

Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Agenda

When: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday, September 19, 2022

Where: Galt Police Department Community Room
455 Industrial Drive
Galt, CA 95632

Zoom: [Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88278830265](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88278830265)
Meeting ID: 882 7883 0265
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Call to Order

1. Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present
 - a. Agenda Overview
 - Extending meeting length to 3 hours
 - b. Three-month look ahead

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - Limit of 3 minutes per speaker.

Comment will be received for items not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the agency. The Board will hear comment but may not take action on issues raised on non-agenda items.

Action Items

2. Consent Items (*5 minutes*)
 - a. Minutes – August 15, 2022
 - b. Consideration of Findings Related to Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361
 - c. Financial Report – September 2022
3. Preparation for Grant Writing (*20 minutes*)
4. Projects and Management Actions Update (*45 minutes*)
5. Outreach and Engagement Update (*15 minutes*)

Informational Items (*15 minutes*)

6. Long Term Funding
7. CGA Staff Report
 - a. Delta Conveyance Project
8. DWR North Central Regional Office Update
9. Upcoming Agenda Items
10. Director/GSA Comments

Adjourn Meeting

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2022 - 9:00am

Call to Order: 9:05 am

- 1) Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present
 - a. Directors in Attendance: Rick Wohle, Mark Stretars, Don Notolli, Herb Garms, Gary Thomas, Jay Vandenburg, Leo VanWarmerdam

Action Items

- 2) Consent Items
 - a. Agenda – August 15, 2022
 - b. Minutes – July 18, 2022
 - c. Consideration of Findings Related to Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361
 - d. Financial Report – August 2022

Director Thomas moved to approve all consent items.
Director Garms seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.
- 3) Projects Committee Update
Director Thomas moved to approve the scope of work with some reorder/restructure.
Director Vandenburg seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.
- 4) Memorandum of Agreement: Grant Writing Services from SAFCA
Director Garms moved to direct staff to bring the agreement back with EKI SOW.
Director Thomas seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.
- 5) Long Term Funding
SCI Consulting presented an introductory presentation
- 6) Outreach and Engagement
Staff provided an update on outreach and engagement efforts
- 7) Governor’s Executive Order N-7-22 Update
Staff provided an Ad hoc meeting recap. They will ask the County about approving permits that meet baseline requirements and does increase consumption.

Information Items

- 8) CGA Staff Report
CGA Staff provided a monthly update on other activities.

9) DWR North Central Regional Office Update
DWR Staff provided a monthly update on DWR activities.

10) Upcoming Agenda Items

- None.

11) Director Comments
No Director comments.

Adjourn Meeting

Vice-Chair Stretars adjourned the meeting by consensus at 12:07pm

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Financial Report

September 2022

<u>Expenses</u>		
Description	Vendor	Amount
Staff Support (SRCD, August)	Sloughhouse RCD	\$ 6,400.00
Staff Support (SSCAWA, August)	SSCAWA	\$ 6,380.00
Legal Services (November-April)	Downey Brand	\$ 11,110.50
Legal Services (May-June)	Downey Brand	\$ 2,656.00
Legal Services (July)	Downey Brand	\$ 3,829.00
Total Monthly Expenses		\$ 30,375.50

<u>Revenue</u>		
Description	Source	Amount
Total Monthly Revenue		\$ -

Monthly Change	\$	(30,375.50)
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Agenda Item #: 3

Agenda Item Subject: Preparation for Grant Writing

To: CGA Board of Directors

From: CGA Staff

Background

To fund GSP implementation, CGA may consider applying for grants. One example of an upcoming grant is the [DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program](#) which is estimated to open in the Fall/Winter of 2022. Grant details are still being finalized by the State, but awards are estimated to be ~\$2 million. Technical consultants have been tasked with further scoping out activities related to Projects and Management Actions and Data Gaps to inform the technical aspects of the grant. However, there will likely be additional grant writing needs.

Completing a grant application is a significant task. To ensure CGA has a strongly written application, there are a variety of potential options:

1. Reallocate staff responsibilities
2. Contract with a grant writing professional/consultant
3. Partner with another organization
4. Other?

Staff Recommendation

- Provide direction on grant writing approach.

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Agenda Item #: 4

Agenda Item Subject: Projects and Management Actions Update

To: CGA Board of Directors

From: CGA Staff

Background

PMA Committee Update

Based upon the discussion during the August 2022 CGA Board meeting, greater clarification and presentation of the Projects and Management Actions activities is needed. Staff recommends that we develop recommended actionable tasks to guide PMA implementation to better encompass the path to sustainability that CGA is leading. Under this approach, CGA will focus on two water management aspects: Supply Augmentation and Demand Management. Exploring projects on parallel tracks allows for CGA to focus on forwarding the primary goal of Supply Augmentation while exploring the various methods of reducing the water demand across all groundwater users.

