SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 8, 2026
at 9:00 a.m.

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The Board will discuss all items on this agenda, and may take action on any of those items, including information items and continued items. The Board may also discuss other items that do not appear on this agenda but will not act on those items unless action is urgent, and a resolution is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote declaring that the need for action arose after posting of this agenda.

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** This is an opportunity for the public to comment on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
   All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request an item be removed for separate consideration.

   3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of August 13, 2026, Board Meeting

   3.2 Review/Approval of SGA Policy 400.1 (Investment Policy)

   3.3 Approve Change Order #4 for Professional Services between SGA and GEI Consulting, Inc. (Task Order 24-02)

   Action: Approve Consent Calendar items as presented

4. **DISCUSSION: COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM AND RESOURCES**
   Presenter: Jim Peifer, Executive Director
   Action: 1) Direct staff to bring a Budget Amendment to the Board of Directors to support the Communications Program; and 2) Provide policy level feedback on the program

5. **INFORMATION: 2026 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND SGMA IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**
   Presenter: Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services

6. **INFORMATION: SGA JPA REVISIONS UPDATE**
   Presenter: Jay Boatwright, Chair

7. **APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2027 OFFICERS**
   Presenter: Jay Boatwright, Chair
   Action: Chair to Appoint Nomination Committee for 2027 Officers

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

9. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

   ADJOURNMENT

Next SGA Board of Director's Meetings:

December 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. at the RWA/SGA office, 2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. The location is subject to change.

Notification will be emailed when the SGA electronic packet is complete and posted on the SGA website at **https://www.sgah2o.org/meetings/board-meetings/**

Posted on: October 1, 2026

Ashley Flores
Ashley Flores, CMC, Board Clerk

2026 SGA BOARD MEMBERS

Organization	Representative/Alternate	Appointing Authority	Term Ends
California American Water	S. Audie Foster Terry Coleman (Alternate)	Sacramento City Council	August 2028
Carmichael Water District	Paul Selsky Jeff Nelson (Alternate)	Sacramento County	August 2030
Citrus Heights Water District	Caryl Sheehan Raymond Riehle (Alternate)	Citrus Heights City Council	February 2028
City of Folsom	Marcus Yasutake Barbara Leary (Alternate)	Folsom City Council	Jan 2027
City of Sacramento	Lisa Kaplan Brett Ewart (Alternate) Roger Dickinson (Alternate)	Sacramento City Council	April 2028 (Annual Review for City Council)
County of Sacramento	Rosario Rodriguez Chris Hunley Kerry Schmitz (Alternate)	Sacramento County	July 17, 2030
Fair Oaks Water District	Randy Marx Christian Petersen (Alternate)	Sacramento County	August 2030
Golden State Water Company	Sean Twilla **Vice Chair** Paul Schubert (Alternate)	Sacramento City Council	August 2028
Natomas Central MWC	Matt Lauppe Brett Gray (Alternate)	Sacramento City Council	August 2028
Orange Vale Water Company	John Wingerter Joshua Hovinga (Alternate)	Sacramento County	August 2030
Rio Linda/Elverta CWD	Maria Liverett Anthony Cline (Alternate)	Sacramento County	August 2030
Sacramento Suburban Water District	Jay Boatwright **Chair** Robert Wichert (Alternate)	Sacramento City Council	July 2028
San Juan Water District	Ted Costa Pam Tobin (Alternate) George Machado (Alternate) Manuel Zamorano (Alternate) Mike McRae (Alternate)	Sacramento County	August 2030
Agriculture	Mike DeWit Vacancy (Alternate) January 2026	Sacramento County	August 2030
Self-Supplied Industry	Clint Luedtke - *Del Paso Country Club*	Sacramento City Council	August 2028

August 2026

Topic:	Public Comment
Type:	New Business
Item For:	Information/Discussion
Purpose:	Routine

SUBMITTED BY:	Ashley Flores, CMC Board Clerk	PRESENTER:	Jim Peifer Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item to provide an opportunity for the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors to recognize or hear from visitors that may be attending the meeting or to allow members of the public to address the Board of Directors on matters that are not on the agenda.

As noted on the agenda, members of the public who wish to address the committee may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

Public agencies are required by law to provide an opportunity for the public to address the SGA Board of Directors matters that are not on the agenda.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Topic:	Meeting Minutes
Type:	Consent Calendar
Item For:	Action; Motion to Approve
Purpose:	SGA Policy 200.1, Chapter 3.15

SUBMITTED BY:	Ashley Flores, CMC Associate Project Manager	PRESENTER:	Jim Peifer Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors to review and consider approving the draft minutes of the regular Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meeting of August 13, 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A motion to approve the draft minutes, as presented or amended.

BACKGROUND

The draft minutes of the above referenced meetings are included with this Agenda. The minutes reflect the SGA Policy 200.1, § 3.15 to document specific details on items discussed at the meetings.

The Executive Director may list on the agenda a "consent calendar", which will consist of routine matters on which there is generally no opposition or need for discussion. Examples of consent calendar items might include approval of minutes, financial reports and routine resolutions. Any matter may be removed from the consent calendar and placed on the regular calendar at the request of any member of the Board. The entire consent calendar may be approved by a single motion made, seconded and approved by the Board.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

Staff believes the draft of the presented minutes correctly reflects the information shared and actions taken by the Board of Directors.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- Draft meeting minutes of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meeting of August 13, 2026

SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
Board Meeting
Draft Minutes
August 13, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Boatwright called the regular meeting of the SGA Board of Directors to order on August 13, 2026, at 9:00 p.m. at the RWA conference room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

A quorum was established of 11 participating members. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Board Members
Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District
Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Barbara Leary, 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 9:02 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
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District
George Machado, San Juan Water District
Clint Luedtke, Self Supply, Del Paso County Club

Staff Members
Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Trevor Joseph, Tom Hoffart, Ashley Flores (virtual), Raiyna Villasenor, and Chris Sanders, legal counsel (virtual)

Others in Attendance
Brett Gray, Natomas Central Municipal Water District; Michael Miller, Tony Barela, Amy McBride, GEI; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; Trevor Kent, INTERA; Craig Locke, Sacramento Suburban Water District

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of June 11, 2026, Board Meeting

3.2 Approve Change Order 5 for Professional Services between SGA and Woodard & Curran (SGA Consulting Agreement Task Order 2024-02)

3.3 Approve Task Order 26-02 for Professional Services between SGA and GEI Consulting, Inc

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Barbara Leary, 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 Industry. Voted yes.

