

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)
Governing Board Meeting
Final Minutes
July 13, 2016

LOCATION: 10060 Goethe Road, Room 1205
Sacramento, CA 95827
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Tom Nelson, Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District
Tom Mahon, Agricultural Interests
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners
Christine Thompson, Public Agencies Self-Supplied
Carl Werder, Agricultural-Residential
Ron Lowry, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
Dave Ocenosak, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Forrest Williams, Sacramento County
Brian Fragiao, City of Elk Grove
Allen Quynn, City of Rancho Cordova
Charlotte Mitchell, Agricultural Interests

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck, Executive Director
Sarah Britton, Legal Counsel
Ping Chen
Ramon Roybal

Others in Attendance:

Jonathan Goetz, GEI
Mark Madison, Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District
Bruce Kamilos, Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District
Jesse Roseman, The Nature Conservancy
José Ramirez, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Melinda Frost-Hurzel, Trout Unlimited/Cosumnes Coalition

Rodney Fricke, GEI
Jim Blanke, RMC Water and Environment
Lisa Dills, Southgate Recreation and Park District
Suzanne Pecci, Domestic Well Owner Elk Grove
Ron Pecci, Domestic Well Owner Elk Grove
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
Amanda Bishop, Sacramento County Clerk of the Board
Nat Martin, California State University, Sacramento
Stephanie Studdert, Sacramento County Clerk of the Board
Tom Gohring, Water Forum
Hong Lin, CA DWR
Wyatt Arnold, CA DWR
Alex Peterson, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants
Kristal Daris Fadtko, Depart of Fish and Wildlife

Member Agencies Absent

*Rancho Murieta CSD
Commercial/Industrial Self-Supplied
California-American Water Company*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Nelson stated his appreciation for the implementation of the microphone and speaker system during the meetings.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The draft meeting minutes for the June 8, 2016 Board meeting and June 22 16, 2016 SGMA Subcommittee meeting were reviewed for final approval.

Motion/Second/Carried – Ms. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Nelson, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

4. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FORMATION OF THREE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES IN AREAS OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN (PORTIONS OF BULLETIN 118-03 BASIN 5-21.65) (CONTINUED FROM JUNE 8, 2016)

Mr. Eck reminded the Board that the item had been discussed a couple times previously without a formal action but that all public comment both written and oral had been received and attached as a part of the current Board package. Mr. Eck then stated that all required noticing requirements had been met for the scheduled public hearing.

Mr. Ewart then opened the public hearing and asked for any public comments.

Jay Schneider commented as a land owner/resident and constituent of the Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District, and the South Sacramento Agricultural Water Authority. Mr. Schneider stated that the South Sacramento Agricultural Water Authority had an adopted groundwater management plan dating from 1997 and updated in 2002 that was active and ongoing and covered the area east of Grantline Road. Mr. Schneider said that he did not believe that SCGA should or even had the authority to be the groundwater authority over the South Sacramento Agricultural Water Authority adopted plan area. Mr. Schneider then stated that, most importantly, the historical division line had been Grantline Road and that the constituents of that area wanted to be represented by their own locally elected groups and to participate in the activities of the Cosumnes watershed. Mr. Schneider strongly encouraged SCGA not to become a GSA within the Cosumnes watershed stating that he believed that it would defer any meaningful work until June 2017 at which time the landowners would likely continue to work directly with State DWR as they do with other issues like surface water rights, stream alteration permits, and everything else related to agriculture unlike the urbanites on the other side of Grantline Road. Mr. Schneider then said that with the decision of DWR to deny the Basin Boundary Modification and SCGA's corresponding request to delay further consideration of moving the boundary line until 2018 would further delay meaningful work until after that time. Mr. Schneider commented that two-hundred thousand dollars that SCGA had budgeted could have been spent on collaborating with Sloughhouse RCD and Omochumne-Hartnell WD on determining the sustainable yield of both basins based on the revised boundary line to the watershed line and on any buffer area that each could have agreed to stand-off on until the future. Mr. Schneider stated that there were two paths that could be taken, one was completely adversarial and the other would be working together. Mr. Schneider then stated that after the drought of 1977 the landowners in that area went before the State Water Board to discuss water rights on the Cosumnes River and that they came very close to filing for adjudication and that it was still on the table. Mr. Schneider said that SCGA was creating a completely adversarial situation that would do nothing to sustain the groundwater and would only create animosity and difficulty to make any meaningful progress under SGMA. Mr. Schneider stated that there was no horror story in letting the local districts form their own GSA's as they had applied to do, that there was no downside to working with them, that they were not out to take water away and that it would be only positive if SCGA changed its course and started to work with them.

