximately \$350 million remaining of the “pot” of funding for groundwater recharge that have yet to be appropriated and it is expected this will be an area of active discussion. At this time the administration is not proposing to appropriate these funds. Additionally, however DWR is looking to utilize these funds exclusively for SGMA implementation. No action taken this item, information only.

## **9. SGMA IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES**

This was an information item presented by Trevor Joseph with support from Jingnan Zhou, Water Resources Engineer, Woodard & Curran, they provided a brief update on the status of the CoSANA model upgrades and enhancements including Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation updates such as the Fall 2025 water levels, Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGM Round II Grant (Grant), and CoSANA Model Updates.

**Fall 2025 Water Levels:** Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) staff collect water levels at multiple monitoring wells within the SGA boundaries. Staff will provide a brief overview of water level data for seven Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) wells.

**DWR SGM Grant Round II Update:** Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) staff will provide a brief update on the status of the NASb SGM Round II Grant (Grant) with the DWR. Ongoing work to implement the components of the Grant are critical to SGA and other NASb Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) which supports ongoing requirements of SGMA.

**Cosumnes South American North American (CoSANA) Update:** The CoSANA integrated water resources model is a robust, well calibrated, and comprehensive model that has been developed in a transparent and collaborative environment between the North American, South American, and Cosumnes subbasins to support the development and implementation of the respective subbasin GSPs. The CoSANA model has been applied to support projected baseline conditions and scenarios for design and assessment of impacts and benefits of projects and management actions, including conditions under possible climate change, as well as effects of regional conjunctive use projects and programs. The model has also been used for assessment of groundwater conditions for the GSP Annual Report,

as well as plans for supporting the Sacramento Regional Water Bank (SRWB).

The goals of Component 7: CoSANA Model Upgrade and Enhancements are to further improve the data sets and assumptions based on the most recent information from DWR and local data sets, which will result in further improvement of the simulation capabilities of the model. Furthermore, the model enhancements will support the planning and implementation of existing and proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) projects and management actions. This will be done through the utilization of the most recent data available and understanding of Subbasin conditions to improve the model capabilities and to meet the changing needs of the greater Sacramento region.

No action taken this item, information only.

#### **10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Peifer reminded everyone that their annual Form 700's reporting and anti-harassment certificates are due.

He also reported several articles that were recently published regarding SGA's work in the Sacramento region.

#### **11. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Foster reported that California American Water is also monitoring wells and the expense to treat ground water with chlorine and other necessary treatments.

Director Ewart reported that the City of Sacramento City Council will be presented with the Water Forum agreement for signature. At the last SCGA Sloughhouse RSD has retracted as a groundwater sustainability agency.

Director Marx reported that Carmichael Water District has gone down from 90% to 10% groundwater pumping.

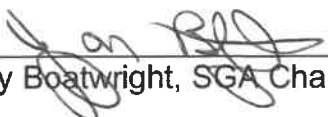
Director Hunley reported that recharge opportunities have been successful in several projects and is looking forward to other possibilities.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Boatwright left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board Vice Chair Twilla adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

By:

  
Jay Boatwright, SGA Chair

Attest:

  
Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board