Ayes- 11
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 5

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REVISIONS

This was an action item presented by Jim Peifer, Executive Director for the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) Board of Directors to receive a brief update on the biannual review of the Conflict of Interest Code, several changes were made to reflect recent staffing reclassifications and changes in the reporting rules.

A motion was made to approve Revisions to the Conflict of Interests Code

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

Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Barbara Leary, 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 Industry. Voted yes.

Ayes- 11
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 5

5. **INFORMATION: 2026 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND SGMA IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**
   This is an information item for the SGA Board of Directors to receive a status update from Trevor Moseph, Manager of Technical Services, on the Sacramento Regional Water Bank (Water Bank) Project, specifically, providing an update on the Water Accounting System (WAS). Multiple Water Bank tasks and activities have now been completed, are in progress, or are pending.

6. **INFORMATION: SACRAMENTO REGIONAL WATER BANK PROGRAM**
   This is an information item for the SGA Board of Directors to receive a status update from Trevor Moseph, Manager of Technical Services, on the Sacramento Regional Water Bank (Water Bank) Project, specifically, providing an update on the Water Accounting System (WAS). Multiple Water Bank tasks and activities have now been completed, are in progress, or are pending.

   No action, information only.

7. **SGA JPA REVISIONS UPDATE**
   This is an action item presented by Chair Boatwright, and Jim Peifer, Executive Director for the SGA Board of Directors to receive an update on the ongoing efforts to review and amend the SGA JPA.

   A motion was made to recommend Revisions to the JPA to the JPA Parties

   Motion/Second/Carried Director Kaplan moved with a second by Director Leary

   Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Barbara Leary, 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 Industry. Voted yes.

   Ayes- 11
   Noes- 0
   Abstained- 0
   Absent- 5

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
   Executive Director Peifer reported at the next Board meeting he wants to present some recommendations for better communication and public recognition for the SGA.

   He also reported out that staff met with PPIC regarding their Accounting For Water initiative related to the protection of environmental flows, reduction of water supply during drought years, and streamflow depletion factors in California.

RWA's 25th anniversary is scheduled for October 1st at the Aurora.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Hunley SB552 the County of Sacramento has been working for two years, it will be taken to the Disaster Council for adoption on August 19.

Director Boatwright reported that the Sacramento Suburban Water District recently requested assistance from the County of Sacramento for filling their Board of Directors vacancies. One seat will be sworn in soon, the other seat will most likely be filled by the County as well.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Boatwright adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

By:

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Jay Boatwright, SGA Chair

Attest:

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Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board

Topic:	Annual Review/Approval of SGA Policy 400.1 (Investment Policy)
Type:	Policy
Item For:	Consent Calendar
Purpose:	SGA Policy 400.1 (Investment Policy)

SUBMITTED BY:	Tom Hoffart, Finance Director	PRESENTER:	Tom Hoffart, Finance Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Board of Directors to review and approve the SGA Policy 400.1 (Investment Policy). Pursuant to California Government Code 53646, the Investment Policy shall be considered at a public meeting on an annual basis.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the SGA Policy 400.1 (Investment Policy), with no revisions.

BACKGROUND

The SGA Policy 400.1 (Investment Policy) is in accordance with the California Government Code, so there is currently not a need to modify the existing policy. Currently, the SGA invests in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). LAIF is a local government investment pool administered by the State of California and is invested in the State's Pooled Money Investment Account. LAIF's investments are in accordance with the California Government Code and are liquid with one day deposits and withdrawals. LAIF's interest rate as of June 30, 2026, was 3.92%, down from 4.40% as of June 30, 2025. During fiscal year 2025/26, the SGA earned $71K in interest from LAIF, down from fiscal year 2024/25 of $81K.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

The SGA Policy 400.1 (Investment Policy) is in accordance with the California Government Code, so there is currently not a need to modify the existing policy. Additionally, staff have no recommended changes to this policy. Staff recommends the approval of the SGA Policy 400.1 (Investment Policy), with no revisions.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – SGA Policy 400.1 (Investment Policy)
Attachment 2 – SGA June 2026 LAIF Statement

SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Policy Type : Fiscal Management
Policy Title : Investment Policy
Policy Number : 400.1
Date Adopted : February 13, 2003
Date Amended : October 11, 2012

SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY INVESTMENT POLICY

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Investment Policy ("Policy") is to establish cash management and investment guidelines for the Treasurer, who is responsible for investing and safeguarding the Sacramento Groundwater Authority's ("SGA") surplus funds. Each transaction and the entire portfolio must comply with California Government Code (the "Code") Sections 53600 through 53610 (Investment of Surplus), Sections 53630 through 53686 (Deposit of Funds), and this Policy.

2.0 Scope

This Policy applies to all surplus financial funds of SGA that may be invested because they are not needed for immediate payment of expenses. These funds are accounted for in SGA's audited annual financial report and include:

1. Special Revenue Funds
2. Trust and Agency Funds
3. Any new fund created by the legislative body, unless specifically exempted.