Amanda Platt, District Manager for Sloughhouse RCD, advocated for SCGA to continue working with Sloughhouse RCD on a partnership that would result in avoiding overlapping GSAs including an overlap with OHWD. Ms. Platt referred to the idea that the landowners wanted to be represented locally and that Sloughhouse RCD and OHWD could provide the representation.

Suzanne Pecci, homeowner within the Omochumne-Hartnell WD and Sloughhouse RCD proposed GSA area stated that she appreciated the landowner's efforts to form GSAs but that it appeared that there was only about six months of preparation that had gone into something that was going to last forty or fifty years in terms of groundwater sustainability. Ms. Pecci said that she believed that there might be a place later in time for GSAs out in the Elk Grove and Sloughhouse areas but that more planning needed to be put into it. Ms. Pecci then stated

that in addition to the other land owners being discussed, domestic well owners were part of it and that they did not know what their part was specifically, how they would be involved and how the water that they use would be involved in the plan. Ms. Pecci stated that not knowing those answers was the reason for her opposition to Sloughhouse RCD and OHWD's actions. Ms. Pecci stated that she understood the legacy of the landowners who traced their history back to their forefathers and who settled and farmed the land but that times had changed and that things were more diverse and that other development plans were moving forward such as a large Indian casino. Ms. Pecci stated that she felt that they all needed to settle down and sit back and move forward with an agency that would provide stability and that has a plan, money, and staff.

Ms. Thompson referred to questions from the State to Sloughhouse RCD and OHWD regarding their plans for future growth and whether or not they had addressed those questions. Ms. Platt responded that those issues were new to Sloughhouse RCD as it had been an Ag based group for fifty years but that they were prepared to move forward to address those issues although it was a long learning curve similar to what SCGA and many other organizations faced. Ms. Platt stated that although they did not have all the answers currently, Sloughhouse RCD was dedicated to continuing to represent the area while shifting in ways that it needed to in order to meet those goals.

Mr. Schneider replied that Sloughhouse RCD had facilitated the Cosumnes River Task Force, facilitated a regional Irrigated Lands Program, developed a response to the 1979 drought hearings, and participated in the Water Forum Process for the South Basin. Mr. Schneider stated that those examples demonstrated Sloughhouse RCD's long history of responding to and taking the lead in confronting problems. Mr. Schneider then stated that it was a false narrative to say that Sloughhouse RCD and OHWD were not capable of meeting the SGMA challenge.

Ms. Pecci responded that she appreciated the experience Mr. Schneider had alluded to and that her and her neighbors had benefitted from the flood protection that they had provided but explained that she felt that it was the wrong type of experience for what was required under SGMA. Ms. Pecci stated that there should be a broader base to start with, that the smaller GSAs could develop plans that would eventually fit within a larger plan. Ms. Pecci said that parts of those districts were more isolated but that their plans would have to deal with domestic well owners who were faced with being urbanized.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Schneider if he believed that the hydrogeologic boundary was along Grantline Road. Mr. Schneider replied that the watershed boundary was along Grantline Road and that engineering report showed that the underground basin boundary was somewhere between the Cosumnes River and Grantline Road and actually closer to Grantline Road and definitely not the Cosumnes.

Mr. Ewart then closed the public hearing and opened up deliberations of the three resolutions separately.

Mr. Nelson announced that he was going to abstain from voting on the resolution covering Area 1 because his district was considering formation of a GSA in the same area.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Thompson, the motion carried to adopt the Resolution to form GSA 1. Mr. Nelson abstained from the vote.

Relative to GSA Area 2, Mr. Lowry stated that it would be premature for SCGA to move forward in the area due to Omocuhmne-Hartnell WD's interest in the same area.

Mr. Schubert shared a quote from a study done by UC Berkeley Water Law that advocated for broad participation and consideration of a range of stakeholders for effective management under SGMA.

