

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024 - 8:30am

** A recording of this meeting can be found on the CGA website at:
<https://www.cosumnesgroundwater.org/meetings/>

Call to Order: 8:38am

1) Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present

Directors in Attendance: Gary Thomas, Mike Selling , Leo VanWarmerdam, Chris Hunley, John Mulrooney, Herb Garms, Gary Silva, Jay Vandenburg, Rick Ferriera, Mike Wackman, Mark Stretars, Lindsey Carter, Pat Hume

Regular Business Action Items

2) Consent Items

- a. Agenda – February 7, 2024
 - b. Minutes – December 6, 2023
 - c. Financial Report – January and February 2024
- *Treasurer’s Report

*Director Thomas moved to approve the Agenda and Minutes.
Director Stretars seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.*

Treasurer Rick Ferriera provided a report/update on CGA Financials including current invoices, Profit and Loss statements and the Budget vs. Actuals. The Board discussed the financial report and several invoices in question regarding EKI and Downey Brand. Financial procedures were discussed as there is not currently a General Manager for CGA and it was suggested that a PO or Scope of Work for financial procedures be developed. The Board would like to know who is responsible for providing direction to consultants, in particular. An Ad Hoc Finance Committee Meeting will be held to further discuss these items.

EKI agreed to close out the original contract and move forward with the current contract. They will present the draft Annual Report at the March 2024 meeting.

*Director Thomas moved to approve the Financial Report with the stipulation that the original EKI contract be closed out.
Director Stretars seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.*

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3) CGA Cost of Service Study Development Update

Ryan Aston from SCI Consulting Group presented an update on the CGA Cost of Service Study to the Board. The Board looked over the proposed cost allocations and the implementation timeline. There was a discussion regarding the 5% contingency escalator and whether a Producer Price Index (PPI) should be utilized over a Consumer Price Index to measure inflation. Furthermore, the Board discussed keeping a Reserves Account open for each GSA to fund project and management actions (PMA's).

Final direction was provided to Ryan to move forward with the \$10 per irrigated acre fee with the 5% contingency escalator cap while utilizing a PPI indicator. Ryan will present a draft Fee Study Report to the Board at the March 2024 meeting.

Informational Items

9) Committee Reports

The Outreach and Engagement Committee Chair, Teresa Flewellyn, presented a report on the upcoming CGA BBQ to be held at Hendrickson Hall on February 28 from 12 - 2pm. Invitations were sent out to irrigators the last week of January 2024 with a QR code to RSVP on it. Board members are invited and welcome to invite anyone they personally know who has provided support to CGA over the years. This BBQ will serve as a 'Thank you' to them. The O & E Committee is preparing for the BBQ based on the RSVP's that come in.

Link to RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CGABBO>

10) CGA Staff Reports

CGA Staff provided a list of questions for the Board to consider as we head into the Fiscal year 24 - 25. These questions regard staffing changes and whether a General Manager should or can be hired for CGA. These questions will be re-presented at the March 2024 meeting and emailed to the Board to keep in mind until that time. Staff also reminded the Board that Chair and Vice Chair elections will need to be held in June 2024.

11) CGA Counsel Reports

None.

12) DWR North Central Regional Office Update

Virtual update provided via a memo in the [Agenda Packet](#)

13) Director/Member GSA Comments

None.

14) Upcoming Agenda Items

The following items were identified:

- Draft Fee Study Presentation

- -Draft Annual Report Presentation
- Staffing Services
- CGA Projects (Sloughhouse RCD's WETA project, for example)
- Financial Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

15) Public Comment

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Hunley adjourned the meeting by consensus at 11:24am.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CGA ARE HELD ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **MARCH 6, 2024 AT 8:30AM.**