Except for cash in certain restricted and special funds, SGA will consolidate cash balances from all funds to maximize investment earnings. Investment income will be allocated to the various funds based on their respective participation and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, the costs of managing the investment portfolio, including but not limited to the costs of investment management, custody of assets, managing and accounting for banking, and oversight controls, will be charged to investment earnings based upon actual hours of labor devoted to managing each of the funds.

3.0 General Objectives

In accordance with the Code, the primary objectives, in priority order, of investment activities will be safety, liquidity, and yield:

1. Safety. Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments will be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of principal in the overall portfolio. Each investment transaction will be entered into with consideration for the quality of the issuer and of the underlying security and collateral.

2. Liquidity. The investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. Liquidity will be accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands whenever feasible. A portion or the entire portfolio also may be placed in money market mutual funds or local government investment pools which offer same-day liquidity for short-term funds.

3. Yield. The investment portfolio will be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs.

4.0 Standards of Care

1. Prudent Investor Standard. In accordance with Section 53600.3, the SGA Board and Treasurer are trustees and fiduciaries subject to the "Prudent Investor Standard." The Prudent Investor Standard requires the Board and Treasurer, when investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing the SGA's funds, to act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the SGA, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the SGA. This standard will be applied in all investment decisions, including those related to hedging interest rate risks associated with debt financing. This standard will be applied in all investment decisions.

2. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest. The Treasurer and any other officers and employees involved in the investment process will refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Such officers and employees will disclose to the Board of Directors any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business. They will further disclose any

personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. Affected officers and employees will refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of SGA. All such officers and employees are prohibited from accepting honoraria, gifts from financial dealers and financial institutions.

3. Delegation of Authority. Under Section 53607 of the Code, authority to manage SGA's investment portfolio is expressly delegated to the Board of Directors, which may delegate its authority to the Treasurer. In accordance with Section 53607, the Board hereby delegates its responsibility for the operation of the investment program to the Treasurer, who will act in accordance with established written procedures and internal controls for the operation of the investment program consistent with this Policy.

5.0 Safekeeping and Custody

1. Authorized Financial Dealers and Institutions. The Treasurer will maintain a list of financial institutions authorized to provide investment services and a list of approved security broker/dealers selected by creditworthiness (e.g., a minimum capital requirement of $10,000,000 and at least five years of operation). These may include primary dealers or regional dealers that qualify under Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 15C3-1 (uniform net capital rule).

SGA will only deposit funds in a depository that is established and operated in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

All financial institutions and broker/dealers who desire to become qualified to conduct investment transactions for SGA must supply the following to the Treasurer as requested:

- Audited financial statements
- Proof of National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) certification
- Trading resolution
- Proof of state registration
- Completed broker/dealer questionnaire
- Certification signed by an authorized officer that he or she has read and understood and that the institution agrees to comply with this Policy.

The Treasurer will conduct an annual review of the financial condition and registration of qualified financial institutions and broker/dealers. A current audited financial statement is required to be on file for each financial institution and broker/dealer in or through which SGA invests. No broker, dealer, or securities firm will be eligible to provide services to SGA within 24

months of making a campaign contribution to any SGA Board member, if the contribution exceeds the limits contained in Rule G-37 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

2. Delivery vs. Payment. Where applicable, all trades will be executed by delivery vs. payment (DVP) to ensure that securities are deposited in an eligible financial institution prior to the release of funds. Securities will be held by a third-party custodian as evidenced by safekeeping receipts.

6.0 Suitable and Authorized Investments

The Treasurer is authorized to make investments in accordance with the general categories and limitations established by Sections 53601, 53601.6, 53601.8, 53635, 53635.2, 53638 and 53684 of the Code. Authorized investments also will include investment into the Local Agency Fund ("LAIF") in accordance with Section 16429.1 of the Code. See Appendix A, which summarizes the categories of permitted investments.

1. U.S. Government, Agencies, State and Local Government Sponsored Enterprises

a. United States Treasury notes, bonds, bills, or certificates of indebtedness, or those for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the payment of principal and interest.
b. Registered state warrants or treasury notes or bonds of California, including bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by the state or by a department, board, agency, or authority of the state.
c. Registered treasury notes or bonds of any of the other 49 states in addition to California, including bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by a state or by a department, board, agency, or authority of any of the other 49 states, in addition to California.
d. Bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness of a local agency within California, including bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by the local agency, or by a department, board, agency or authority of the local agency; provided, however, that any bond or certificate of participation investments in member agencies require prior Board approval.
e. Federal agency or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, participations, or other instruments, including those issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by federal agencies or United States government-sponsored enterprises.
f. These investments have a maximum maturity of five years.

2. **Bankers Acceptance Notes**

    a. Investments in prime bankers' acceptances may not exceed 40 percent of the portfolio in effect on the date of purchase of any such investment.
    b. No more than 30 percent of this category of investments may be invested in any one commercial bank's acceptances.
    c. The maximum maturity shall be limited to 180 days.

3. **Commercial Paper**

    a. Only commercial paper of prime quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and numerical rating, at the time of purchase, as provided by Moody's Investors Services or Standard & Poor's Corporation may be purchased.
    b. Investments in commercial paper shall not exceed 25 percent of the portfolio in effect on the date of purchase of any such investment.
    c. Each investment shall not exceed 270 days maturity.
    d. No more than 10 percent of the outstanding commercial paper of an issuing corporation may be purchased.
    e. The issuer is either: (1) organized and operating in the United States as a general corporation and has total assets in excess of $500 million. If the entity has debt other than commercial paper, it is rated "A", "A-2" or higher by a nationally recognized rating agency; or (2) is organized within the United States as a special purpose corporation, trust or limited liability company. Has program-wide credit enhancements including, but not limited to, over-collateralization, letters of credit or surety bond. Has commercial paper that is rated "A-1", "A+" or higher by a nationally recognized rating agency.

