

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**Final Minutes**  
**January 10, 2007**

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**LOCATION:** 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Conference Room 170  
Mather, CA 95655  
10:00 a.m. to noon

**MINUTES:**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Scott Fort called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken and the following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep.)

Cyrus Abhar, City of Rancho Cordova  
Sandi Russell, Elk Grove Water Service  
Anthony van Steyn, Agricultural Interests  
Stuart Helfand, Agricultural-Residential  
Edwin Smith, Public Agencies/Self Supplied  
Ron Lowry, Omochumne-Hartnell Water Distict  
Andy Soulé , California-American WC  
Scott Fort, Golden State Water Company

Board Members (Alternate Rep.)

Douglas Gault, City of Elk Grove  
Ken Payne, City of Folsom  
Albert Stricker, City of Rancho Cordova  
Mel Johnson, City of Sacramento  
Herb Niederberger, County of Sacramento/Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA)  
Ruben Robles, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)

Staff Members

Walter Sadler, City of Folsom  
Darrell Eck, County of Sacramento/Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA)  
Daniel Jones, County of Sacramento/Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA)  
Michelle Fiorino, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)

Others in Attendance

Tom Glover, California-American WC  
Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners

## **2. Public Comment**

Chair Fort called for any public comment. No public comment was made.

## **3. Consent Calendar**

The draft meeting minutes for the meetings held on November 8 and December 13, 2006 were reviewed for final approval.

Motion/Second/Carried - Edd Smith moved, by a second from Mel Johnson to approve the minutes.

## **4. Staffing Agreement with the County of Sacramento**

Darrell Eck presented the Staff Support Agreement between the County of Sacramento and the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (see corresponding attachment 4).

Motion/Second/Carried - Ken Payne moved, by a second from Mel Johnson to "Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Authority to sign the agreement with the County of Sacramento" as per staff's recommendations.

## **5. Discussion on Appointment of Permanent Executive Director**

Discussion was made on the progress of obtaining a permanent Executive Director. Mel Johnson advised that he believes the Water Forum is close to approving a permanent Executive Director. Herb Niederberger will initiate talk with the new Executive Director of the Water Forum to see if he could assist in identifying someone for the Executive Director position.

## **6. Executive Director's Report**

### Draft Well Protection Plan Update

Staff met with representatives of the City of Elk Grove who voiced their concerns regarding the financial administration and fee collection components of the draft well protection program. Various Board members expressed an interest in holding a workshop to discuss their issues and concerns. It was suggested that Darrell Eck and Dan Jones meet with the signatories separately before the workshop to assist in preparation. The Directors asked staff to provide an update at the next meeting on their progress and will schedule the well protection program workshop for the March Board meeting. Herb Niederberger suggested that staff also provide outreach as necessary.

### Letters Nominating Board and Alternate Members

A letter was received from Mike Eaton resigning his position as a Director for the Authority and requesting that Rick Bettis replace him as the Director for the Conservation Landowners. A letter has not been received requesting Tom Glover be appointed as a Director for the Authority representing California-American WC replacing Dan Mizerski. There is still a vacancy for Commercial/Industrial Self despite effort by staff to recruit a representative. Sandi Russell will check the status of Barrie Lightfoot becoming an alternate member representing Elk Grove Water Service.

**7. Director's Comments**

Mel Johnson questions the status of the Conflict of Interest forms (Form 700). Herb Niederberger advised that the County Clerk will mail out the form. He advised that if the board member is already filling out a Form 700, they can add the SCGA on to the same form. Beginning Terms of Service Forms will still need to be completed for all directors.

Mel Johnson also advised that the SCGA meeting conflicts with the Water Caucus Meeting that he attends. The directors discussed moving the meeting to the third Wednesday of the month or start one hour earlier on the second Wednesday of the month. Ruben Robles advised that he would check availability of the conference room and get back to the group. Herb Niederberger also suggested that as the bulk of the work is completed, the Board may want to consider going to bi-monthly meetings.

Andy Soulé requests that a spreadsheet be provided to summarize recent (possibly 2005 figures) groundwater pumping data in the Central Basin. He was interested to see how close to the Water Forum established maximum pumping rate of 273,000 AFY the Central Basin users are. It was discussed amongst the board and staff, who concluded that the last figures shown in the Zone 40 Water Supply Master Plan EIR are the most accurate figures we have at this time because of the availability of agricultural groundwater production data from the State. The implementation of the GMP and utilization of the Data Management System (DMS) will provide staff a mechanism in which to report this information in the annual State Of The Basin Report.

**8. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Scott Fort adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

By:

*Scott Fort*  
Chairperson

2/14/07  
Date

Attest:

*Michele Fiorino*

2/14/07  
Date

