

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2024 - 8:30am

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

Call to Order: 8:42am

1) Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present

Directors in Attendance: Gary Thomas , 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 – April 3, 2024
- b. Minutes – March 6, 2023
- c. Financial Report – April
*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. A reserve pot still needs to be developed for CGA as spelled out in our annual budget for \$70,000. 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 VanWarmerdam seconded the motion.
The motion passed with all in favor.*

Regular Business Action Items

3) DWR PGSP 5-Year Period Review and Plan Amendment Process Presentation
Chelsea Spier from DWR presented on the GSP 5-Year update and discussed the recommended actions which are more in line with a required action. The Tulare Basin has not met these recommendations and the state is having to intervene on their behalf. Chelsea discussed the

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purpose of this guidance, the plan amendments options, what a periodic review consists of and expectations for the corrective actions.

4) CGA Cost of Service Study Development Update

Ryan Aston from SCI Consulting Group presented a final 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 budget and updating it once the Financial Ad Hoc Committee approves a budget for the new fiscal year. Each GSA can work with Ryan in the future if they need consultation. There was an overall consensus to a Prop 26 approach and a flat rate of \$35.58 per entity for Public Water Systems fees. The Board also discussed how filling data gaps will be a GSA priority for CGA and that a community meeting may be the next step if CGA decides to move forward with that approach.

Director Hume moved to approve the Final Fee Study with the public water systems entity charge included.

Director Thomas seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

5) Letter of Agreement - Water Services

The Board discussed the Galt Irrigation District's request for a Letter of Agreement (LOA) from the Bureau of Reclamation to draft a temporary water supply contract from the American River Division of the Central Valley Project which would allow access to an expanded surface water supply and potentially decrease groundwater usage in the basin. As this is a mutually beneficial agreement for the entire Cosumnes Subbasin, Galt ID is requesting CGA as an entity to provide the \$5,000 deposit to the Reclamation. The LOA would be effective until February 28, 2025. CGA may be able to be the applicant next year if we decide to apply again.

Director Thomas moved to approve and pay the \$5,000 deposit for the LOA.

Director Silva seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

Informational Items

6) SGMA/GSP Implementation Update

Staff provided the Board with a brief update on the Spring Groundwater Monitoring efforts with a reminder to send EKI the data once collected to process as part of the Annual Report. CGA Staff sent out the monitoring guidelines, data and information to each GSA via email so they may conduct their own monitoring this Spring. Mid-April is the suggested timeline for the Groundwater Monitoring for Spring 2024. EKI also provided a 3-month look ahead of activities and actions they will be focused on, per the Board's request.

7) Committee Reports

The Outreach and Engagement Committee Chair, Teresa Flewellyn, presented a report on the recent O & E meeting. The committee is working on a draft Spring Newsletter and as well

as discussing future events for the new fiscal year. The Farmer's Survey was also completed and the results will be shared with the Board.

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. 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:

- Draft FY 24-25 Work Plan
- FY 24-24 Draft Budget
- Draft Staff Services Agreement
- CGA Board Election

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

15) Public Comment

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Hunley adjourned the meeting by consensus at 11:22am.

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