Mr. Eck reminded that the notifications for GSA formation by Sloughhouse RCD and OHWD had already been made and that if SCGA took no action then those entities would become the exclusive GSAs for those areas by August 4th.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Werder, the motion carried to adopt the Resolution to form GSA 2. Mr. Lowry and Mr. Mahon opposed.

Mr. Werder asked if Rancho Murieta CSD had made a statement as to which GSA it preferred to participate in between SCGA or Sloughhouse RCD. Mr. Eck replied that Darlene Gillum had communicated Rancho Murieta's desire to withdraw from SCGA but that the issue was ongoing and that he planned to meet with Ms. Gillum to further discuss it.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Werder moved, seconded by Mr. Schubert, the motion carried to adopt the Resolution to form GSA 3. Mr. Lowry and Mr. Mahon opposed.

5. NOTICE OF SCGA'S INTENT TO DEVELOP AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN SUBMITTAL

Mr. Eck introduced Jon Goetz with GEI Consultants who provided an update on the Alternative Plan submittal and coordination with State DWR. Mr. Goetz pointed out the draft notice for an Alternative Plan submittal that was included in the Board package. Mr. Goetz then reported that staff's approach to the Alternative Plan was to follow the draft GSP regulations as the actual language of the legislation did not provide much direction regarding Alternative Plans. Mr. Goetz recalled from previous discussions the two main options for the Alternative Submittal being, use of the SCGA GMP for those areas of the basin already covered by SCGA and second, demonstration of ten years of sustainability for those areas of the basin not currently covered by SCGA. Mr. Goetz reported that the meeting with State DWR was productive and that it was clear that both DWR and SCGA were on a learning curve relative to the plan submittal. Mr. Goetz further reported that DWR had acknowledged the unique situation of the South American Subbasin given the extent of SCGA's coverage and management of a majority of the basin over the past ten years. Mr. Goetz stated that it was recognized that the Delta was somewhat hydrogeologically distinct from the managed portion of the subbasin. Mr. Goetz stated that DWR acknowledged the quality of SCGA's GMP, the short timeframe allowed for Alternative Plan submittal, and referenced the fact that there was only one opportunity for submittal of an Alternative Plan. Mr. Goetz stated that DWR would be cautious in its analysis of and an Alternative Submittal that was based on an existing GMP. Mr. Goetz then went over a tentative outline of SCGA's Alternative Plan

submittal. Mr. Goetz said that more dialogue with DWR would be necessary. Mr. Goetz reported that outreach to the Delta was planned for August 10th in order to introduce the Alternative Plan concept, what it meant for the Delta, and SCGA's role with the hope that Delta interests would become engaged in SCGA's Alternative Plan process. Additionally there would be an interested stakeholder process with the goal to gather input.

Mr. Ewart asked for clarification on the Alternative Plan's role on SCGA's current management area south of the Cosumnes River. Mr. Goetz replied that the Alternative Plan was required to include SCGA's existing management area but that those areas south of the Cosumnes River would be treated differently and that the Alternative Plan would not apply. Mr. Goetz stated that SCGA would continue to have an interest in those areas but not necessarily as a lead entity.

Mr. Schneider commented that the Alternative Plan had the appearance of being imposed upon the areas of potential overlap and that it was based on a plan that was not publically discussed and not according to SGMA. Mr. Schneider then stated that the California Water Commission had ruled that Alternative Plans would have to be functionally equivalent to a GSP and that the modeling must open-source so that no one could have secret programs anymore. Mr. Schneider stated that the alternative to filing an Alternative Plan was to follow the GSP process so that SCGA would fundamentally adhere to SGMA. Mr. Schneider stated that he did not understand why SCGA thought it could put a plan over an area where it did not have jurisdiction specifically in the area west of Interstate 5. Mr. Schneider said that SCGA was taking a course of action that would cost a lot of money, created a lot of adversity, and accomplish nothing.

