

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2024 - 8:30am

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

**Call to Order: 8:37am**

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 – March 6, 2024
- b. Minutes – February 7, 2023
- c. Financial Report – March  
\*Treasurer’s Report

*Director Thomas moved to approve the Agenda and Minutes.  
Director Hume 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. A reserve pot still needs to be developed for CGA as spelled out in our annual budget. CGA will be looking into acquiring a credit card via Five Star Bank to make payments easier. The treasurer is now set up online via Quickbooks and Five Star Bank and has access to the accounts.

*Director Thomas moved to approve the Financial Report.  
Director Carter seconded the motion.  
The motion passed with all in favor.*

**Regular Business Action Items**

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

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timeline. There was a discussion regarding the budget and updating it once the Financial Ad Hoc Committee approves a budget for the new fiscal year. The budget was adjusted to reflect the reserve policy with an increase in the \$108,000 allocated. A straw poll was taken to decide on moving forward with the \$10 per irrigated acre fee and all were in favor. There was also a straw poll taken on a 20% movement from the admin & mgmt portion of costs to the state-mandated requirements. OHWD abstained and the rest of the Board were in favor. Ryan will present a final Fee Study Report to the Board at the April 2024 meeting.

#### 4) EKI Annual Report Draft Presentation

John Fio from EKI presented the Annual Report for the Water Year 2023 as required by SGMA. The Annual Report shall be submitted to DWR before April 1st of each year. The WY 2023 report provided no undesirable results. The Board asked clarifying questions and provided general feedback on the presentation.

*Director Thomas moved to approve the Annual Report.*

*Director Stretars seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed with all in favor.*

#### 5) Spring Groundwater Monitoring

The Board discussed switching from CGA-based monitoring with EKI taking the lead to a GSA-led monitoring where each GSA is responsible for collecting their own data and submitting it to EKI. Sloughhouse RCD presented an example of what those costs might be for each GSA and what the reduction would be for CGA as an entity.

*Director VanWarmerdam moved to have each GSA conduct their own monitoring beginning in Spring 2024.*

*Director Garms seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed with all in favor.*

#### 6) Staffing Services

This item was tabled.

### **Informational Items**

#### 7) Committee Reports

The Outreach and Engagement Committee Chair, Teresa Flewellyn, presented a report on the recent CGA BBQ, held at Hendrickson Hall on February 28 from 12 - 2pm. There was a wonderful turnout with 20 new Farmers Surveys collected, raffle prizes distributed, over 30 new contacts added to the CGA database and great food and conversation. Wildeye presented information on their Telemetry programs, Supervisor Pat Hume gave a heartfelt speech and Sacramento Farm Bureau distributed information on upcoming events. The committee will be looking to do something similar in the future.

#### 8) 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 April 2024 meeting. Staff also reminded the Board that Chair and Vice Chair elections will need to be held in June 2024.

9) CGA Counsel Reports  
None.

10) DWR North Central Regional Office Update  
DWR update provided via a memo in the [Agenda Packet](#)

13) Director/Member GSA Comments  
None.

14) Upcoming Agenda Items  
The following items were identified:  
- Final Fee Study Presentation  
- DWR Presentation

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

15) Public Comment

**Adjourn Meeting**

*Chair Hunley adjourned the meeting by consensus at 11:47am.*

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF CGA ARE HELD ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **April 3, 2024 AT 8:30AM.****