4. **Negotiable Certificates of Deposit**

    a. A negotiable certificate of deposit must be issued by a nationally or state-chartered bank, a state or federal savings and loan association or savings bank, a state or federal credit union, or by a federally-licensed or state-licensed branch of a foreign bank and be rated "A" or better by at least one nationally recognized rating agency.
    b. Investments in negotiable certificates of deposit may not exceed 30 percent of the total portfolio in effect on the date of purchase of any such investment.
    c. The investment will not exceed the total of the net worth of any depository savings and loan association, except that investments up to a total of $500,000 may be made to a savings and loan

association without regard to the net worth of that depository, if such investments are insured or secured as required by law.

d. The investment shall not exceed the shareholders' equity of any depository bank. For the purpose of this constraint, shareholders' equity shall be deemed to include capital notes and debentures.
e. The SGA Board and the Treasurer or other official of the SGA having legal custody of the moneys are prohibited from investing SGA funds, or funds in the custody of the SGA, in negotiable certificates of deposit issued by a state or federal credit union if a member of the SGA's Board, or a person with investment decision making authority at the SGA also serves on the board of directors, or any committee appointed by the board of directors, or the credit committee or the supervisory committee of the state or federal credit union issuing the negotiable certificates of deposit.
f. The maximum maturity is limited to five years.

5. Medium-term notes

a. Investment in medium-term notes are limited to corporations organized and operating within the United States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States or any state and operating within the United States.
b. Purchases of medium-term notes will be limited to a maximum maturity of five years.
c. Purchases of medium-term notes may not exceed 30 percent of the portfolio.
d. Notes eligible for investment shall be rated in a rating category of at least "A" or its equivalent or better by a nationally recognized rating service.

6. Shares of Beneficial Interest (Money Market Funds)

a. Investment in shares of beneficial interest issued by eligible diversified management companies that invest in securities that comply with Section 53601 and 53635 of the Code or are money market funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
b. These eligible companies must meet the following criteria:
    i. Attain the highest ranking of the highest letter and numerical rating provided by not less than two nationally recognized rating agencies
    ii. Retain an investment adviser registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission with not less than five years' experience managing money market funds with assets under management in excess of $500 million.

c. The purchase price of the shares will not include any commission that the companies may charge and will not exceed 20 percent of the portfolio.
d. No more than 10 percent of portfolio may be invested in one mutual fund.

7. Collateralized Bank Deposits

a. Maximum maturity is limited to five years.
b. Collateralization must be consistent with the requirements of Sections 53651 through 53652 of the Code.

8. Time Deposits

a. For purposes of this Policy, collateralized time deposits will be considered investments.
b. The financial institution used must have been in existence for at least five years.
c. The financial institution must have received an overall rating of not less than "satisfactory" in its most recent evaluation by the appropriate federal financial supervisory agency of its record of meeting the credit needs of California's communities.
d. Eligibility for deposits will be limited to those financial institutions that have a branch in the State of California and maintain a rating equivalent to Thompson BankWatch Service of "B" or better.
e. Credit requirements may be waived for a $100,000 time deposit that is federally insured.
f. The deposit will not exceed the shareholders' equity of any depository bank. For the purpose of this constraint, shareholders' equity will be deemed to include capital notes and debentures.
g. The deposit will not exceed the total of the net worth of any depository savings and loan association, except that deposits not exceeding a total of $500,000 may be made to a savings and loan association without regard to the net worth of that depository, if such deposits are insured or secured as required by law.
h. Deposits must be insured up to the FDIC's current limit. For uninsured deposits, the financial institution will maintain in the collateral pool securities having a market value of at least 10 percent in excess of the total amount deposited. SGA, at its discretion, may waive the collateralization requirements for any portion that is covered by federal deposit insurance. SGA shall have a signed agreement with any depository accepting SGA funds. Promissory notes secured by real estate mortgages or deeds of trust are not acceptable as collateral.
i. When other factors are equal, appropriate consideration will be given to a financial institution that either individually or as a member

of a syndicate bids on or makes a substantial investment in the SGA's securities, contributes service to the SGA, and offers significant assistance to the SGA, so as to provide for distribution of total deposits among eligible financial institutions.

j. Purchased time deposits will be limited to a maximum maturity of five years.

9. Local Agency Investment Fund

a. Deposits for the purpose of investment in the Local Agency Investment Fund of the State of California may be made up to the maximum amount permitted by State Treasury policy.

7.0 Reporting

1. Required Periodic Reports. The Treasurer shall prepare an investment report at least quarterly, including a management summary that provides an analysis of the status of the current investment portfolio and transactions made over the last quarter. This management summary will be prepared in a manner which will allow the members of the SGA Board of Directors and Executive Director to ascertain whether investment activities during the reporting period have conformed to this Policy. The report shall be provided to the Board of Directors and the Executive Director. If applicable, the investment report will include the following:

- Listing of individual securities held at the end of the reporting period by investment category.
- Average life and final maturity of all investments listed
- Coupon, discount, or earnings rate
- Par value, amortized book value and market value
- Percentage of portfolio represented by the investment category

2. LAIF Reporting. If the surplus funds are solely invested in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), the monthly LAIF statement shall be sufficient for reporting purposes.

8.0 Policy Considerations

1. Amendments. This Policy will be reviewed by the Treasurer on an annual basis. Any changes to this Policy recommended by the Treasurer must be approved by the Board of Directors, after review and comment by the individual(s) charged with maintaining internal controls.

2. Administration. The Treasurer may at any time further restrict the securities approved for investment as deemed prudent. From time to time, the established portfolio limitations may be exceeded due to irregular cash

flows or in certain economic conditions. In such cases, the Treasurer will inform the Board of Directors and Executive Director and take action consistent with the prudent investor standard to ensure that no category of investments exceeds the statutory limitations provided in the Code.

3. Performance Review. The Treasurer will conduct an annual appraisal of SGA's investment portfolio to evaluate its effectiveness and conformance with this Policy. To the extent necessary or appropriate, the Treasurer will make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning the improvement and/or restructuring of the portfolio.