Jesse Roseman with the Nature Conservancy asked about the two track approach of applying for a GSA and an Alternative Plan specifically if there were other agencies taking a similar approach. Mr. Roseman also asked if there was a difference in enforceability between a GSP and Alternative Plan and for an explanation of the advantages and disadvantages of an Alternative Plan. Mr. Roseman also wanted to confirm that agencies south of the Cosumnes River would be allowed to form a GSA in the area covered by SCGA's GMP area. Mr. Eck replied that it made sense to take advantage of the five-year stakeholder process that was responsible for the formation of the SCGA Board and GMP, in addition to the hundreds of thousands of dollars that were invested in that process. Mr. Eck stated those efforts could serve as the foundation for an Alternative Submittal into order to carry forward with sustainable groundwater management. Mr. Eck stated that he did not believe that there was a difference in the enforceability between a GSP and Alternative Plan based on the State's requirement of functional equivalency of an Alternative Plan. Relative to the formation of both a GSA and Alternative Plan in other areas of the State, Mr. Eck stated that DWR could better answer the question but that he understood that there were a lot of unique variables across that State that would have to be dealt with based on their specific nature.

Hong Lin with State DWR commented that she participated in the meeting with SCGA and State DWR. Ms. Lin said that the basis for Alternative Plans was an acknowledgement by the State that groundwater management across the State varies and that there are entities that have invested a lot of money into developing pretty good plans and thus it did not make sense to force those entities to repeat those efforts or do redundant work. Ms. Lin then stated

that SCGA's approach to demonstrate ten years of sustainability meant that the local entities had determined that the basin was already being managed sustainably and that if there were data gaps the State would work with the local agency to address them. Ms. Lin stated that in general the benchmark to be used was substantial compliance such that there was enough data to demonstrate sustainability. Ms. Lin then clarified that the functional equivalent requirement applied specifically to Articles 5 and 7 of the SGMA legislation with an emphasis on the six undesirable results identified in Article 5. Ms. Lin said that the Alternative Plan would have to demonstrate management actions to address any undesirable results or otherwise show that they did not exist. Ms. Lin then pointed out that Alternative Plans required coordination with adjacent basins.

Mark Madison with the Florin Resource Conservation District asked if it made sense to wait five years and develop a GSP rather than spend two hundred thousand dollars now to develop something that was to be functionally equivalent to a GSP. Mr. Eck replied that the question was discussed during the budget development process for the current fiscal year and it was determined that the cost of developing a full GSP would be significantly greater than an Alternative Plan. Mr. Eck then stated that from an economic perspective that it was in the best interest of SCGA to pursue an Alternative Plan.

Ms. Platt stated Sloughhouse RCD's concern regarding the application of an Alternative Plan over the area for which it had applied to be a GSA, specifically how it might affect their ability to develop a GSP for that area and how the determination of a sustainable yield would be conducted. Ms. Platt mentioned that the identified recharge areas as discussed by Mr. Goetz were of particular concern. Ms. Platt then asked for clarification of the Alternative Plan's roll over areas south of the Cosumnes River within SCGA's current management area. Mr. Ewart suggested that Sloughhouse RCD submit a formal written letter asking for clarification and that he would ask staff to develop a response that would include a discussion of governance versus the plan.

Mr. Werder asked Ms. Lin for clarification of the one-time opportunity for Alternative Plan submittal. Ms. Lin replied that an Alternative Plans could be submitted until January 1, 2017 and if submitted, then State DWR would have up to two years to make a decision on whether or not to accept the plan. Ms. Lin stated that it was not envisioned that DWR would make a decision to flatly reject a properly submitted plan without dialogue with the submitting agency concerning data gaps or management actions to address undesirable results.

Mr. Nelson asked what would happen if a decision was not made by DWR regarding and Alternative Plan submittal prior to the June 2017 deadline for GSA formation. Ms. Lin stated that a local agency would have up to one hundred eighty days after the decision regarding and Alternative Plan to file for GSA formation. Ms. Britton clarified that, specific to the overlap condition in the South American Subbasin, non-compliance of GSA formation would not be enforced until a decision was made regarding the Alternative Plan submittal plus one hundred eighty days in the event that the decision occurred after the June 2017 deadline.

Mr. Schneider asked if an Alternative Plan could be applied over the unresolved, overlapping GSA areas. Ms. Lin replied that it could be applied due to SCGA's authority as an existing JPA within the South American Subbasin including the overlap areas.

