

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)
Governing Board Meeting
Final Minutes
March 12, 2014

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

Bruce Kamilos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Tom Mahon, Agricultural Interests
Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners
Ron Lowry, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
Ed Crouse, Rancho Murieta Community Services District
David Armand, California-American Water Company
Dave Ocenosak, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Darren Wilson, City of Elk Grove
Britton Snipes, City of Rancho Cordova
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Forrest, Williams Jr., Sacramento County Water Agency
Jose Ramirez, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Staff Members:

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

Others in Attendance:

Mark Roberson, Water Forum
Joe Turner, Brown and Caldwell
Ali Taghavi, RMC Water and Environment
Jim Blanke, RMC Water and Environment

Rodney Fricke, Aerojet Corp.
Bill Konigsmark, Department of Water Resources
Alex MacDonald, RWQCB-CVR
Craig Altare, MWH

Member Agencies Absent

Agricultural-Residential

City of Folsom

City of Sacramento

Public Agencies Self-Supplied

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The draft meeting minutes for the January 8, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed for final approval.

Mr. Kamilos reminded the Board of an agenda item from the January meeting titled, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority Basin Management Objective Threshold Development and Recharge Mapping Project, which was tentatively approved contingent upon legal counsel's review and on staff providing the scope of work, schedule, and budget to the Board. On January 10, 2014, the Executive Director provided the required information and legal opinion to the Board members via e-mail. Mr. Kamilos stated that he was under the opinion that as a result of those actions; the board item was completed. The Board concurred with that opinion.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Schubert, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

Action: Approve Consent Calendar items.

4. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Eck provided a mid-year budget update reporting that expenditures as of December 31, 2013, which accounted for 50% of the budget year, were \$93,917, leaving an approved budgetary amount of \$460,133 to work with. Expenditures to date were about 17% for the fiscal year.

Action: Receive and file.

5. FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 BUDGET

Mr. Eck reported that in order to have the budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year in place for by the beginning of the fiscal year, a budget would need to be approved by the Board at the May 14, 2014 meeting. To facilitate this, staff requested that the Board appoint a budget committee to work with staff in making a budget recommendation. Additionally, water purveyors were requested to submit groundwater pumping data for 2013 to assist calculating annual budget contributions.

Mr. Bettis, Mr. Ocenosak, Mr. Schubert, and Mr. Kamilos volunteered to serve on the budget committee for development of a fiscal year 2014/2015 budget recommendation.

Action: Appoint a budget committee to prepare a budget recommendation for the 2014/15 fiscal year.

6. 2012/2013 AUDIT REPORT

Bill Konigsmark, Accounting Manager, Sacramento County Water Agency, presented the 2012/2013 audit report and its contents.

Action: Information Presentation.

7. UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION PROGRESS AT AEROJET

Alex MacDonald, Regional Water Quality Control Board, presented an informational update on the groundwater remediation progress at Aerojet.

Mr. Lowry asked how deep the contaminated water percolates. Mr. MacDonald replied that on Aerojet property, groundwater is between 10 – 12 feet below ground surface to the east and drops to about 100 feet as you progress to the west. He stated that some of the plumes that extend towards Mather Field were due to injections of water treated for TCE in the early 1980's that also contained perchlorate which was not treated during that time. The injected water was sent down to about 200 feet and had since migrated down to about 300-400 feet.

Mr. Kamilos asked if these remedial efforts go on indefinitely or are there projections? Mr. MacDonald responded that the estimate for the Western Operable Unit is 240 years. On property in the major source areas, they are not sure how it will be cleaned up; rather the focus is on containing the plume in order to keep it from migrating off the property. The concentrations within the plumes are diminishing but the extent remains the same.

Mr. Bettis inquired as to which contaminants crossed the American River into Carmichael and Hoffman Park. Mr. MacDonald replied that it was NDMA and that the biggest question is how it actually got there because the highest concentrations are off Aerojet's property.