Working under this approach, the PMA Committee would convene in the week following the CGA Board Meetings, working with staff and consultants to develop recommended actionable tasks to guide PMA implementation. The details of these tasks will be used to inform the various upcoming grant opportunities and other aspects of CGA's work. A "report-back" template has been created to ensure the discussion, ideas, perspectives, outcomes, and recommendations are accurately communicated to the CGA Board.

PMA Updates

Following the August 15th CGA Board Meeting, the Scope of Work with EKI was modified to reflect Board comments. A contract was entered into with EKI and staff have begun working with the consultants on the following items:

- Estimate Recharge Distribution from model to characterize potential recharge benefits from small scale, local projects
- Farmer's Demand Management Survey
- Conservation/ Land Repurposing methods
 - Target highest water usage
 - Preliminary identification of medium and low water use
- Data gap prioritization

Farmer's Demand Management Survey

The purpose for the survey is to gauge local awareness groundwater sustainability, gather information on water use practices and methods, measure landowner interest in participating in Demand Management programs, and get a sense for the compensation level needed to adequately incentive farmer participation. The information gained from the survey will be used to help

identify approaches to reduce groundwater pumping in the Cosumnes Basin that are consistent with the interests of farmers.

Partner Project Update: OHWD's Laguna Del Sol Project

On August 23rd, 2022, the Laguna Del Sol dry well pilot study officially began testing recharge potential. The onsite domestic well can deliver up to ~400gpm to the dry well. The initial infiltration rate was calculated to be ~370gpm, exceeding expectations. Currently, operations are continuing calibrate monitoring instruments and equipment and ensure viability of a long term, 24/7 test this winter.

Attachments

- [Farmer's Demand Management Survey \(link\)](#)
- [Video of Laguna Del Sol Dry Well \(link\)](#)

Staff Recommendation

- Affirm PMA Committee charge/work plan and CGA's approach to projects.

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Agenda Item Subject: Outreach and Engagement

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: CGA Staff

Background

CGA and CBI Staff have reassessed timeline for Outreach and Engagement particularly related to raising awareness about the GSP and planning/implementing projects. The following are draft/proposed activities/timing:

- Outreach & Engagement Team calls as-needed
- Ongoing Various To Be Determined Outreach & Engagement Strategies
 - e.g., newsletter, agriculture/landowners survey, improving mailing list, etc.
- Sept/Oct: Projects Overview webinar
- Mid-Oct: CGA Funding Workshop
 - (w/ SCI consultant)
- Oct/Nov: Joint Projects Comm and CAC mtg
- Nov: Informal ag focus group
- Nov/Dec: Potential field trip
- Dec: Public Workshop

Staff Recommendation

- Share ideas for how you / GSAs could help conduct outreach and engagement (e.g., share the landowners survey).
- Provide feedback to inform planning upcoming O&E activities.

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Agenda Item Subject: Long Term Funding

To: CGA Board of Directors

From: CGA Staff

Background

Ryan Aston with SCI Consulting will be giving an introductory presentation on the timeline and process for developing a fee study at the August CGA Board Meeting. To continue the discussion, SCI Consulting and CGA Staff will coordinate a 2-hour workshop for the Board (this will be open to the public).

Attachments

- [August CGA Board Presentation: SCI Consulting, Long-Term Funding \(link\)](#)

Staff Recommendation

- Provide availability for an upcoming workshop dedicated to long-term funding.

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Agenda Item #: 7
Agenda Item Subject: CGA Staff Report

To: CGA Board of Directors
From: CGA Staff

Watershed Coordinator Report

- Monitoring Well Access Agreements: CGA Staff are working to organize GSA monitoring well access agreements ahead of the October monitoring event. GSAs will need to work with Staff to ensure all monitoring wells are accessible in October. Staff are working with MLJ Environmental to finalize field visit dates and coordinate with well owners.
- Ongoing coordination with DWR and USDA on OHWD's Laguna Del Sol Recharge Project – technical expertise, well diagnostics, geophysical and hydrological data gathering
- The CARCD DOC Multibenefit Land Repurposing Grant application is continuing to be developed. The grant application window is expected to be open and closed by the end of the calendar year.

Water Forum

Links: [Water Forum Website](#) | [Water Forum 2.0 Information](#)

- CGA staff are tracking conversations regarding the Water Forum 2.0 agreement.

AB 2201 – GSA: Groundwater extraction permit: verification

Links: [AB 2201 CA Legislative Info Website](#)

- AB 2201 did not pass this legislative session.
- [Executive Order N-7-22](#) permitting requirements are still in place.

Delta Conveyance Project

Links: [Project Website](#)

- DWR is holding two more virtual public hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIR (September 22 & 28) and will be accepting written comments through October 27, 2022.
- On August 11, 2022, the Delta Counties Coalition released a response to the Governor's newly release [Water Supply Strategy](#) and the Delta Conveyance Project. [Read response here.](#)