6. SGMA SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AND JPA RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Eck introduced the recommended actions stemming from the June 22, 2016 SGMA Subcommittee where the discussion included the need to revise the existing charter of the SGMA Subcommittee versus the formation of a Governance Subcommittee. Mr. Eck summarized the recommendations as follows:

1. Recommendation to direct the SGMA Subcommittee to expand its original scope/charter to include 1) Alternative Plan submittal, including working with Delta interests and identification of potential changes to the governing JPA; 2) Overlapping GSAs, including strategy to resolve overlapping GSA issue; 3) Coordination agreements, as recommended for inter-basin coordination; 4) Issues related to governance, including modifications of the JPA and modification of the County staffing contract with SCGA.
2. Specific to further JPA revisions, recommendation to defer wholesale modifications of the JPA until the Alternative Plan is either approved or denied and GSA formation is complete.
3. Specific to revisions of County staffing contract with SCGA, recommendation to defer modification to the staffing contract until the Alternative Plan is either approved or denied and GSA formation is complete.

Mr. Nelson asked for clarification regarding the potential timeline for recommendations two and three being potentially two and a half years out from January 2017. Mr. Williams replied that general discussion during the committee meeting had referred to such a timeframe when the milestones were identified.

Mr. Schubert explained that the reasoning for deferring wholesale changes to the JPA included a recollection that the development of the current JPA required about five years and it could be assumed that a similar process could require a significant amount of time. Mr. Schubert then stated that the idea was to form the GSA and figure out the governance structure then modify the JPA and staffing to meet those needs. Mr. Schubert stated that it would be premature to modify the JPA at this time.

Mr. Bettis added that the deferral of modifying the JPA was also made in consideration of the burden on staff to work through the GSA and Alternative Plan submittal processes.

Mr. Ewart stated that the recommendations were being brought before the Board in order to acknowledge the concerns raised by FRCD and to not have FRCD feel as though its concerns were being held back in the subcommittee. Mr. Ewart said that the recommendations acknowledged the importance of FRCD's concerns but that those items should be deferred until there was more certainty of what needed to be done and to allow staff to complete the work previously discussed.

Mr. Williams stated that item three was being introduced in response to FRCD's stated concern that staff was conflicted in their roles as County employees. Mr. Williams pointed out that FRCD was the only organization that had expressed that concern and that the subcommittee wanted to ensure that staff was allowed to work through the GSA and Alternative Plan process without disruption.

Mr. Nelson asked why work on the JPA could not start in July 2017 if the Alternative Plan would have already been submitted and the overlapping GSA issue would have been resolved. Mr. Nelson said that he liked the organization and the work it had done but that there were changes that needed to be made in order to carry it forward and that those changes needed to be addressed as soon as possible.

Ms. Thompson advocated for compromise and for the Board to work together to get through the issues that it was currently facing. She stated that threatening to pull out of the process because an agency did not get what they wanted was not the right way to accomplish what needed to be done. Ms. Thompson stated that the Board should utilize the current governance structure because it was effective although there were minor changes that could be made later to improve upon it. Ms. Thompson said that the focus should be moving forward with the plan and on resolving the differences with OHWD and Sloughhouse RCD.

Mr. Schubert pointed out that recommendations two and three served to do exactly what Mr. Nelson had advocated for except that they provided a milestone rather than a date certain. Mr. Schubert suggested modifying recommendation two to state that whenever the milestones were reached then work on JPA modifications could begin as needed. Mr. Schubert stated that one example of a modification to the JPA might be adding Sloughhouse RCD as a member organization.

Mr. Williams stated that FRCD's potential action to file as a GSA would delay the very process and milestones that were being discussed.

Mr. Werder stated that deferring changes to the JPA and staffing ran the risk of deferring a burden to a later time when implementation of a GSA and Alternative Plan would be taking place. Mr. Werder stated that all of the issues should be addressed so that SCGA did not find itself unable to implement a plan should DWR approve it. Mr. Ewart replied that part of the reasoning behind the recommendations was that SCGA already had the necessary authorities and staffing in place to implement an Alternative Plan.

Mr. Williams stated that he would have a difficult time supporting the changes advocated by FRCD if it continued to pursue GSA formation as such an action would work against the best interest of SCGA and would call into question in his mind as to FRCD's motives.

