



## Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Evan Tuchinsky, Chair  
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Matt Doyle  
Tod Kimmelshue  
Kasey Reynolds

## VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ADJOURNED REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting Agenda

**May 8, 2024, 5:30 P.M.**

Chico City Council Chamber, 421 Main Street, Chico CA

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**VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
May 8, 2024**

**1. VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**2.1. APPROVAL OF THE 4/10/24 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

**Action:** Approve the Vina GSA meeting minutes.

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – IF ANY**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public may address the Board at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three minutes. The Board cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

**5. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

**6. REGULAR AGENDA**

**6.1. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) has vacancies for two (2) positions on its Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC): the Environmental Representative and the Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The Board will consider one application for the Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative position. **(Report – Dillon Raney)**

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Review the application and appoint a Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative to the SHAC.

**6.2. BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/25**

Staff will present the projected revenues from the Fee Study and seek guidance from the Board on specific line items. This discussion is in preparation for the anticipated adoption of the budget at the June meeting. **(Report – Kamie Loeser)**

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Discuss and give direction to staff.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

7.1. Butte County Public Health Department Quarterly Well Permit Summary. **(Information only – Dillon Raney)**

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Vina GSA Meeting will adjourn to a Vina GSA Board Meeting on **June 12, 2024**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chico City Council Chamber Building at 421 Main Street., Chico, CA and online via Zoom for viewing only.

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**MINUTES OF THE  
VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting of  
**April 10, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**  
Chico City Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Chico CA  
**IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM (viewing/listening only)**

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**1. VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

The Vina GSA meeting was called to order by Chair Tuchinsky at 5:31 p.m.

**1.2. Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:**

Evan Tuchinsky  
Jeffrey Rohwer  
Matt Doyle  
Todd Kimmelshue

**Board Members Absent:** Kasey Reynolds

**Management Committee Members Present:**

Christina Buck, Kamie Loeser, Kelly Peterson, and Dillon Raney (Butte County Department of Water & Resource Conservation (BCDWRC), Linda Herman and David Kehn (City of Chico), Jeannie Trizzino (Durham Irrigation District) and Valerie Kincaid (Legal Counsel).

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**2.1. APPROVAL OF THE 3/13/24 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

**Action:** Approve the Vina GSA 13/13/24 meeting minutes.

Board Member Kimmelshue motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Rohwer

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Board Members Kimmelshue, Board Member Doyle, Vice Chair Rohwer, and Chair Tuchinsky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Member Reynolds

ABSTAIN: None

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT – NONE**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Jim Brobeck provided comments to the Board.

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5. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

6. **REGULAR AGENDA**

6.1. **CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) has vacancies for three (3) positions on its Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC): Environmental Representative, Business Association Representative, and Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The Board considered one application for the Business Association Representative position. **(Report – Dillon Raney)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review the application and appoint a Business Association Representative to the SHAC.

Management Committee Member Raney informed the Board that there was one application received from Bill Chance for the Business Representative for the SHAC.

Board Member Kimmelsue made a motion to appoint Mr. Chance to the SHAC. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Rohwer.

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There were no public comments on this item.

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The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Board Members Kimmelshue, Board Member Doyle, Vice Chair Rohwer, and Chair Tuchinsky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Member Reynolds

ABSTAIN: None

6.2. **RATIFY LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR BUTTE COUNTY & DURHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR BUTTE COUNTY'S CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING/COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING)**

Butte County and Durham Irrigation District sought expedited letters of support from the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to apply for funding from the Butte County's Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding to implement several local water projects . The GSA Program Manager and Vina GSA Board Chair reviewed the proposed projects and confirmed they are in alignment with the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Plan's (GSP) objectives and projects., The Board reviewed the support letters for ratification. **(Report – Dillon Raney)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Ratify the letters of support for Butte County and Durham Irrigation District for the Butte County's Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding.

GSA Program Manager Raney provided the report. Management Committee Member Loeser asked the Board if they approve the process of having the Board Chair or Management Committee members signing letters of support and Board ratification of the letters if there is not enough time for the Board to consider the letters beforehand.

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There were no public comments on this item.

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Board Member Kimmelshue motioned to ratify the letters of support for Butte County and Durham Irrigation District for the Butte County's Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding, and the ratification process if needed in the future. The motion was seconded by Board Member Doyle.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Board Members Kimmelshue, Board Member Doyle, Vice Chair Rohwer, and Chair Tuchinsky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Member Reynolds

ABSTAIN: None

**6.3 PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 WATER YEAR ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE VINA SUBBASIN**

The Board received an overview of the Vina subbasin Annual Water Year Report for 2023. **(Report – Kelly Peterson and Luhdorff & Scalmanini).**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept as information and provide direction to Staff as appropriate.

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Jim Brobeck provided comments on this item.

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The Board provided comments and accepted the report. No direction was given.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Management Committee Members Loeser and Buck provided updates on the following items:

7.1 Butte County Public Health Department Quarterly Well Permit Summary

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Jim Brobeck provided comments on this Item.

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**8. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

The Vina GSA Regular Board meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. to a Vina GSA Closed Session in Conference Room 2 in the Chico Council Chamber Building.

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**1. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS OR BOARD DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

Members of the public may address the board at this time on the closed session item only; comments are limited to three minutes, or time limit as determined by the chair.

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There were no Board disqualifications or comments from the public on the Closed Session.

