

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)
Governing Board Meeting
Final Minutes
May 16, 2007

LOCATION: Rancho Cordova City Hall: Community Board Room
2729 Prospect Park Dr.
Rancho Cordova California, CA 95670
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Scott Fort called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

Board Members (Primary Rep.)

Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners
Ed Crouse, Rancho Murieta CSD
Scott Fort, Golden State Water Company
Stuart Helfand, Agricultural-Residential
Kerri Howell, Sacramento Regional Sanitation District
Ron Lowry, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
Sandi Russell, Elk Grove Water Service
Edwin Smith, Public Agencies/Self Supplied
Anthony van Steyn, Agricultural Interests

Board Members (Alternate Rep.)

Leo Havener, Jr., Elk Grove Water Service
Mel Johnson, City of Sacramento
Clarence Korhonen, City of Elk Grove
Herb Niederberger, Sacramento County/Sacramento County Water Agency
Albert Stricker, City of Rancho Cordova

Staff Members

Darrell Eck, County of Sacramento/Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA)
Daniel Jones, County of Sacramento/Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA)
Ramon Roybal, County of Sacramento/Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA)

Others in Attendance

Jafar Faghieh, MWH
Keith Wallace, MWH
Eric Tsai, MWH
Walter Sadler, City of Folsom

2. Public Comment

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

3. Consent Calendar

The draft meeting minutes for the meeting held on March 14, 2007, were reviewed for final approval.

Motion/Second/Carried – Stuart Helfand moved, by a second from Mel Johnson to approve the minutes.

4. Introduction to the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Project Database:

Jafar Faghih, Eric Tsai, and Keith Wallace from MWH presented an ARB IRWMP Project Database user interface tool. The tool would provide a mechanism for modifying existing projects and for adding new projects to the ARB IRWMP Project Database.

5. Discussion on Appointment of Permanent Executive Director

Chair asks for report on May 15, 2007 meeting between SCWA and the Water Forum regarding the appointment of a Permanent Executive Director. Darrell Eck reports that the meeting was cancelled.

Herb Niederberger suggests to the Board that Darrell Eck be named as Executive Director with the understanding that he cannot commit more than 25-30 hrs/month from his duties at SCWA. Discussion follows as to whether or not 25-30 hrs/month is enough time to fulfill duties as Executive Director. Darrell responds that up to this point he has committed much more than 25-30 hrs/month as Interim Executive Director because of the administrative work involved in setting up SCGA but reasons that as the CSCGMP moves into full implementation, the stated 25-30 hrs/month will be sufficient to act as Executive Director. His reason being that implementation of the CSCGMP will be handled mainly by SCGA staff allowing the Director to step back and assume the role of steward.

Move made by Stewart Helfand to name Darrell Executive Director, seconded by Sandi Russell. Move halted as representatives from all five signatories are not present (City of Folsom absent). Decision made to postpone official decision until June meeting.

6. Financial Report

Darrell Eck distributes the “Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority Financial Statement For The Period Ending April 30, 2007”.

Question from Ed Smith asking whether or not the excess budget from current fiscal year can be carried over to the next fiscal year. Darrell responds that absent some unforeseen detail, it should be able to.

Question from Herb Niederberger asking why on the “Invoice and Payment Detail” sheet, notes 1 and 3 states “Check Returned”. Darrell to ask Susan Purdin for an explanation.

Action Item: Appointment of Budget Committee

Volunteers for Budget Committee: Ken Payne, Ed Crouse, Leo Havener, Herb Niederberger, and Darrell Eck.

Issue rose pertaining to the Brown Act and the requisite number of Board members needed for vote and approval. Darrell to report back on the Brown Act and need for notice of a meeting of the Budget Committee.

7. Executive Director's Report

- **Appointment of Board and Alternate Members:** Leo Havener appointed as alternate Board member representing Elk Grove Water Service effective April 11, 2007.
- **Well Protection Program:** Schedule to be made available at next meeting.
- **Well Monitoring Program:** Darrell presents two maps, one displaying SCGA's monitoring polygons in relationship to wells currently monitored by SCWA and another showing wells monitored by USBR, SMUD, and Cal DWR. Darrell reports that SCGA staff is currently working to identify appropriate monitoring wells within each monitoring polygon.

Leo Havener suggests that sourcing of monitoring wells should begin with participating SCGA water purveyors. Darrell concurs citing the fact that purveyor wells often offer the best attributes for long term groundwater level and quality monitoring.

- **Public Outreach Program:** Darrell asks for feedback regarding the Public Outreach Plan previously distributed to the Board and suggests that the Board move forward with implementing this plan.

Darrell reports that he and SCGA staff will be meeting with the Sacramento County Environmental Management Division to discuss EMD related action items in the CSCGMP.

Kerri Howell reports that she regularly appears on Chanel 14 and would be willing to use this time to outreach on behalf of SCGA.

- **South Area Water Council:**

8. Directors' Comments

Stewart Helfand asks about the dates of future SCGA meetings. Darrell Eck responds that bi-monthly meetings may be appropriate in the future, but for now SCGA will continue meeting monthly and can cancel meetings if agenda is empty.

No other comments.

9. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Leo Havener moves to adjourn, seconded by Sandi Russell. Chair Scott Fort adjourns meeting at 10:29 a.m.

By:

Scott D. Fort
Chairperson

6/13/07
Date

Attest:

Michelle S. Fiorino

6/13/07
Date

