

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Wednesday, March 13, 2013; 9:00 am

10060 Goethe Road

Sacramento, CA 95827

(SASD South Conference Room No. 1212 – Sunset Maple)

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.

The public shall have the opportunity to directly address the Board on any item of interest before and during the Board's consideration of that item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Board is welcomed, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 9:00 a.m.**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public who wish to address the Board may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - Minutes of January 9, 2013 Board meeting.  
*Action: Approve Consent Calendar items*
- 4. 2011-2012 AUDIT REPORT**
  - Information presentation: Bill Konigsmark, Accounting Manager.  
*Action: Receive and file.*
- 5. FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 BUDGET**
  - Planning for the 2013/2014 fiscal year budget.  
*Action: Appoint a budget committee to prepare a budget recommendation for the 2012/2013 fiscal year.*
- 6. GROUNDWATER BANKING PROJECTS**
  - Presentation by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on TNC's Perspective on Groundwater Banking Opportunities in Sacramento County by Dan Wendell of TNC.  
*Action: Information presentation.*
- 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
  - a) Hydrologic Modeling Tools Evaluation
  - b) Local Groundwater Assistance Grant
  - c) Form 700
  - d) Nominations and Appointments to the SCGA Board
  - e) HydroDMS Data Requirements
- 8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Upcoming meetings –**

**Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting** – Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 9 am; 10060 Goethe Road, South Conference Room No. 1212 (Sunset Maple).

**AGENDA ITEM 3: CONSENT CALENDER**

**BACKGROUND:**

Minutes of the January 9, 2013 SCGA Board meeting.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*Action: Approve Consent Calendar items.*

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**January 9, 2013**

**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 Jim Peifer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Conservation Landowners  
Omochumne-Hartnell Water District  
Rancho Murieta Community Services District

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Elk Grove Water District  
Golden State Water Company  
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District  
Elk Grove Water District  
City of Elk Grove  
City of Folsom  
City of Rancho Cordova  
City of Sacramento  
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck, Executive Director, SCGA  
Heather Peek, Clerk, SCGA  
Ping Chen, SCGA

Others in Attendance:

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento  
Mark Roberson, Water Forum  
Rob Swartz, Sacramento Groundwater Authority  
Rodney Fricke, Aerojet Corporation  
Ali Taghavi, RMC

Member Agencies Absent

*Agricultural Interests*  
*Agricultural-Residential*  
*California-American Water Company*  
*County of Sacramento*  
*Public Agencies Self-Supplied*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Schubert pointed out a correction needed for the November 14, 2012 meeting minutes, under the Director's Comments, where it was noted that there were two wells set for destruction, when in fact it was a single well with two additional wells scheduled be destroyed.

The draft meeting minutes for the November 14, 2012 Board meeting were reviewed for final approval.

**Motion/Second/Carried** – Mr. Bettis moved, seconded by Mr. Schubert, the motion carried unanimously to approve the all items.

**4. 2012 – 2013 BUDGET STATUS**

Mr. Eck reported that fiscal year was near the half-way point and provided a brief update on the SCGA budget to date. Mr. Eck directed the Board's attention to a detail sheet which highlighted the overall budget and expenditures. The overall budget for the fiscal year was \$513,989, with expenditures to date of \$53,000, and a remaining budget balance of \$460,000. Mr. Eck then reminded that the overall budget was relatively large due to the application for a \$250,000 groundwater grant. Mr. Peifer stated that the action was to receive and file the budget update.

**5. WATER ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK**

Mr. Eck provided a brief overview of the presentations given to the board relating to issues concerning the development of a

water accounting framework and more specifically, groundwater banking within the central basin. Mr. Eck stated that the presentations also served as a precursor to forming a subcommittee, as was suggested at an earlier meeting, which would commence with informed discussions in order to provide recommendations to the greater board for a formal water accounting framework. Mr. Eck announced that staff at that time, would like the board to establish a subcommittee with a call for volunteers.