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**2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

**3. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

**3.1 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #23CV02789.**

**3.2 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #22CV00321.**

**4. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Chair Tuchinsky announced that no action was taken, or direction given on either of these items.

**6 CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT:**

The Vina GSA Board Closed Session meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on **June 12, 2024**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chico City Council Chamber Building at 421 Main Street., Chico, CA and online via Zoom for viewing only. .



**Vina**  
**Groundwater Sustainability Agency**  
**Agenda Transmittal**

**Agenda Item: 6.1**

**Subject:** Consideration of Appointments to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee

**Contact:** Dillon Raney

**Phone:** (530) 552-3589

**Meeting Date:** May 8, 2024

**Regular Agenda**

**Department Summary:**

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) receives input and recommendations on groundwater sustainability plan development and implementation from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC). As memorialized in the SHAC Charter (modified and approved October 11, 2023), the intent for the SHAC is to provide community perspective and participation in Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation. The Vina GSA SHAC is comprised of ten (10) members representing the beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the Vina Subbasin. Members must live or work in or represent an organization with a presence in the Subbasin. Interested individuals apply to the GSA and the GSA Board appoints at-large members to fill the SHAC seats.

Beginning on September 6, 2023, the Vina GSA initiated a call for applications to fill six (6) SHAC vacancies, adopting a rolling application process, which is explicitly stated on the Vina GSA website. As of April 10, 2024, the Board appointed four (4) members to the committee. However, two (2) positions remain vacant: the Environmental Representative and the Non-Irrigated/Rangeland Representative.

The Vina GSA has received one application from Ms. Holly Foster, who has applied for the Non-Irrigated/Rangeland Representative position. Upon review of Ms. Foster's application, she is eligible to serve on the SHAC. This position will expire in December 2027, to accommodate the recently adopted staggered terms, in which half the SHAC would be appointed every two years.

Currently, the GSA has not received applications for the Environmental Representative position.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Staff Recommendation:** Make one appointment to the Non-Irrigated/Rangeland Representative seat with term ending in 2027.



**Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency**  
**Stakeholder Advisory Committee Application**

*Updated 11/7/2023*

**Date submitted: April 22, 2024**

**First and last name: Holly Foster**

**Address, phone number and email address:** [REDACTED]

**Describe how you meet eligibility (circle one):** *to verify that you are a resident or are employed in the Vina GSA boundaries search the GSA Map View: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/index.jsp?appid=gasmaster&rz=true>*

- Resident living within the jurisdiction of the Vina GSA      Yes
- Employed at an organization with a presence within the jurisdiction of the Vina GSA      Yes

**Which at-large seat(s) are you applying for:**

- Agricultural representative
- Domestic Well User
- Environmental Representative
- Business Association Representative
- Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative

**1. Describe how you will represent the interest group(s) indicated above and communicate with other members of these interest group(s):** I am a co-owner of a multi-generational cattle ranching operation with parcels that lie within the Vina GSA boundaries. Additionally, I am a director and officer in the Butte County Cattlemen’s Association, and have served in that capacity for more than 15 years. Our association has played an active role in providing input to the Vina GSA, and I have been asked by our directors and president to apply for this position to help provide input representing rangeland/non-irrigated landowners within the boundaries.

**2. Current Occupation(s):**  
*Within the last 12 months*  
*Commercial Cattle Rancher*  
*Operations Manager, Western Video Market (Livestock Auction Company)*

**3. Current License(s) and / or Certifications:**  
*Professional or occupational, date of issues / expiration, including status*





Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Stakeholder Advisory Committee  
VinaGSA@gmail.com

**4. Relevant Education / Experience:**

*Applicant may attach resume containing this information and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating the application.*

Please see attached.

**5. Other Relevant Board(s) / Commission(s) / Committee(s) on which you serve / have served (paid or volunteer):**

*Please list name of organization, title, and date of service.*

Please see attached.

**6. Letters of Support:**

*For at-large seats, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate support from local organizations and community groups engaged in issues related to the interest that the applicant seeks to represent (i.e. environmental, business, agriculture, rural communities) by attaching letters of support. Submission of letters of support are not required, but are encouraged in order to demonstrate the applicant's ability to represent the interests of the stakeholder seats for which they are applying. Please list the organization, author and date of the letters of support attached here:*

**7. References:**

*List at least two personal and / or professional references. Provide the name, affiliation, title, phone number, and email address of each reference. References remain confidential.*

**8. Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you can contribute to the Vina GSA Advisory Committee:**

I am applying for this position at the encouragement of several industry stakeholders in order to have the interests of non-irrigator/rangeland ownership interests represented during this process.

NOTE: The Agency will keep all applications on file for one year from the date of receipt of the application.

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## EXPERIENCE

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### ***Video Operations Manager and Co-owner, Western Video Market—Cottonwood, CA*** (Jan. 2015—present)

Manage all facets of sale production for second-largest video cattle auction company in the United States.

- Manage all aspects of livestock auction business, including supervising support staff and contractors. Coordinate cattle consignments, contract and video submission with more than 60 individual field reps.
- Provide strategic direction for sale production and broadcast infrastructure. Manage multiple subcontractors and collaborate to produce video sales that market 400,000 head per year.
- Responsible for public relations and marketing activities, as well as advertising and sponsorship solicitation.
- Developed and implemented new business collaboration to expand service offerings in purebred and horse sales.