Mr. Nelson stated that he was still not comfortable with the ambiguous nature of the milestones that were identified.

Mr. Madison stated that FRCD appreciated the subcommittee's work to accommodate its concerns and that the only issue that he had with the recommendations was with the furthest extent of the possible milestone completion dates and that he felt that it would be too late to begin the process of modifying the JPA. Mr. Madison also stated that the changes that he envisioned for the JPA were not minor tweaks.

Mr. Schneider stated that it would be too late to establish governance until after the completion of the plan because the governing body of the plan would have no say in the development of the plan.

Mr. Ewart clarified Mr. Schubert's recommended modification to recommendations two and three to insert the word 'potential' prior to 'wholesale' for recommendation two and prior to 'modification' for recommendation three.

Motion/Second/Carried – Ms. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Schubert, the motion carried unanimously to revise the SGMA Subcommittee's original scope/charter to include 1) the Alternative plan submittal process; 2) Overlapping GSAs; 3) Coordination agreements; and, 4) Issues related to governance including modifications to the governing JPA and the County staffing contract with SCGA.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Schubert moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, the motion carried to defer potential wholesale modifications to the governing JPA until the Alternative Plan is either approved or denied and GSA formation is complete. Mr. Nelson voted in opposition.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Schubert moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, the motion carried to defer potential modification of the County staffing contract until the Alternative Plan is either approved or denied and GSA formation is complete. Mr. Nelson voted in opposition.

7. ON-CALL SERVICE CONTRACT EXTENTION WITH GEI FOR SUPPORT RELATED TO SGMA COMPLIANCE

Mr. Eck reminded that there was an existing on-call services contract with GEI that included time from either Jon Goetz or Rodney Fricke. Mr. Eck explained that given the planned level of effort to occur over the next five months with the development of the Alternative Plan as had been discussed previously, staff was proposing to extend the existing contract in the amount of \$220,000 to allow GEI to continue providing the level of support needed and that the amount was consistent with the FY2016/17 approved budget.

Mr. Nelson asked if the amount was intended only for development of the Alternative Plan. Mr. Eck replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Werder asked how many times the contract was extended. Mr. Eck replied that it was the second time. Mr. Werder asked if there was a limit to the number of extensions. Ms. Britton replied that there was no limit as long as the Board made the appropriate findings each time to be compliant with its professional services policy.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Schubert moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, the motion carried unanimously to authorize the Executive Director to extend the current engineering services contract with GEI with an additional budget of \$220,000.

8. POTENTIAL STATE DWR FUNDING FOR FACILITATION SERVICES IN THE SOUTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN

Mr. Eck introduced Tom Gohring, Executive Director of the Water Forum who made a presentation regarding potential funding opportunities for facilitation services related to SGMA activities in the South American Subbasin.

Mr. Gohring stated that the Water Forum had been around for a significant amount of time and had a lot of experience in facilitating activities in the region including groundwater management preparation and development of governance. Mr. Gohring stated that the Water Forum was available to help out with those activities in both the South American and Cosumnes Subbasins and that a couple of conversations had begun. Mr. Gohring reported that the conversation in the Cosumnes basin focused on the status of GSA preparation and the status of the white space and that there was an interest expressed to continue the effort for GSP development. Mr. Gohring reported that the conversation in the South American Subbasin had centered on the GSA overlap issue. Mr. Gohring distributed an informational memo that he explained contained information regarding DWR funding support of local agency dialogues seeking to meet the requirements of SGMA. Mr. Gohring stated that the Water Forum had funding to provide facilitation support in both basins but that if they were successful in acquiring funding support from DWR then it would extend the amount of support the Water Forum could provide. Mr. Gohring then asked for comments regarding the memo which he would include with the application to DWR.

Ms. Pecci asked Mr. Gohring if Water Forum support services could be extended to the domestic well owners in the Sheldon area. Mr. Gohring replied in the affirmative.

9. AUGUST 10, 2016 BOARD MEETING

Mr. Ewart introduce an action to cancel the August 10, 2016 Board meeting.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Schubert moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, the motion carried unanimously to cancel August 10, 2016 Board Meeting.

10. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Eck reported that at the June 8, 2016 Board meeting the Board tasked the Budget Subcommittee to begin work on the 2017/2018 fiscal year budget to address anticipated reductions in future SCWA funding and other issues raised by various Board members.