4. Existing Investments. Any investment held by SGA at the time this Policy is first adopted or revised to conform to changes in law or this Policy will not be sold because of a failure to conform to this Policy, unless the Treasurer deems sale of the investment to be prudent or required by law.

5. Conflict With Statute. In the event that any provision of this Policy conflicts with the Code or any other applicable state or federal statute, the provisions of any such statute will govern.

APPENDIX A

PERMITTED INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS PER GOVERNMENT CODE (AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012) [1]

Investment Type	Maximum Maturity	Maximum Specified % of Portfolio	Minimum Quality Requirement
Local Agency Bonds	5 years	100	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	100	None
State Obligations—CA And Others	5 years	100	None
CA Local Agency Obligations	5 years	100	None
U.S Agency Obligations	5 years	100	None
Bankers' Acceptances	180 days	40%	None
Commercial Paper—Select Agencies	270 days	25% of the agency's money	"A-1" if the issuer has issued long-term debt it must be rated "A" without regard to modifiers
Commercial Paper—Other Agencies	270 days	40% of the agency's money	"A-1" if the issuer has issued long-term debt it must be rated "A" without regard to modifiers
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit and CD Placement Service	5 years	30%	None
Medium-Term Notes	5 years	30%	"A" Rating
Mutual Funds And Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	Multiple
Collateralized Bank Deposits	5 years	100	None
Bank/Time Deposits	5 years	100	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	100	None
Joint Powers Authority Pool	N/A	100	Multiple
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	100	None

[1] See Article 6 of the Policy for a more complete description of each permitted investment and related limitations.

Local Agency Investment Fund
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August 03, 2026

LAIF Home
PMIA Average Monthly Yields

SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

FINANCE MANAGER
2295 GATEWAY OAKS DRIVE
SACRAMENTO, CA 95833

Tran Type Definitions

Account Number: 90-34-020

June 2026 Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Web Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
6/8/2026	6/8/2026	RD	1800936	1761633	THOMAS HOFFART	700,000.00

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	700,000.00	Beginning Balance:	1,007,683.86
Total Withdrawal:	0.00	Ending Balance:	1,707,683.86

Topic:	Change Order 4 for Task Order SGA GEI 24-02 for Professional Services between GEI Consultants, Inc. and SGA
Type:	New Business
Item for:	Consent Calendar
Purpose:	Action, Approve Change Order 4 for Task Order SGA GEI 24-02

SUBMITTED BY:	Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services	PRESENTER:	Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director to execute a change order to GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI), existing GEI Task Order 24-02 (TO 24-02). The change order consists of extending the period of performance and expiration date of TO 24-02.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Change Order 4 to GEI TO 24-02 resulting in the extension of services performed and the expiration of the task order from October 31, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

BACKGROUND

At the February 8, 2024, Board Meeting, the Board of Directors waived SGA Policy 300.1 and authorized the Executive Director to enter into TO 24-02 with GEI to support SGA's ability to complete Component 4: Groundwater Monitoring Wells Construction, Component 5: Groundwater Monitoring Well, and Component 7: CoSANA Model Update (optional services). GEI's TO 24-02 budgets for Component 4 of $597,855, and for Component 5 of $355,976. GEI's TO also included optional services for $10,000 under Component 7 to provide support during the CoSANA enhancement and upgrade project. Therefore, the total TO-02 not-to-exceed budget for support on these three components was $963,831.

At the August 14, 2025, Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved Change Order #1 to GEIs TO 24-02 which increased GEI's TO by $25,569 for a total Not-To-Exceed budget of $989,400. The Board of Directors' execution of the change order was conditional based on an amendment to the DWR Grant agreement with DWR that would increase the funds available in Component 4 through reallocating available funding from Component 5 and other Grant Components to fund the requested change order amount (i.e., $25,569). DWR approved the amendment and fully executed the amended agreement on September 9, 2025.

At the February 12, 2026, Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved Change Order #2 to GEIs TO 24-02 which resulted in a $109,913 increase to Component 4 and $224,317 reduction to Component 5 for a total Not-To-Exceed budget of $874,996.

At the June 11, 2026, Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved Change Order #3 to GEIs TO 24-02 which resulted in an extension of the services performed and expiration of the task order to from June 30, 2026, to October 31, 2026.

This staff report provides information to support a recommendation for Change Order #4 to GEIs TO 24-02. Execution of Change Order #4 would result in an extension of the TO 24-02 service of work and expiration date to December 31, 2026.

The Board of Directors' execution of this change order would be conditional based on funding available from West Placer GSA and Natomas Central Mutual Water Company.

FISCAL IMPACT
None.

FINDING/CONCLUSION
Staff have identified and are requesting that GEI's TO 24-02 service of work and expiration date be extended from October 31, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment 1 – Task Order SGA GEI 24-02
Attachment 2 – Change Order #4

TASK ORDER SGA GEI 24-02

Task Order SGA GEI 24-02 will be completed according to the Consulting Agreement ("Agreement") made between the **SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY** (hereinafter called **"SGA"**) and **GEI Consultants, Inc.**, (hereinafter called **"GEI"** or **"CONSULTANT"**), dated August 28, 2013. All terms and conditions of the Agreement will apply to the completion of this Task Order SGA GEI 24-02.

A. SCOPE OF WORK

SGA requires technical services from CONSULTANT to perform to assist the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) to complete several projects (components) to advance sustainable groundwater management in the North American Subbasin (NASb or Subbasin). SGA received grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). GEI will provide services for:

1) Component 4: Groundwater Monitoring Well Construction
2) Component 5: Groundwater Monitoring Well/Emergency Supply Well
3) Component 7: CoSANA Model Upgrades and Enhancements (Optional Services)

Assumptions:

- SGA to provide a special provisional to our professional agreement allowing for GEI services to be paid within 30 days of receipt of our invoices to allow GEI to pay for contractor services in a timely manner, since there is no mark-up allowed per the grant agreement.
- Subcontractor costs may be different from those itemized in the table below. Actual costs will be based on the results of competitive bidding.