### ***Part-time Faculty, Feather River College—Quincy, CA*** (Jan. 2018—present)

Teach *Cattle and Equine Marketing* an upper division course in bachelor's program.

### ***Self-employed, Crescent Communications Consulting*** (Aug. 1998—present)

Specialize in public relations and information outreach projects for a variety of clients, including, but not limited to:

- National Cattlemen's Beef Association Centers for Knowledge and Research Management and Public Opinion and Issues Management - Developed content for technical reports, meeting executive summaries and other outreach materials (2003 to present) and also served as interim managing editor for NCBA *National Cattlemen* magazine
- Agricultural Council of California – Public relations support for events and special communications projects.
- Freelance journalist and public relations consultant - Published photos and more than 100 articles in national and regional agricultural trade publications. Developed promotional brochures, press releases and public relations collateral for several organizations.
- Volunteered to develop outreach strategy and identify target audiences for California Rangeland Trust (501-C3). Produced brochures, promotional video and communication materials to support outreach and fundraising plan.

### ***Contract Audit Specialist, IMI Global, Inc.—Castle Rock, CO*** (July 2009—Dec. 2014)

- Conducted more than 250 third-party audits to verify marketing and production claims to qualify cattle for USDA and private verification programs for domestic and international markets.
- Actively recruited and retained new clients to grow the company's business in California, Oregon and Nevada.
- Provided public relations consulting for company marketing initiatives, including WhereFoodComesFrom.com

### ***Operating Partner, Foster Ranch—Oroville and Taylorsville, CA*** (Lifetime)

- Partner in family-owned commercial cattle operation. Specialize in genetic selection, marketing and record-keeping.
- Implemented managerial accounting procedures and business succession plan.

### ***Associate Editor, Drivers, Vance Publishing—Lenexa, KS*** (May 2008—July 2009)

- Wrote monthly column, feature articles and contributed photos for nationally circulated beef publication.
- Contributed content for e-newsletters, Web site and other on-line media outlets.

### ***Director of Public Relations, California Beef Council—Sacramento, CA*** (April 2003—May 2008)

- Coordinated communications directed at retailers, foodservice operations, consumers and cattle producers.
- Oversaw all consumer and trade media relations. Developed proactive and issues response media policies. As lead spokesperson, quoted or have had press materials cited in more than 200 articles (May 2003 to May 2008) in publications with a combined circulation of more than 12 million. Conducted media interviews with major network television affiliates, radio and daily publications during crisis situations (Dec. 2003 and Feb. 2008).
- Managed and coordinated dairy beef quality assurance (BQA) outreach and research programs.

### ***Managing Editor, Beef Today, Farm Journal Media—Philadelphia, PA*** (Feb. 2001—Feb 2003)

- Responsible for all phases of editorial management, including article calendar, freelance assignments, and budgeting.
- Wrote monthly column, feature articles and contributed photos for nationally circulated beef industry publication.

## EDUCATION

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**Colorado State University, Department of Animal Sciences—Ft. Collins, CO** (1999—2001)

*Master of Science: Beef Industry Leadership Program, majoring in Beef Management Systems*

- Research associate; member of 1999 National Market Cow and Bull Beef Quality Audit research team
- Master's thesis projects evaluated timed estrus synchronization protocols in beef cows

**California State University, Chico—Chico, CA** (1994—1998)

*Bachelor of Science: Agriculture with an option in Animal Science, Minor in Business Administration (graduated Cum Laude)*

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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**King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management—Kingsville, TX** (2009-2010)

*Certificate in Advanced Ranch Management (curriculum included Managerial Accounting, Systems Thinking, Current Issues in Ranching and Real Estate Law)*

**Appraisal Institute —Online Certification** (2013)

*Basic Appraisal Principles (State Code: 07754116) and Basic Appraisal Procedures (State Code: 07754117)*

**Farm Credit Council Services —Loan Officer Certification Program** (2013)

*Fundamentals of Agribusiness Analysis*

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Australia**—*Self-organized trip working on cattle operations and meeting with beef industry contacts* (Feb.—May 1999)

**Uruguay**—*Ten-day tour of cattle operations, processing facilities, research institutions and marketing organizations* (March 2002)

**Mexico**—*Represented National Cattlemen's Beef Association Young Producers Council at Five Nations Beef Alliance* (Oct. 2011)

## SKILLS

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- ✓ Proven written and oral communications skills. Experience in technical writing, popular press and photography.
- ✓ Lifetime experience in production agriculture. Knowledge enhanced through graduate studies.
- ✓ Competent in Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, Power Point, FrontPage, Publisher), design software (InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, DreamWeaver) and accounting applications (Quick Books)

## ACTIVITIES/MEMBERSHIPS

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- California Farm Bureau Federation—Beef Advisory Committee member, Butte County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (2002-present), First Vice President, Land Use Committee Chair, Membership Committee Chair
- California Rangeland Trust Board of Directors—Outreach Committee Chair (2002-2006)
- California Cattlemen's Assoc., (Beef Quality Assurance Committee Chair), National Cattlemen's Beef Assoc. (Young Producers Council Vice Chair 2011) and Cattle-Fax (2001-present)
- American Society of Animal Science (1998-present)
- Chico State Livestock Judging Team member (1997)
- California Women for Agriculture member (1996-present)
- California CattleWomen, Inc. member (1995-present)—Promotion Committee Chair (2002)
- Butte County Cattlemen's Assoc. (Treasurer, 2022-present, President 2017-2022, Secretary 1994-1999, Board Member 2008-present) and Plumas-Sierra Cattlemen's Assoc.
- American Quarter Horse Assoc. Amateur (1990-present) and National Reined Cow Horse Assoc. (2012-present)