Mr. Peifer asked if Mr. Eck knew how often the subcommittee meetings would meet. Mr. Eck replied with once a month during the months that the Board did not meet for possibly an hour to an hour and a half at a time over the course of about a year.

Mr. Kamilos asked how many people were in mind for the subcommittee. Mr. Eck responded that around three interested board members would be appropriate so as to provide an opportunity to have different perspectives. Mr. Eck further explained that it was expected that as progress was made on developing the framework, specific questions could arise which may necessitate re-inviting some of the same people who had previously made presentations, in order to provide more detailed explanations of their project proposals.

Mr. Crouse asked if any consultants might be needed and if so what kind and what would the budget permit. Mr. Eck said it was a possibility and that it might become more apparent as an outcome of the subcommittee meetings and that if it was needed it could be folded into the next year's fiscal budget.

Mr. Schubert (Golden State Water Company), Mr. Eising (City of Folsom), Mr. Ramirez/Mr. Ocenosak (SRCSD), Mr. Lowry (Omochumne-Hartnell), Mr. Bettis (Conservation Landowners) Mr. Peifer (City of Sacramento) and Mr. Kamilos (Elk Grove Water District) volunteered to from the subcommittee.

## **6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Eck reported that the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) in conjunction with Regional Water Authority (RWA) is working on an agreement with the California Water Foundation on a grant to evaluate hydraulic modeling tools. The grant will be designed to assist stakeholders within the region to understand which is the best tool for the various types of analysis that may be required going forward. Mr. Eck then announced that Form 700's would be due by April 1<sup>st</sup> and submit them to Ramon Roybal. Mr. Eck then provided an update regarding board nominations to fill vacant seats announcing that Tom Mahon was nominated as the primary, with Charlotte Mitchell as alternate, by the Farm Bureau to represent Agricultural Interests and that their expected approval date was February 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Eck then mentioned that with the passing of Ed Smith that staff would be working on filling that his vacate seat.

## **7. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Peifer reported that the City of Sacramento had commenced the drilling of a new well. He stated that up to two wells could be drilled with one went to the upper aquifer and one to the lower aquifer at the Shasta Park site. Mr. Peifer referred additional questions to Brett Ewart, Associate Engineer, with the City.

Mr. Wilson announced that the City of Elk Grove had been awarded a Prop 84 grant for constructing dry wells within urban settings. He reported that the City would be installing dry wells and monitoring wells in residential, commercial, and roadside settings. The dry wells would be pretreated via bio-swales and other means. The project would look at the

effectiveness of dry wells over a three year period specifically, the quality of water going into the groundwater aquifer, which will then be reported to the Water Board. The locations would include one along Grant Line Road, one at the City’s corps yard, and one in a residential location. Mr. Lowry asked as to the exact purpose of the study. Mr. Wilson replied that they were interested in the effectiveness of dry wells in concert with low impact development for recharging groundwater aquifers and localized flood attenuation. Mr. Wilson stated that the City has already been monitoring an existing dry well located at a CVS Pharmacy located at the corner of Bradshaw Road and Calvine Road for the past couple of years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upcoming Meetings –**

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**AGENDA ITEM 4: 2011-2012 AUDIT REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:**

Information presentation on the annual audit of the Authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 by Bill Konigsmark, Accounting Manager.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*Action: Receive and file.*



**AGENDA ITEM 5: FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 BUDGET**

**BACKGROUND:**

In order to have the budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year in place by the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year the budget will need to be approved by the Board at the May 8, 2013 meeting. To facilitate this, staff is requesting that the Board appoint a budget committee to work with staff in making a budget recommendation to the Board for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. Additionally, water purveyors are requested to submit groundwater pumping data for 2012 to assist in the budget development process.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*Action: Appoint a budget committee to prepare a budget recommendation for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.*