Deliverables: Quarterly Progress Reports, Draft and Final Component Reports, CEQA document (if necessary), specifications and bidding documents, bid results, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, copies of permits, photo documentation of the work, and tables documenting upload of groundwater level measurements to the State's MNM database.

B. FEES AND PROGRESS PAYMENTS

CONSULTANT will perform this work for a not-to-exceed amount of $963,831 dollars ($963,831) for Components 4, 5 and 7, as itemized in the table below. Progress payments shall be made monthly in response to invoices received by SGA from CONSULTANT. In no event shall payment exceed $963,831 without the written prior approval of the SGA.

Component 4: Groundwater Monitoring Wells Construction

Description	Direct Labor Costs	Expenses	Subcontractors	Subtotal
(a) Component Administration	$ 29,511	$ -	$ -	$ 29,511
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$ 61,812	$ 10,000	$ 1,100	$ 72,912
(c) Implementation / Construction	$ 83,485	$ -	$ 354,295	$ 437,780
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$ 39,173	$ -	$ -	$ 39,173
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$ 18,479	$ -	$ -	$ 18,479
Total	**$ 232,460**	**$ 10,000**	**$ 355,395**	**$ 597,855**

Component 5: Groundwater Monitoring Well/Emergency Supply Well

Description	Direct Labor Costs	Expenses	Subcontractors	Subtotal
(a) Component Administration	$ 24,005	$ -	$ -	$ 24,005
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$ 26,764	$ -	$ -	$ 26,764
(c) Implementation / Construction	$ 43,998	$ -	$ 225,191	$ 269,189
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$ 24,084	$ -	$ -	$ 24,084
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$ 11,933	$ -	$ -	$ 11,933
Total	**$ 130,785**	**$ -**	**$ 225,191**	**$ 355,976**

Component 7: CoSANA Model Update (Optional Services)

Description	Direct Labor Costs	Expenses	Subcontractors	Subtotal
(a) Component Administration	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
(c) Implementation / Construction	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$ 10,000	$ -	$ -	$ 10,000
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total	**$ 10,000**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 10,000**

Total All Components	**$ 373,245**	**$ 10,000**	**$ 580,586**	**$ 963,831**

C. SCHEDULE

This Task Order SGA GEI 24-02 is for services performed between April 1, 2024 and April 15, 2026. This Task Order SGA GEI 24-02 expires on June 30, 2026. The schedule may be modified as mutually agreed upon by the SGA and CONSULTANT as required to facilitate efficient completion of the work.

Executed this *March 27th 2024* at Sacramento, CA.

Sacramento Groundwater Authority	GEI Consultants, Inc.
By	By
Jim Peifer	Richard Shatz
4/3/2024	4-12-24
Date	Date

CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR TASK ORDER SGA GEI 24-02

In reference to Task Order SGA GEI 24-02 executed on March 27, 2024, between the Sacramento Groundwater Authority ("SGA") and GEI ("Consultant"), this Change Order #4 modifies the Task Order, as follows:

1. **Change in Consultant's Work Completion/Expiration Date:**

   The work completion/completion date will be extended from October 31, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

All other terms and conditions of the Task Order between March 27, 2024, remain unchanged.

Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)	**GEI (Consultant)**
James Peifer, Executive Director	Richard Shatz, Principal Hydrogeologist
Date	9-28-26 Date

Topic:	Communication Program and Resources
Type:	New Business
Item For:	Discussion
Purpose:	General

SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer, Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Jim Peifer, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a discussion item for the Board of Directors to receive a briefing on a proposed communication program for the SGA and for the Board of Directors to provide input to the staff.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1) Direct staff to bring a Budget Amendment to the Board of Directors to support the Communications Program; and 2) Provide policy level feedback on the program.

BACKGROUND

In past Board Meetings, Director Kaplan made comments that encouraged the Board and staff to improve communications with elected officials, planning departments, and interested members regarding items that they may want to know about the SGA's work.

Currently the SGA does not have a communications program like the RWA. The Board of Directors should consider funding and resourcing such a program. Attached is a potential scope for a communications program

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Funding for communications resources has not been included in the FY 2026/2027 budget. Staff estimates the communications resources will cost about $40,000 annually. To fund a communication program beginning in January 2027, the Board will have to approve a budget amendment for approximately $20,000. The funding would come from reserves. In addition, an agreement with a consultant will need to be approved by the Board of Directors.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 – Communication Scope

Sacramento Groundwater Authority
Recommended Outreach Strategy and Activities
DRAFT—August 11, 2026

Goals

Primary Goal

Increase awareness, understanding, and trust in SGA's groundwater management activities among stakeholders who influence, regulate, manage, or have an interest in groundwater resources, while supporting implementation of SGA's groundwater management priorities.

Supporting Goals

- Build understanding of groundwater management concepts and the role groundwater plays in the Sacramento region.
- Increase awareness of SGA, its mission, activities, and accomplishments among target audiences.
- Establish SGA as the trusted source for information about groundwater conditions and management in the North American Subbasin.
- Support informed participation during the GSP update in future updates.
- Demonstrate ongoing implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Target Audiences

Priority Audiences

- SGA Board Members and Member Agencies
- Local elected officials and managers/executive staff
- Planning and development staff, including city and county planning departments and community development departments
- North American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and technical partners
- State agencies, including DWR, State Water Board, and other state and federal partners
- Water Forum members

Supporting Stakeholders

- Water industry, including ACWA and water agencies outside SGA
- Development and business community
- Research/academic institutions

General Awareness

- Interested Public and community organizations

Strategic Approach

- Align communications activities and outreach opportunities with SGA's adopted strategic priorities, with particular emphasis on supporting the GSP update and implementation, groundwater monitoring and analysis, conjunctive water management, groundwater quality protection, and stakeholder and agency engagement.
- Focus first on building awareness and understanding among priority stakeholders.