## HONORS ACHIEVED (SELECT)

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- California Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award (2004)
- American Agricultural Editors' Association Second Place, Team Story category (2002)
- California representative for National Cattlemen's Beef Association Young Cattlemen's Conference (2002)
- Women's Forum of Colorado Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Recipient (2000)
- Butte County Cattlemen's Association "Cattleman of the Year" (2022)



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**REFERENCES**

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**Dave Daley, Ph.D.**

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**Vina  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Agenda Transmittal**

**Agenda Item: 6.2**

**Subject: Budget Considerations for FY 24/25**

**Contact:** Kamie Loeser

**Phone:** 530-552-3589

**Meeting Date:** May 8, 2024

**Regular Agenda**

**Department Summary:**

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) developed a comprehensive Five-Year Budget that details the anticipated costs associated with achieving compliance under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This budget includes operational costs related to the Vina GSA and costs for implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The budget forecasts included in the Final Fee Report identified an estimated revenue need for the Fiscal Year 2024/25 at \$495,250 without taking into consideration the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program funds. The budget includes costs for GSA Administration such as personnel, office expenses, professional services, Assessor's Office fees, legal expenses, and a contingency reserve.

At the June 2024 meeting, the Vina GSA Board will be considering and adopting the FY 24/25 Budget; therefore, guidance from the Board is sought on specific line items that are crucial for maintaining robust operations and compliance. These include litigation services, ongoing professional services outside of SGM grant projects, and a contingency reserve.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Requested Action:** Provide direction to staff on specific line items including litigation services, ongoing professional services, and contingency reserve.

VINA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY			
Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Fee Study Budget and Proposed Adjustments			
May 8, 2024			
	FY 23/24 Budget	FEE STUDY Revenue Projections for FY 24/25	Adjustments (Recommended)
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Cost Category-GSA Admin.</b>			
<b>Professional Services - Admin.</b>			
Professional Audit Services (every 2 years, 21-22, 22-23)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,500
Financial Services	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Legal Services	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
Program Manager (w/County management)	\$60,000	\$110,000	\$110,000
<b>Professional Services - Admin. Sub-total</b>	<b>\$87,500</b>	<b>\$167,500</b>	<b>\$145,000</b>
<b>Office Expense</b>			
Bank Fees	\$250	\$250	\$0
Insurance	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Outreach (per education and outreach plan)	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Website	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Office Expense Sub-total</b>	<b>\$6,250</b>	<b>\$16,250</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
Professional Services - GSP Implementation	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
Legal Defense Reserve	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$140,000
County Tax Roll Fee Support	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Contingency (10%)	\$0	\$26,775	\$0
<b>GSA Admin. Sub-total</b>	<b>\$202,750</b>	<b>\$294,525</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>
<b>Cost Category-SGMA Compliance</b>			
Annual Reporting (with continued DWR monitoring)	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
Five Year GSP Update w/Modeling Calibrations	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Surface-GW Interaction Modeling	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
GSA Coordination & Outreach (w/in and between GSAs)	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Data Management System Maintenance	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Long Term Financial Planning/Fees	\$65,000	\$12,500	\$87,000
Grant Procurement	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Contingency (8%)	\$0	\$13,800	\$0
<b>SGMA Compliance Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$186,300</b>	<b>\$87,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$267,750</b>	<b>\$480,825</b>	<b>\$412,000</b>
Inflation (3%)		\$14,425	\$12,360
<b>Total Operational Budget</b>	<b>\$267,750</b>	<b>\$495,250</b>	<b>\$424,360</b>
Fee/Accessible Acre (174,327 acres)	\$1.54	\$2.84	\$2.43

**Notes**

The cost for outside audit services has increased from \$5,000 to \$7,500, future years anticipate \$10,000

Legal services for Board meeting attendance and Fee Study review have historically been approximately \$20,000; proposed expense anticipates increase in hourly rate and Fee Study review/guidance

No bank fees, using County's financial system

Covered by SGM grant

Propose allocating funds for professional consultant services outside of SGM grant funded project activities, i.e., consultant for tax roll preparation

Estimates for litigation services range from \$60,000 to \$120,000 (range provided by legal counsel); additional \$20,000 for a total of \$140,000 covers anticipated coverage from FY23/24

No contingency has been added.

The Budget presented for adoption in June will incorporate anticipated revenues and expenses for the SGM grant projects and compliance line items

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Estimated outside direct costs that are not currently covered by previous fees collected and SGM grant funds; SGMA grant covers \$80,000 of Fee Study costs; direct costs include targeted landowner outreach notifications and public hearing mailings

Covered by SGM grant

No contingency has been added.