**AGENDA ITEM 6: GROUNDWATER BANKING PROJECTS**

**BACKGROUND:**

At the March 14, 2012 Board meeting Mary Lou Cotton from Kennedy/Jenks discussed groundwater banking in California, cited specific examples considered in the development of the Water Accounting Framework for the North Basin, and provided a brief update on more recent activities involving groundwater banking statewide. Ms. Cotton's presentation provided a general picture of groundwater banking and illustrated the diversity of approach and application taken by various agencies and interests in addressing the specific needs of their stakeholders, community, and customers. At the May 19, 2012 Board meeting Rob Swartz presented the factors considered and the process used in developing the Water Accounting Framework for the Sacramento Groundwater Authority's North Basin. On September 12, 2012, the Sacramento Regional Sanitation District made a presentation on a recycled water based groundwater banking project in the Central Basin this was followed by a presentation by East Bay MUD on November 14, 2012 of their concepts regarding groundwater banking and its potential placement in the Central Basin.

Today's presentation is the third in a series of presentations focused on groundwater banking projects contemplated for the Central Basin. The Nature Conservancy will be making a presentation on Groundwater Banking Opportunities in Sacramento County.

Making today's presentation will be Dan Wendell of TNC.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

*Action: Information presentation.*

**AGENDA ITEM 7: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a) Hydrologic Modeling Tools Evaluation
- b) Local Groundwater Assistance Grant
- c) Form 700
- d) Nominations and Appointments to the SCGA Board
- e) HydroDMS Data Requirements

**March 13, 2013**

**TO: SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY BOARD**

**FROM: DARRELL ECK**

**RE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a) **Hydrologic Modeling Tools Evaluation** – RWA has finalized an agreement with the California Water Foundation for a grant to help identify information and analytical tools needs in the region, which would support Integrated Regional Water Management for the lower American River Basin. The grant funds an effort led by RWA, with SGA, SCGA, and Placer Groundwater Management Group representatives serving as a steering committee, to identify regional informational and analytical tool needs, evaluate and recommend enhancements to existing tools, and to potentially implement some of the recommended enhancements. The initial steering committee meeting was held on January 31, 2013 with a follow-up meeting held March 4, 2013. This effort is scheduled for completion in 2013.

A follow-up process in 2014 would look at implementing recommendations from the previous evaluation including: developing partnering agreements to identify roles and responsibilities for long-term management and maintenance of analytical tools, implementation of recommended upgrades of analytical tools, and documentation of those upgrades.

- b) **Local Groundwater Assistance Grant** – Ninety-eight grant applications were submitted for a 2012 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant. Total funds requested were \$23.6 million; total grant funds available is approximately \$4.7 million. On February 15, 2013 the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the preliminary scoring for the 98 grant applications. According to this preliminary scoring the Groundwater Authority scored 39 out of 40 points awarded. On February 27, 2013 DWR held a Technical Advisory Panel/Public Meeting to discuss the scoring process and to receive public comments. Comment period closed on March 6, 2013 and a final decision is expected in May 2013. Grant agreements are tentatively scheduled to be executed in July 2013.
- c) **Form 700** – At the beginning of each year the State of California requires designated positions within the Authority to file Conflict of Interest Form 700 (see Authority Policy 100.2 for disclosure categories). These forms are to be submitted to the SCGA office no later than April 1, 2013. Please address them c/o Ramon Roybal, 827 Seventh Street, Room 301, Sacramento, CA 95814. Forms can be located online at:

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=500/>

d) **Nominations and Appointments to the SCGA Board** – The following is a status report on nominations and appointments to the Board.

- Appointments that are complete:
  - Agriculture – Tom Mahon (Board member) and Charlotte Mitchell (Alternate)
  - Public Agencies Self-Supplied – Christine Thompson (Board member)
  
- Pending Nominations
  - Ag-Res – expired September 30, 2012

Those who have not submitted nomination letters are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

e) **HydroDMS Data Requirements** – In order to continue to provide high quality information and analysis on the condition and management of the groundwater basin it is important to have as complete as possible data information on groundwater levels, quality, and pumping. The availability of this information is reliant on the efforts of individual water purveyor stakeholders. Staff recognizes that each purveyor has important tasks to complete as part of their business and that time is short; please consider the submission of this information to the Groundwater Authority in a timely manner as part of that business.