- Leverage existing RWA communications resources and platforms whenever practical.
- Leverage and coordinate communications with existing SGA, RWA, Water Bank, and North American Subbasin outreach efforts to enhance outreach and avoid duplication.
- Prioritize topics and activities that highlight SGA's distinct role in monitoring, managing, and protecting groundwater resources within the North American Subbasin.

Recommended Core Activities

Quarterly Stakeholder Newsletter and Special Alerts: Develop and distribute a quarterly electronic newsletter as the primary communications tool for providing updates on SGA activities, groundwater conditions, Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation, and upcoming opportunities for engagement.

Between newsletters, distribute special email alerts for significant milestones, such as release of the Annual Report, GSP workshops, public review periods, GSP adoption, major grant awards, and noteworthy monitoring or study findings.

Potential content includes:

- Executive Director updates
- Groundwater conditions and basin updates
- GSP implementation progress
- Project and monitoring highlights
- Groundwater management topics and educational features
- Upcoming meetings, workshops, and opportunities for participation

Website Content Updates: Make targeted updates to the existing SGA website content to improve the public's understanding of SGA, groundwater management, and current activities. Because a future website redesign is anticipated, efforts should be focused on updating existing pages and content that can be carried forward into the new website.

Communication Tools: Develop supporting communications tools such as key messages, fact sheets, FAQs, and a PowerPoint presentation template that explain key groundwater management topics in clear, accessible language and promote consistent messaging across SGA communications. The initial step should include developing or affirming a clear positioning statement and core messages that establish a consistent foundation for future communications. Potential topics include SGA's role, SGMA, groundwater conditions in the North American Subbasin, sustainable yield, groundwater monitoring, domestic well protection, groundwater quality, Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems, the five-year GSP evaluation, and other topics that arise during GSP implementation.

Blog Posts, Media Outreach, and Social Media: Utilize strategic communications opportunities to increase awareness of SGA's role, accomplishments, and groundwater management activities among stakeholders and interested audiences. Tactics may include press releases, blog posts, op-eds, and social media content distributed through existing Regional Water Authority communication channels, as appropriate. Communications should focus on significant milestones, emerging groundwater issues, implementation progress, and topics that help stakeholders better understand groundwater management in the North American Subbasin.

Outreach to Planning and Community Development Professionals: Support the SGA team in targeted outreach to local planning and community development professionals to strengthen coordination between groundwater management and local land-use planning. Outreach should focus on providing planners with practical information relevant to their work, including:

- SGA's role and responsibilities under SGMA
- The North American Subbasin and Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- Current groundwater conditions and long-term sustainability
- The relationship between GSP implementation and local general planning processes
- Information and resources available from SGA to support coordination with local planning agencies
- Significant GSP updates and groundwater management issues relevant to local planning

Outreach may include direct briefings and presentations to city and county planning and community development departments, development of a concise planner-focused fact sheet or presentation, and presentations or educational sessions through professional organizations such as the American Planning Association (APA) and Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP). These professional organizations could provide an efficient way to reach planners, environmental professionals and other practitioners across multiple jurisdictions while positioning SGA as a resource on groundwater management.

Other Stakeholder Briefings: Support the SGA team in conducting periodic virtual or in-person briefings for key stakeholder groups to increase awareness and understanding of SGA's role, responsibilities, and groundwater management activities. Briefings would provide an opportunity to share information relevant to each audience, answer questions, and build awareness of groundwater management issues affecting the North American Subbasin. Potential audiences may include local elected officials, business interests, environmental organizations, and other interested stakeholders.

Editorial Calendar

Timeframe	Story/Outreach Opportunity
August/September 2026	Water Accounting System/Dashboard Release — Use release of the Water Accounting System dashboard to explain how the region tracks groundwater banking activity and makes information publicly accessible. Highlight SGA's role in groundwater management and how transparent accounting supports sustainable management of the North American Subbasin. Coordinate with RWA/Water Bank outreach and amplify through SGA channels.
September 2026	Five Years of SGMA: Updating the North American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan — Explain why the five-year evaluation is happening, what has been learned since the original GSP and how better data and monitoring are informing the update. Introduce the broader fall GSP narrative without spotlighting individual technical changes.
Fall 2026	How SGA Knows What's Happening Underground — Tell the monitoring story: groundwater levels, water quality, and other data SGA collects and analyzes. Explain how monitoring supports decisions and GSP implementation. Could include a monitoring-well field visit/photo opportunity.