Table 4: VINA GSA - Long Term Funding Fee Project					
Updated Five-Year Revenue Projections - GSA Operational Budget (assuming NO DWR SGMA Implementation Grant Funds)					
5-Year GSP Implementation Inflation Adjustment	0%	3%	3%	5%	5%
Proposed	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Cost Category-GSA Admin.	FY23-24	FY24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28
<b>Professional Services - Admin.</b>					
Auditor	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Financial Services	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Legal Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Program Manager (w/County management)	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000
<b>Professional Services - Admin. Sub-total</b>	<b>\$167,500</b>	<b>\$167,500</b>	<b>\$167,500</b>	<b>\$167,500</b>	<b>\$167,500</b>
<b>Office Expense</b>					
Bank Fees	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Insurance	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Outreach (per education and outreach plan)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Website	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Supplies	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Office Expense Sub-total</b>	<b>\$19,250</b>	<b>\$16,250</b>	<b>\$15,750</b>	<b>\$15,750</b>	<b>\$15,750</b>
Professional Services - GSP Implementation	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Legal Defense Reserve	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
County Tax Roll Fee Support	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Contingency (10%)	\$32,075	\$26,775	\$24,725	\$24,725	\$24,725
<b>GSA Admin. Sub-total</b>	<b>\$352,825</b>	<b>\$294,525</b>	<b>\$271,975</b>	<b>\$271,975</b>	<b>\$271,975</b>
5-Year GSP Implementation Inflation Adjustment	0%	3%	3%	5%	5%
<b>Cost Category-SGMA Compliance</b>	<b>FY23-24</b>	<b>FY24-25</b>	<b>FY25-26</b>	<b>FY26-27</b>	<b>FY27-28</b>
Annual Reporting (with continued DWR monitoring)	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Five Year GSP Update w/Modeling Calibrations	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$40,000
Surface-GW Interaction Modeling	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
GSA Coordination & Outreach (w/in and between GSAs)	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Data Management System Maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Long Term Financial Planning/Fees	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
Grant Procurement	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Contingency (8%)	\$13,800	\$13,800	\$13,800	\$13,800	\$13,000
<b>SGMA Compliance Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$186,300</b>	<b>\$186,300</b>	<b>\$186,300</b>	<b>\$186,300</b>	<b>\$175,500</b>
TOTAL VGSA Administration (w/inflation adjustment)	\$352,825	\$303,361	\$288,294	\$301,892	\$315,491
TOTAL VGSA SGMA Compliance (w/inflation adjustment)	\$186,300	\$191,889	\$197,478	\$206,793	\$203,580
<b>TOTAL VGSA Operational Budget</b>	<b>\$539,125</b>	<b>\$495,250</b>	<b>\$485,772</b>	<b>\$508,685</b>	<b>\$519,071</b>

**Butte County Public Health Department  
Environmental Health Division**

# **Well Permit Summary**

**Quarter 2 (January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024) of Water Year 2024**



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## Definitions

**Permits Issued** – Number of new water well permits issued as new construction. This excludes repairs, destructions, abandonments.

**Permits Finaled** – Number of water well permits that have been finaled (i.e. final construction completed and well is operational). This excludes repairs, destructions, abandonments.

**Small Diameter Wells** - A well with an eight-inch or smaller diameter well casing.

**Large Diameter Wells** - A well with larger than eight-inch diameter well casing.

**Repair** – Well repair; this includes but is not limited to casing replacement, re-lining or perforation.

**Deepening** – Well deepening; increasing the depth of an existing well.

**Well Destruction** – Well is destroyed (sealed off) by an approved method.

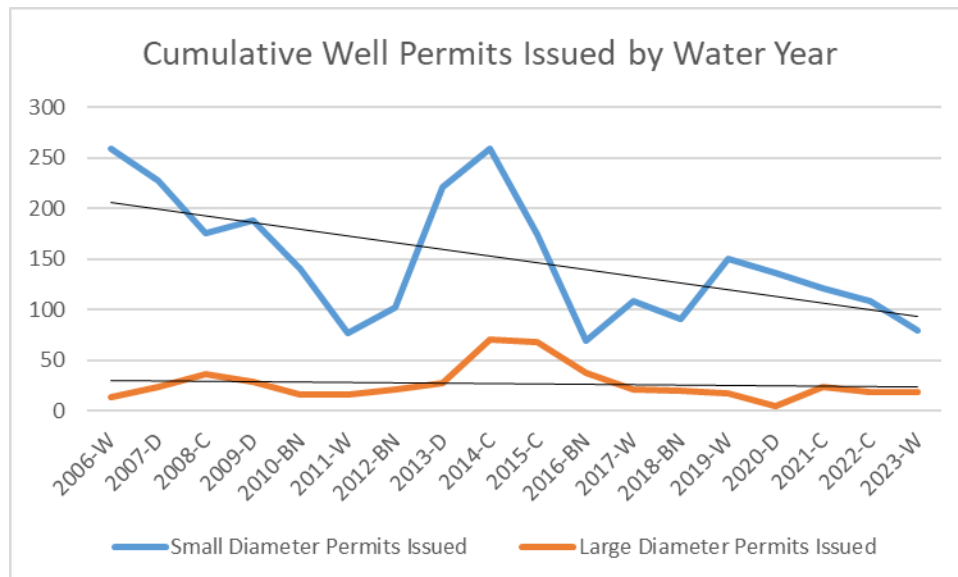
**Dry Well** – Well that is no longer producing water or has reduced production to a point where it can no longer sustain a residence (< 1 gpm).

**Water Year** - A water year is a 12-month period that extends from October 1st to September 30th. Water year can be classified into Wet (W), Above Normal (AN), Below Normal (BN), Dry (D) or Critical (C).