Mr. Eck stated that staff would like the Board chair to confirm subcommittee membership and chair, to begin work on a budget recommendation for the Authority's fiscal year 2017-2018 annual budget.

The chair, with input from the Board decided to carry over the budget subcommittee members from the previous year with the exception of replacing the City of Folsom representative with Todd Eising, also from the City of Folsom. The subcommittee members

were determined to be; Brett Ewart, Bruce Kamilos, Paul Schubert, Todd Eising, Tom Mahon, and Forrest Williams.

Mr. Schubert suggested amending the recommended action to read: The Board chair will confirm the Budget Subcommittee membership and chair *and the purpose will be to* prepare a budget recommendation for the Authority's fiscal year 2017-2018 annual budget.

11. CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mr. Eck stated that the Board had not had a Clerk for a long while with Ramon Roybal being appointed as Interim Clerk the previous year. Mr. Eck said that with the preparation of the Alternative Plan, in addition to other activities, more of Mr. Roybal's time would be needed for assisting in those other areas. Mr. Eck reported that staff had met with the County Clerk of the Board and felt that it could provide the appropriate clerking services required by the Board.

Mr. Ewart thanked Mr. Roybal for serving as the Clerk and asked if the new Clerk could be introduced. Stephanie Studdert introduced herself as the person who would serve as the Clerk.

Motion/Second/Carried – Ms. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Bettis, the motion carried unanimously appoint County Clerk as Clerk of the Board in accordance with Section 13(b) of the Joint Powers Agreement.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Eck announced that the next SGMA Subcommittee meeting would be held on July 20, 2016 at 1 pm. Mr. Eck then announced that there were a number of Board members whose terms were expiring. Mr. Eck reported the expiring terms as belonging to Agricultural Interests, Agricultural-Residential, California American Water Company, Conservation Landowners, County of Sacramento, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, Public Agencies Self-supplied, Rancho Murieta CSD, and the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District. Mr. Eck then announced that SCGA staff had participated in mediation meeting hosted by the Water Forum on June 29th. Mr. Eck stated that in attendance at the meeting were representatives from Omochumne-Hartnell, Sloughhouse RCD, Sacramento County Water Agency, and Water Forum. Mr. Eck reported the discussion topics included ground rules, potential areas of agreement, fears of the participating parties, and opportunities for coordination. The next meeting was being scheduled for some time in August. Mr. Eck then announced that State DWR had announced that it would recommend denying the basin boundary modification proposed by OHWD and Sloughhouse RCD. Mr. Eck reported that a public hearing would be held by DWR on July 19th the present the rational for its decisions and provide an opportunity for public comment. DWR would then finalize basin boundary modifications in late August and prepare an update to Bulletin 118 in early September along with initiation of a basin prioritization process. Mr. Eck then mentioned that Sloughhouse

RCD had a scheduled a special board meeting the next day from 3-5 pm at the Rancho Murieta CSD office.

13. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Bettis stated his appreciation of Omochumne-Hartnell's participation on the SCGA Board and the proactive efforts that they had done historically to manage water in their district.

Mr. Werder stated that Maureen Kerner with the Sacramento State Office of Water Programs had emailed an announcement that the stormwater recharge project had been awarded Prop 1 grant funding. Mr. Werder then recalled that he had previously asked for a list of dates of region activities and requested that Mr. Eck make a list available.

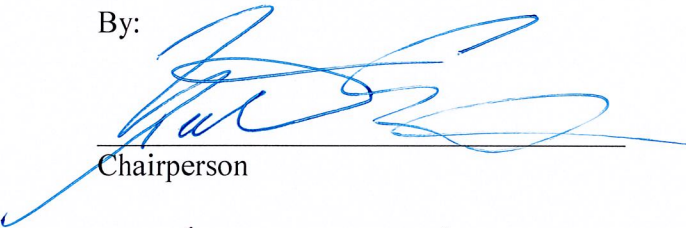
ADJOURNMENT

Brett Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings –

Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 9 am;
10060 Goethe Road, South Conference Room No. 1212 (Sunset Maple).

By:



Chairperson

9/14/16

Date



Annie Langford

9/14/2016

Date

