

**Cosumnes Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2025 - 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: Lindsay Carter, Rick Ferriera, Gary Silva, Russ Parker, John Griffin, Eric Wohle, Herb Garms, Mark Stretars, Chris Hunley, Leo VanWarmerdam, Pat Hume

Regular Business Action Items

2) Consent Items

- a. Agenda – February 5, 2025
 - b. Minutes – December 4, 2024
 - c. Financial Report – February
- *Treasurer's Report

Director Hunley moved to approve the consent calendar.

Director Stretars seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurer Rick Ferriera discussed the current financial status of the CGA including recent invoices and the percentage of the CGA's budget that has been spent by this date. He noted that we are well under budget for the FY 24-25 but should expect some larger invoices in Spring relating to the Annual Report, groundwater monitoring and more frequent CGA meetings, as needed. It was suggested that the Board be able to view the staffing documentation that details the monthly tasks the Secretary tends to. Staff will share this with the Board at the next meeting.

Regular Business Action Items

3) Draft Member Contribution Funding Agreement FY2 4-25

Staff presented the latest, amended version of the Member Contribution Funding Agreement for the fiscal year 24-25. Treasurer Ferriera provided an overview on the document and tied it back to the budget adopted in June 2024, as well as to the Rate and Fee Study which outlines the amount GSA's should contribute and how much they will retain. It was suggested that the Rate and Fee Study table be added as Exhibit 3 to the Funding Agreement. There was a suggestion from legal to make this document a long-term agreement moving forward so the Board does not have to worry about passing a new agreement every year.

The Board discussed the Reserves for CGA and how much may be needed to cover the 5-Year GSP Evaluation as well as to cover GSA's if they fall short on their contribution amount due to

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appeals. The 5% escalator written into the Rate and Fee Study was also discussed as GSA's may choose to increase their fees by 5% on a yearly basis for the next 5 years. It was made clear to the Board that no one is being asked to pay early, and that the fees in their totality, are due by June 30, 2025, but can be paid earlier if a GSA chooses to. Finally, it was recommended that staff look into creating a Reserve Policy.

Director Ferriera moved to approve the FY 24-25 Funding Agreement with the addition of the Exhibit 3 Table to the document.

Director Hunley seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

4) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) 5-Year Evaluation

In reviewing the original GSP that was submitted, staff and Board members have acknowledged that adjustments and/or plan amendments may need to be made in terms of originally proposed actions, possible grant programs and overall financial proposals. It was decided at the December 2024 meeting that any plan amendments would be made after our submission of the evaluation. However, we do need to show progress made towards the Project and Management Actions (PMA's) laid out in the GSP. The Board discussed what is needed to move forward, current projects such as the Harvest Water Project and the County's Cosumnes Multi-Benefit Project, and the EKI updates received by GSA's. This was a discussion item and no action was taken.

5) Water Coalition and Home Buy-In Discussion

This item was tabled.

Informational Items

6) DWR North Central Regional Office Update

DWR update provided via a memo in the Agenda Packet.

7) SGMA/GSP Implementation Update

EKI provided a 3-month look ahead as well as the Recommended Corrective Actions (RCA's) which DWR requires the GSA's to address before the GSP evaluation. EKI provided an overview on the RCA's including an adjusted timeline for the Annual Report, to be presented at a Special March meeting. The Board discussed creating a RFP/RFQ for consultants who can assist us with the 5-year Evaluation preparation and completion/submission. The Board provided direction to EKI to put together a scope and price for the Recommended Corrective Actions as they relate to the GSP requirements and Annual Report needs.

8) Committee Reports

The Outreach and Engagement Committee Chair, Teresa Flewellyn, presented a report on the upcoming CGA luncheon to be held on February 20, 2025 at Herald Fire Hall. A flyer for the Luncheon was distributed and the Board was encouraged to share the invitation and RSVP by February 13th. There will be a taco bar, raffle prizes, a presentation from the Sloughhouse RCD Water Efficiency Technician and desserts/beverages. Graciously, Pat Hume/Sacramento County has donated \$1,000 to the CGA for the Luncheon event. The updated 2024 Wrap Up CGA Newsletter was also shown and distributed to the Board.

9) CGA Staff Reports

Staff reported on the Special meeting to be held on March 5, 2025 which will be a shorter, condensed meeting to discuss the Annual Report and the Funding Agreement. The Board agreed that a special meeting should occur and staff sent out the official calendar invitation.

10) CGA Counsel Reports

None.

11) Director/Member GSA Comments

- Rick Ferriera reported that the Amador County GMA has a newly elected chair (Russ Parker) and that they will be looking to have discussions with local tribes and the City of Lone for potential partnerships/collaborations.
- Leo VanWarmerdam reported that he toured the sewer treatment plant and was interested in the two water tables and the Mehrten Foundation and how they impact or potentially do not impact shallow wells and flooding.
- Chris Hunley provided an overview of his position at the County which is the SCGSA Manager, working with all Sacramento County basins as needed and coordinating with the Planning Department and Emergency Management Department (well-permitting agency).

13) Upcoming Agenda Items

The following items were identified:

- Membership Contribution Agreement (March 5th Meeting)
- Annual Report (March 5th Meeting)
- Draft FY 25-26 Budget (April Meeting)
- City of Galt Presentation (April Meeting)
- RFI/RFQ for GSP Consultants (April Meeting)

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

14) Public Comment

Adjourn Meeting

Director Carter adjourned the meeting by consensus at 11:40 am.

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF CGA ARE HELD ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH.
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **MARCH 5, 2025 AT 8:30AM.****