**Executive Order N-7-22** – Effective March 28, 2022 and impacting permits that have not been issued to date. Implements increased drought response and established requirements for water well permit reviews to include Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and ground water impact considerations prior to permit issuance.

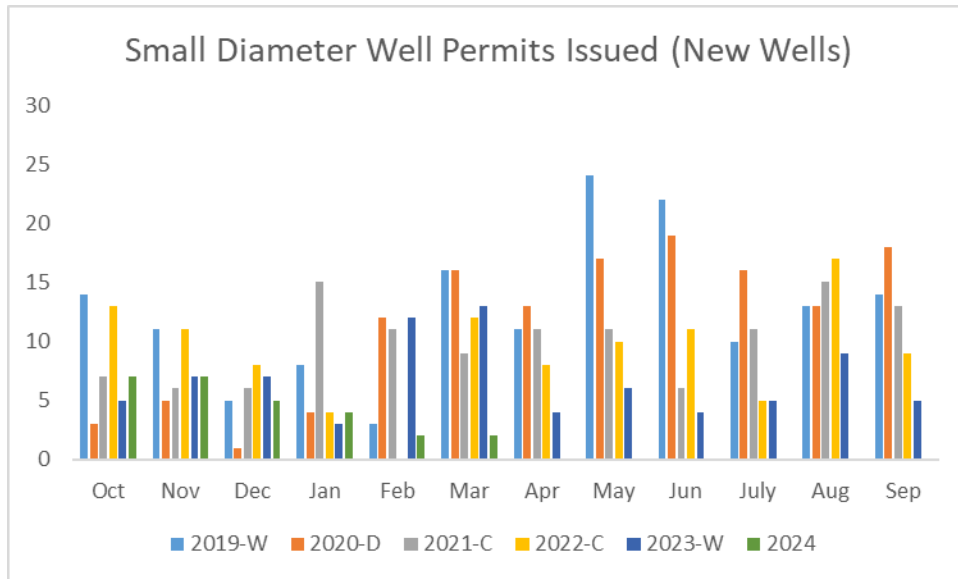
## Cumulative Well Permit Data

Cumulative (WY) Well Permits Issued		
Water Year	Small Diameter Permits Issued	Large Diameter Permits Issued
2006-W	260	14
2007-D	228	24
2008-C	176	36
2009-D	188	29
2010-BN	140	16
2011-W	77	16
2012-BN	102	21
2013-D	221	28
2014-C	259	71
2015-C	175	68
2016-BN	69	38
2017-W	109	21
2018-BN	91	20
2019-W	151	18
2020-D	137	5
2021-C	121	24
2022-C	108	19
2023-W	80	19
2024	27	3



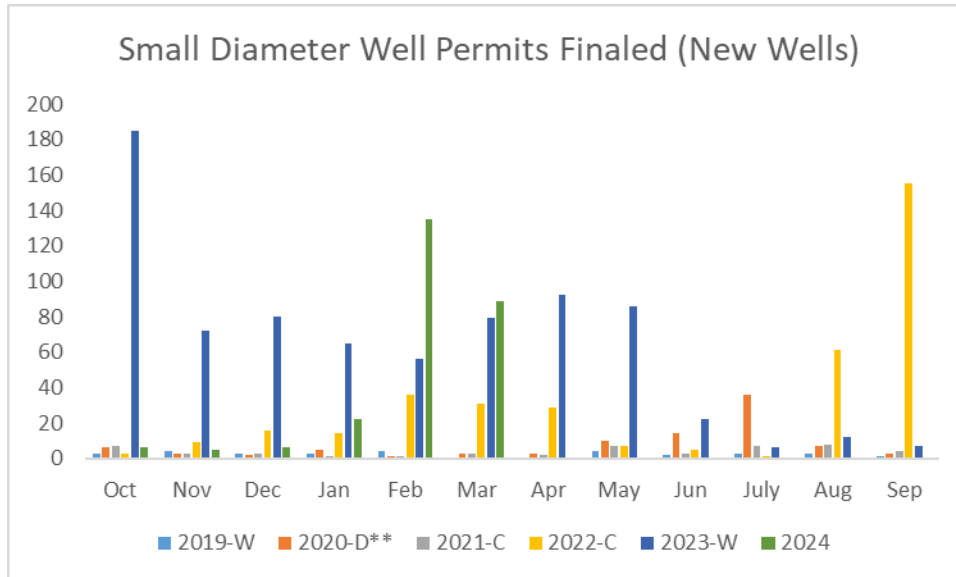
## Small Diameter Well Permit Data - Issued

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
<b>2015-C</b>	18	7	6	15	11	22	27	15	13	18	17	6	175
<b>2016-BN</b>	4	5	7	6	8	17	9	12	16	14	12	3	113
<b>2017-W</b>	7	7	5	2	8	19	19	17	17	5	2	1	109
<b>2018-BN</b>	6	3	2	3	6	4	10	13	12	10	13	9	91
<b>2019-W</b>	14	11	5	8	3	16	11	24	22	10	13	14	151
<b>2020-D</b>	3	5	1	4	12	16	13	17	19	16	13	18	137
<b>2021-C</b>	7	6	6	15	11	9	11	11	6	11	15	13	121
<b>2022-C</b>	13	11	8	4	0	12	8	10	11	5	17	9	108
<b>2023-W</b>	5	7	7	3	12	13	4	6	4	5	9	5	80
<b>2024</b>	7	7	5	4	2	2							27