Timeframe	Story/Outreach Opportunity
Fall 2026	GSP Update/Public Engagement — Promote public workshops, public review, and other formal opportunities to participate. Use these communications to address specific GSP issues, including MTs, as they arise through the process.
Fall 2026/Early 2027	Groundwater and Local Planning — Targeted outreach to city and county planning/community development departments about the GSP, groundwater conditions, SGA's role and the connection between groundwater sustainability planning and local land-use planning. This could begin with direct briefings and be supported by a planner-focused fact sheet or presentation.
December 2026/January 2027	GSP Adoption: What's Changed and What's Next — Mark adoption of the updated GSP and explain what five years of implementation and improved information have taught groundwater managers. Emphasize that adoption begins the next phase of implementation. News release/special alert/social.
Wet Winter/Recharge Opportunity – As Conditions Warrant	What Happens to Groundwater During Wet Years? — Use Water Bank recharge or conjunctive-use activity as a timely opportunity to explain how reduced groundwater pumping and increased use of surface water can help groundwater levels recover. Focus SGA communications on what monitoring shows is happening in the basin, while Water Bank communications focus on banking activity and regional water-supply benefits.
January/February 2027	What Happens After the GSP Is Adopted? — Show that sustainable groundwater management is an ongoing activity: monitoring, data analysis, modeling, coordination and implementation of projects and management actions. A good opportunity to reinforce SGA's distinct role.
January/February 2027	SGA Year in Review/Managing Groundwater Year-Round (Part of the RWA Annual Recap) — Recap major accomplishments: GSP update, monitoring, Annual Report, water quality coordination, planning-agency outreach and other implementation activities. Use it to reinforce the larger story of what SGA does and why it matters.
February/March 2027	Protecting Groundwater Quality — Explain SGA's groundwater-quality monitoring and its role convening the Regional Contamination Issues Committee. Focus on how agencies, regulators and others share information and coordinate around contamination affecting groundwater resources.
Spring 2027	Groundwater and the Environment — Explain interconnected surface water and/or Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems and how SGA monitors groundwater's relationship with rivers, streams and ecosystems. Strong visual/field-story opportunity.
As Water Bank Milestones Occur	Water Bank Implementation and Groundwater Sustainability — Amplify significant Water Bank milestones that demonstrate how regional projects operate within the groundwater sustainability framework established through the GSP. Use selectively when there is a meaningful connection to SGA's groundwater management responsibilities.

Topic:	North American Subbasin (NASb) 2026 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Update
Type:	Old Business
Item For:	Information; update on project progress
Purpose:	General – Status Update

SUBMITTED BY:	Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services	PRESENTER:	Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item for the Manager of Technical Services to brief the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) Board of Directors on the status of the North American Subbasin (NASb) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) evaluation and amendment and other relevant Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Updates.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None, information only.

BACKGROUND

Under SGMA, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) must complete a periodic evaluation and written assessment of the approved GSP at least every five years, and whenever a GSP is amended (due no later than five years after the initial GSP submittal). As a GSA under SGMA, the SGA with the support and approval of the other four NASb GSAs (West Placer County GSA, Reclamation District 1001 GSA, South Sutter Water District GSA, and Sutter County GSA), has been working with consultants Woodard & Curran, Inc. to evaluate and amend the 2021 NASb GSP. Because the NASb GSP is being proposed to be formally amended, this process must be completed in late 2026, or very early in January 2027. SGA intends to hold a public hearing date for the amended GSP adoption during its next standing Board Meeting scheduled for December 10, 2026.

Additional public hearing dates, and key deadlines, for the SGA and other respective GSAs/agencies, are identified in NASb 2026 Amended GSP and SGMA Implementation Update PowerPoint.

The link to the webpage with the public draft of the 2026 GSP can be found here: https://nasbgroundwater.org/gsp/

Topic:	SGA JPA Amendments
Type:	Old business
Item For:	Information; Update on project progress
Purpose:	SGA Policy 100.1

SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Jay Boatwright SGA Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item for the Board of Directors to receive an update on the JPA parties revising the JPA Agreement.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None, information only.

BACKGROUND

At the August SGA Board meeting, the Board of Directors took action to request the JPA parties (the Cities of Citrus Heights, Sacramento, Folsom and the County of Sacramento) to make changes to the JPA agreement. Chair Boatwright will report on the progress of the JPA parties approving the agreement.

Agenda Item 7

Topic:	Appointment of Nominations Committee for 2027 Officers
Type:	New Business
Item For:	Chair Appointment
Purpose:	SGA policy 200.1 Section 3.06

SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer, Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Jay Boatwright, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item is for Chair Boatwright to recruit and appoint a committee of Board Members that will serve on the 2027 SGA Officer Nomination Committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Chair Boatwright to appoint the Nominations Committee for 2027 SGA Officers

BACKGROUND

The SGA Board elects a chair and vice chair annually at its December Board meeting. The Chair will appoint a Nominating Committee for 2027 SGA Officers.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

SGA policy 200.1 (SGA Rules) Section 3.06 requires the Board of Directors to elect a chair to preside over meetings and a vice chair to preside in the chair's absence. The nominating committee allows for the efficient selection and consideration of SGA officers to be proposed for the Board's consideration at the December board meeting.

Agenda Item 8

Topic:	Executive Directors' Report
Type:	New Business
Item For:	Information
Purpose:	General

SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Jim Peifer Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item for the Executive Director to provide a briefing on important activities, reports, communications, advocacy, and other updates for the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information/discussion only.

BACKGROUND

This agenda item is a standing item to provide an opportunity for the Executive Director to report to the Executive Committee on important activities, reports, communications, advocacy, and other updates.

Water Bank

The next meeting of the Water Bank Program Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information about the Water Bank, contact RWA Manager of Technical Services Trevor Joseph at tjoseph@rwah2o.org.

Outreach

SGA Executive Director Jim Peifer presented on the Watershed Resilience Pilot Project and the benefits of groundwater recharge at the Restore America's Estuaries 2026 Coastal & Estuarine Summit on September 24. The Summit focused on exploring practical solutions, bold ideas, and lessons learned at the intersection of climate resilience, restoration, equity, and the blue economy.

Anti-Harassment Requirement

Per our risk management and auditors, we must retain current Anti-Harassment certificates from all Board members and alternates per AB 1234 and AB 1825. The training must be completed every two years. Please forward your certificates to your Board Clerk, Ashley Flores at aflores@rwah2o.org. If you are found not compliant with this training, we will work with your agency to schedule an opportunity for you to get your certification.

Topic:	Board Directors' Comments
Type:	New Business
Item For:	Information
Purpose:	Routine

SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Jay Boatwritght, SGA Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item to provide an opportunity for the Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board of Directors to report on any updates from their agency, comments, request future agenda items, recommendations, and questions.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

This agenda item is a standing item to provide an opportunity to report on any updates from their agency, comments, request future agenda items, recommendations, and questions.