Mr. Ocenosak inquired about the practical treatment threshold of NDMA. Mr. MacDonald replied that the treatment method utilizes UV light, though at a great energy expense, to reach detection levels of around two parts per trillion (PPT). Mr. MacDonald then stated that as the order of treatment magnitude drops from 100 PPT to 10 PPT, double the amount of power is required and that furthermore, as the treatment limit goes from 10 PPT to 2 PPT, the energy consumption grows exponentially thus making it exceptionally difficult and costly to approach the MCL of 1.3 – 3 PPT which is the threshold that Aerojet is treating to.

Action: Information presentation.

8. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES SELECTION POLICY

Mr. Eck referred to previous discussions by the Board in September of 2013 and January of 2014 that led for a need to have a uniform understanding of how architectural and engineering services are procured, and thus staff recommended that the Board adopt the Architectural and Engineering Services Selection Policy. In general, the proposed policy defined what the meaning of architectural and engineering services is, and provided examples of what could potentially be included as part of those services. The proposed policy also allowed for a consultant to provide services at a cost of \$50,000 or less to be selected pursuant to a selection process determined by the Executive Director. Architectural and Engineering Services costing more than \$50,000 would be obtained by a competitive proposal process by issuance of request for proposal or the issuance of request for qualifications as determined by the Executive Director. A contract of such services would be subject to approval of the Board of Directors. The policy also provided a condition where the Board may waive the policy at any time or may waive the competitive proposal process in the case that an engineering firm had satisfactorily performed the previous project or demonstrates extensive background and working knowledge of the work to be performed or is recognized authority in the field. Mr. Eck added that the proposed policy was identical to the adopted policy of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority. Staff's recommendation was to adopt the policy.

The board discussed the proposed policy and determined that it would like to see more specific language regarding the Executive Director's discretion to initiate a non-competitive bid process. Mr. Kamilos offered to provide Mr. Eck with a copy of his agency's policy regarding such processes. It was decided to carry the item to a future meeting for approval pending modification of the proposed policy addressing the Board's concerns.

Action: Carry proposed Architectural and Engineering Services Selection Policy forward for approval at a future Board meeting pending edits to language regarding Executive Director's discretion to initiate a non-competitive bid process.

9. REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Mr. Eck introduced the final policy for review which addressed how information provided to the Authority for inclusion in the HyrdoDMS would be handled in terms of access and confidentiality. Mr. Eck stated that the treatment data provided by the individual purveyors to the Authority would remain in their discretion.

Mr. Schubert asked about an agreement referenced in section 3.9.3 and whether or not his agency has signed it and if so, where is said agreement. Mr. Eck replied that he would have to follow up at a later time to determine which agreement was being referenced.

Action: Make recommendations as necessary.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a) Local Groundwater Assistance Grant – Mr. Eck announced that the State had signed the Authority's AB303 grant agreement and that once the final agreement was received by the Authority, work on the project would commence.
- b) Questionnaire for the Groundwater Accounting Program (GAP) – Mr. Eck reminded that Board to submit the questionnaires so that the GAP committee could continue with development of the program.
- c) Form 700 – Mr. Eck reminded the Board that Form 700's were due with a wet signature by April, 1, 2014. Mr. Eck stated that the complete submission of those forms were a point of emphasis with the auditors.

11. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Crouse recommended that staff provide an update of proposed groundwater legislation at future meeting. Mr. Crouse then announced his retirement from the Rancho Murieta Community Services District effective July 1, 2014.

Mr. Armand announced that six of his company's wells would not meet the proposed hexavalent chromium standard and that they have noticed that granular activated carbon has a detrimental effect on this concentration.

Mr. Schubert mentioned his discussions with the City of Folsom regarding the transfer of groundwater to their system due to the drought conditions. The goal would be to zero out the groundwater transfers by the end of each year such that they would receive surface water equal to the groundwater provided although it may end up that the balance may have to be made up over multiple years. Mr. Schubert also mentioned that he would be speaking with

the Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA) on an agreement to wheel water through SCWA to Folsom, due to not having direct access from Golden State.

Mr. Ocenosak requested that staff moves forward with the RMC contract to carry out the AB303 grant project that staff provide regular progress updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings –

Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 9 am; 10060 Goethe Road, South Conference Room No. 1212 (Sunset Maple).

By:



Chairperson

5/14/14

Date



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