## Small Diameter Well Permit Data - Finaled

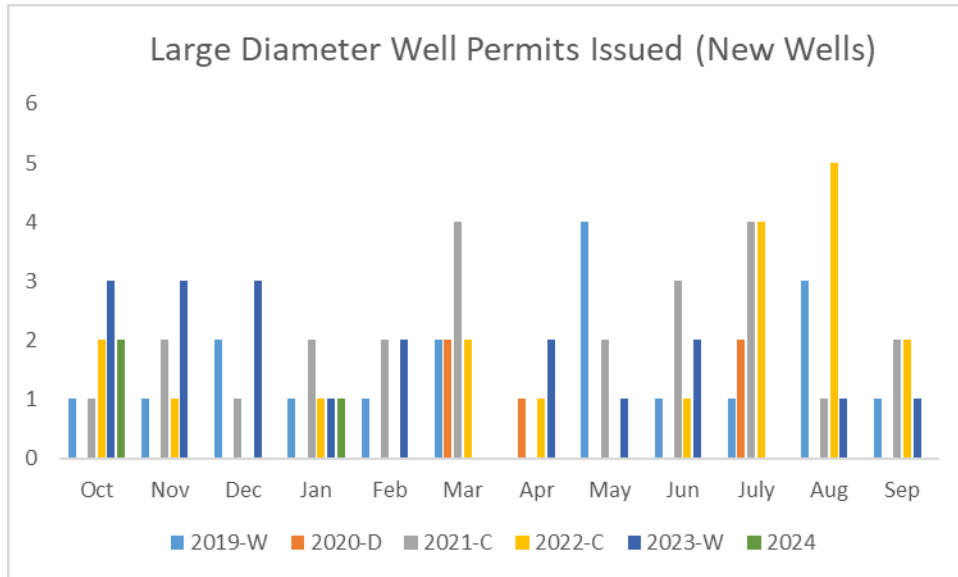
Water Year	Small Diameter Well Permits Finaled (New Wells)												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2016-BN	7	4	3	4	3	1	1	4	5	1	3	0	36
2017-W	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	0	5	0	24
2018-BN	1	4	3	1	1	4	2	4	6	1	5	3	35
2019-W	3	4	3	3	4	0	0	4	2	3	3	1	30
2020-D**	6	3	2	5	1	3	3	10	14	36	7	3	93
2021-C	7	3	3	1	1	3	2	7	3	7	8	4	49
2022-C	3	9	16	14	36	31	29	7	5	1	61	155	367
2023-W	185	72	80	65	56	79	92	86	22	6	12	7	762
2024	6	5	6	22	135	89							263



\*\*Water Year 2020 and forward - Implemented improvements to the well permit process and working on backlog status updates.

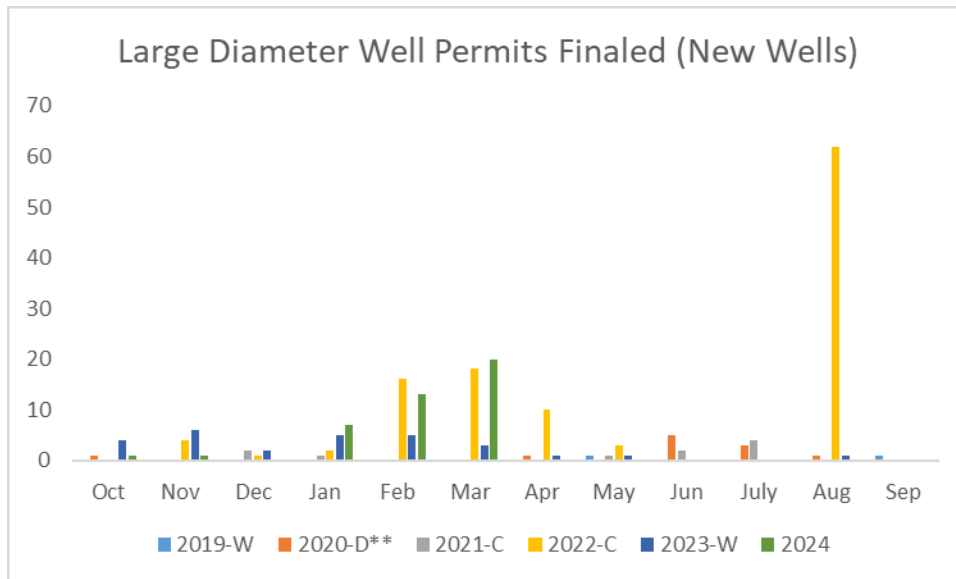
## Large Diameter Well Permit Data - Issued

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2015-C	5	7	4	1	4	7	6	1	5	14	11	3	68
2016-BN	5	5	5	5	4	2	2	3	1	1	2	3	38
2017-W	1	0	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	0	5	0	21
2018-BN	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	4	2	3	20
2019-W	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	4	1	1	3	1	18
2020-D	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	5
2021-C	1	2	1	2	2	4	0	2	3	4	1	2	24
2022-C	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	4	5	2	19
2023-W	3	3	3	1	2	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	19
2024	2	0	0	1	0	0							3



