Cosumnes Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Minutes March 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: 8:33am

1) Introductions / Determine if Quorum is Present

Directors in Attendance: Lindsay Carter, Rick Ferriera, Gary Silva, Russ Parker, John Griffin, Tim Reed, Herb Garms, Mark Stretars, Chris Hunley, Mike Wackman, John Mulrooney

Regular Business Action Items

- 2) Consent Items
 - a. Agenda March 5, 2025
 - b. Minutes February 5, 2025
 - c. Financial Report March *Treasurer's Report

Director Silva moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Hunley 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 35% of the CGA's budget that has been spent by this date. There are also about \$300,000 in reserves at this time with the expectation that by this time next year, we can easily be at the \$500,000 mark which puts it in a good place for the 5-year GSP Evaluation. 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 mentioned that CGA will be looking into creating P.O. 's going forward and will speak with consultants about this.

Regular Business Action Items

3) Draft Member Contribution Funding Agreement FY2 4-25

CGA Chair Carter presented the latest, amended version of the Member Contribution Funding Agreement for the fiscal year 24-25. There were amendments to the Terms including the nature of appeals, what happens if a GSA cannot pay the agreed-upon funds and how this will reflect a reduction in contributions (no in-kind payments).

There was discussion regarding invoices and collections of irrigation in the basin increases on a year-by-year basis and how CGA can adjust for this. There was also discussion about the possibility of a long-term funding agreement. This idea will be revisited for FY 25-26 and will be completed earlier in the year so timing is not an issue.

Director Ferriera moved to approve the FY 24-25 Funding Agreement with Exhibit Cost Update to fix the accounting error.

Director Hunley seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 10 in favor and 1 abstention.

4) Water Year 2024 Draft Annual Report

EKI Environment & Water has worked to complete Water Year 2024 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) Annual Report as required by SGMA. The Annual Report shall be submitted to DWR before April 1st of each year. GSA's are encouraged to provide comments and submit questions regarding the draft Annual Report to CGA Staff and EKI up until Friday, March 14. EKI will then finalize the report during the week of 3/17 - 3/21 to prepare it for submission.

EKI gave an overview regarding the PMA's including Harvest Water Project, the City of Galt's Recycled Water Project and SRCD conservation grants. EKI also discussed the stakeholder outreach efforts and data gap filling that are documented in the Annual Report. The Report provided a general overview of WY 2024 water levels, monitoring updates, cone of depression, supplemental wells added to the network ,land subsidence,and surface elevation.

There was also discussion around the Recommended Corrective Actions (RCA's) that were assigned to CGA. It was suggested that these be renamed Required Corrective Actions and that EKI develop a work plan and cost estimate for the Plan Evaluation, based on the RCA's, once the Board directs them to.

Director Ferriera moved to approve the draft WY 24 Annual Report for submission. Director Stretars seconded the motion.

The motion passed with all in favor.

Informational Items

- 5) DWR North Central Regional Office Update DWR update provided via a memo in the <u>Agenda Packet</u>.
 - 6) Upcoming Agenda Items

The following items were identified:

- Draft FY 25-26 Budget
- City of Galt Presentation
- EKI Proposal on RCAs

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

8) Public Comment

Adjourn Meeting

Director Carter adjourned the meeting by consensus at 10:33 am.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CGA ARE HELD ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 2, 2025 AT 8:30AM.