

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**Final Minutes**  
**March 9, 2011**

**LOCATION:** 10060 Goethe Road, Room 1212  
Sacramento, CA 95827  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

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

Chair Herb Niederberger called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Darren Wilson, City of Elk Grove

Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento

Herb Niederberger, County of Sacramento

Rick Bettis, Conservation Land Owners

Stuart Helfand, Agricultural-Residential

Edwin Smith, Public Agencies Self-Supplied

Ed Crouse, Rancho Murieta Community Services District

David Ocenosak, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck, Executive Director

Heather Hawke, Clerk

Ping Chen

Ramon Roybal

Others in Attendance:

Jose Ramirez, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Brandy Guillory, California American Water Company

Member Agencies Absent

*City of Folsom*

*City of Rancho Cordova*

*Elk Grove Water Service*

*Agricultural Interests*

*Omochumne-Hartnell Water District*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The draft meeting minutes for the meeting held on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were reviewed for final approval.

**Motion/Second/Carried** – Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Bettis, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

### **4. FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012 BUDGET**

Mr. Niederberger asked for volunteers to serve on the budget committee. Mr. Crouse stated that he would volunteer as did Mr. Peifer, Mr. Ocenosak, and Mr. Niederberger. Mr. Eck to schedule a meeting for the budget committee to discuss proposed budget for recommendation to the board.

### **5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Eck mentioned that on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, staff member representatives of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) and the West Placer Groundwater Management Plan (WPGMP) met to discuss implementation strategies and future coordination opportunities associated with the California State Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program. Currently, SCGA staff's focus is on developing a groundwater monitoring plan, as required by CASGEM, for implementation commencing around July 1, 2011.

Mr. Eck formally welcomed the new board members representing the Elk Grove Water District and the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District.

Mr. Eck reminded board members to submit a wet signature copy of the 2011 Conflict of Interest form which was due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Mr. Eck reported that only three had been received by staff to date.

Mr. Eck reported that the California State Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife held an oversight hearing at the State Capitol on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 which addressed the management of California's groundwater resources covered the basic concepts of groundwater hydrology. Also discussed was the Legislative Analyst report from last March regarding improved management of the State's groundwater resources. Mr. Eck stated that the report was a part of the board package from May 12, 2010. Mr. Eck reported that the California State Groundwater Elevation Monitoring program was also addressed with individuals who provided case studies for various groundwater management programs in both north, central, and south central parts of the state. Also discussed were the current and future challenges associated with groundwater management in California specifically, an aspect of the previously mentioned Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) report, which alluded

towards a push for tabbing the state for regulation of groundwater. Mr. Eck mentioned that the topic was a recurring theme of the discussion. Mr. Niederberger echoed Mr. Eck's statement adding that, the affect that the days of unregulated groundwater usage in California are coming to an end. Mr. Niederberger added that he had a brief conversation with the new general manager of the Elk Grove Water District, Mark Madison stating that he is from the City of Stockton and will be a good addition.

## **6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ocnosak stated that he was pleased to serve on the SCGA Board and that Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) was focused on moving forwarding with their recycled water efforts with a clear direction to try to get a framework together in order to get recycled water out to the south County.

Mr. Peifer reported that the City of Sacramento will be issuing an environmental document, within the next two weeks, for a groundwater well to be located in the south portion of the City. The environmental document will examine the potential draw down of water surface elevations within the vicinity of the well.

Mr. Bettis asked if there was any word on the grant applications for the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP). Mr. Eck responded that it was his understanding that a formal notification will not be made until May or June.

Mr. Helfand asked if there was receipt of a copy of a letter from the constituent who was denied of coverage under the North Vineyard Well Protection Program (NWWPP). Mr. Helfand reported that he had received a phone call from the constituent in which he informed them that since they did not register their well, there was nothing he could do. Mr. Helfand stated that the person said they were too busy to pay attention during the registration process. Mr. Niederberger explained that the constituent didn't register their well as part of the NWWPP and now the well is failing and a petition was made for inclusion in the program but because they did not follow through with all the steps to be included in the program, the Sacramento County Water Agency has denied the application. Mr. Niederberger further explained that the constituent had written to Supervisor Nottoli as part of an appeal mechanism in which the case goes before the Board of Directors for the Sacramento County Water Agency but that there was no administrative remedy for the constituent because they had ignored the registration process.

Mr. Crouse stated that as part of the Regional Water Authority's (RWA) master plan, Rancho Murieta Community Service District (RMCS D) and Omochumne-Hartnell proposed a joint project. RMCS D has excess surface water rights of about 4,000 acre feet. Mr. Crouse stated that his agency, the Rancho Murieta Community Services District, was planning to partner with Omochumne-Hartnell who would install a diversion near Mooney Ranch to spill excess surface water during the winter for percolation into the groundwater table while RMCS D plans to extract that water during drought years. The project would require the drilling of a groundwater well. Mr. Crouse reported that the project is expected to cost between 1.5 – 2 million

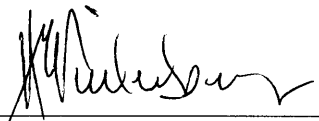
dollars and that an application for \$1 million grant will be made. Mr. Niederberger asked if they had a final engineer's report for the project. Mr. Crouse said no and that they are somewhat far from finalizing the project and all that is available is a sketch of the project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

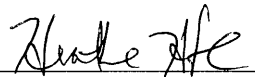
**Upcoming Meetings –**

**Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting** – Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 10060 Goethe Road, Sacramento, CA; SASD South Conference Room 1212 (Sunset Maple).

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Chairperson

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