

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
August 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: 8:42am

1) Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present

Directors in Attendance: Gary Thomas , Eric Wohle, Chris Hunley, John Mulrooney, Herb Garms, Gary Silva, Rick Ferriera, Mike Wackman, Mark Stretars, Lindsey Carter, Leo VanWarmerdam

Regular Business Action Items

2) Consent Items

- a. Agenda – August 7, 2024
- b. Minutes – June 5, 2023
- c. Financial Report – August
*Treasurer’s Report

*Director VanWarmerdam moved to approve the consent calendar.
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 has been developed at Five Star in the form of a Money Market with an initial deposit of \$70,000. CGA has also attained a Five Star credit card to pay for standard monthly invoices.

Regular Business Action Items

3) City of Galt Presentation on Carillion Well Project

Members of the City of Galt and Wood Rodgers, Inc presented to the Board on the City of Galt’s plan to construct a deep municipal supply well. This is a replacement well to replace the current non-operational and arsenic-ridden well. The City of Galt has 8 wells in total but only 4 are online with one pending and one planned (this well). The project’s goal is to increase their water supply to meet demands, reduce risk of wells going offline and reduce arsenic waste/amount of treatment to meet drinking water standards. Testing, environmental impact reports and well permitting through Sacramento County will occur as the project moves forward.

Finalized on:
October 2, 2024

The Board had many comments and questions regarding the well in the subbasin having to do with: the cone of depression, the 10,000 acre-feet a year deficit, groundwater depletion, meeting demands for new housing projects, etc. The City of Galt said there is no plan to deepen other wells at this time but did note that this depends on the fire protection demand.

4) CGA Committee Disbandment

Both the Projects and Management Committee (PMA) and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) have been largely dormant for over a year. The reason for this is that projects have been delegated to individual GSA responsibility while the CAC has morphed into the Outreach and Engagement Committee, who has been meeting regularly. Staff recommended that the PMA Committee be fully dissolved/disbanded while the CAC Committee is absorbed into the Outreach and Engagement Committee. Those wishing to participate in the O & E Committee will be welcome to, as former members for the CAC. This would be an official action and reflected in our records and our website.

Director Ferriera moved to approve the disbandment of the PMA and CAC Committees.

Director Silva seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

5) Teleconference Resolution

Staff presented to the Board an updated Teleconference Resolution that takes into account new guidelines put out by the state. The passing of this resolution ensures that CGA remains compliant with the Brown Act and meets legal requirements. This resolution may need to be updated every year if new guidelines emerge on a yearly basis, as they have been. The most noted change in this resolution is that board members can attend meetings electronically if they are sick/it is an emergency or if they clarify with staff beforehand so it can be noted.

Director Ferriera moved to approve the updated Teleconference Resolution.

Director Silva seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

6) DWR Corrective Actions - Questions

At the June 2024 CGA meeting, EKI presented the Recommended Corrective Actions (RCA's) put together by DWR. As discussed at that meeting, staff has arranged a meeting with DWR to ask specific questions to DWR staff regarding these RCA's. The DWR Team requests that CGA provide specific questions and/or materials to the Department ahead of the meeting to allow their technical staff to review them and be prepared to give constructive responses. Staff asked the Board what questions they would like answered, any.

1. Please clarify "recommended" vs. "required" actions
2. Please explain the subsidence action and what must be done to accomplish this
3. Are there specific timelines of completing the RCA's
4. Please explain the difference between a periodic evaluation and a plan amendment

Informational Items

7) DWR North Central Regional Office Update

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

8) SGMA/GSP Implementation Update

EKI provided a presentation on data gap filling for the CGA including requirements, timeline, and specific data gaps to be filled by certain GSA's. The majority of these data gaps noted need to be addressed before the October 2024 monitoring event. EKI also provided a 3-month look ahead of activities and actions they will be focused on, per the Board's request.

9) Committee Reports

The Outreach and Engagement Committee Chair, Teresa Flewellyn, presented a report on the recent O & E event attended, Herald Day. The committee is working on developing their meeting schedule for the 24-25 year as well as confirming Fall events that will be attended by at least one member of the committee. The Board is encouraged to attend all O & E events.

10) CGA Staff Reports

Staff will be looking to each GSA to provide updated data and information regarding their current groundwater fees, part of which will be collected by CGA at the end of the year as part of the Member Contributions. The Treasurer/Financial Ad Hoc Committee intends to have the Member Contribution Agreements ready to be distributed and be signed at the October CGA Board Meeting.

11) CGA Counsel Reports

None.

12) Director/Member GSA Comments

Galt ID, Sloughhouse RCD and Sacramento County provided updates regarding their GSA's recent meetings, current projects and plans for the year which can be found in the [Agenda Packet](#).

13) Upcoming Agenda Items

The following items were identified:

- Monitoring progress on RCA's
- Membership Contribution Agreements
- WETA Presentation
- Water Deficit Coalition
- Buy-in fee's

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

15) Public Comment

Adjourn Meeting

Director Carter adjourned the meeting by consensus at 11:35 am.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CGA ARE HELD ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **OCTOBER 2, 2024 AT 8:30AM.**