## Large Diameter Well Permit Data – Finaled

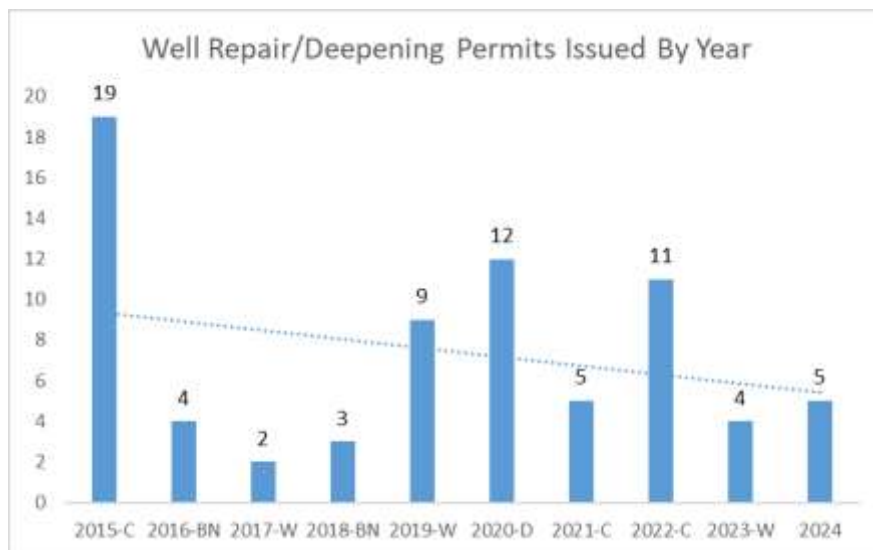
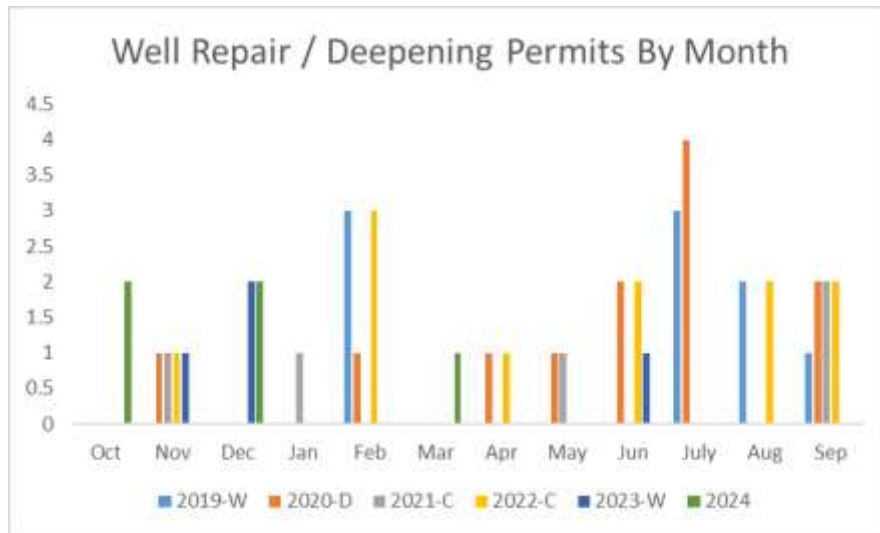
Water Year	Large Diameter Well Permits Finaled (New Wells)												
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2016-BN	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
2017-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
2018-BN	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	7
2019-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
2020-D**	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	3	1	0	11
2021-C	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	10
2022-C	0	4	1	2	16	18	10	3	0	0	62	0	116
2023-W	4	6	2	5	5	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	28
2024	1	1	0	7	13	20							42



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## Well Repair and Deepening Data

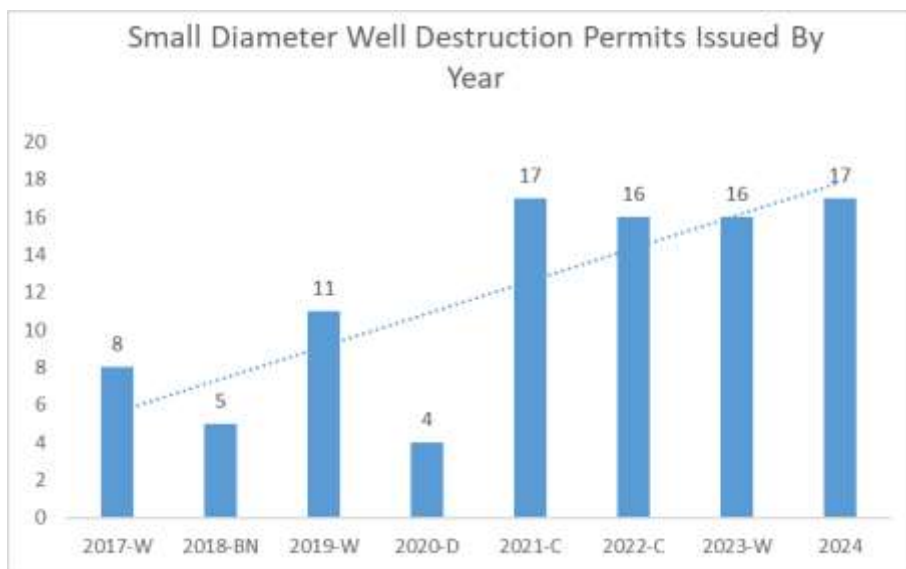
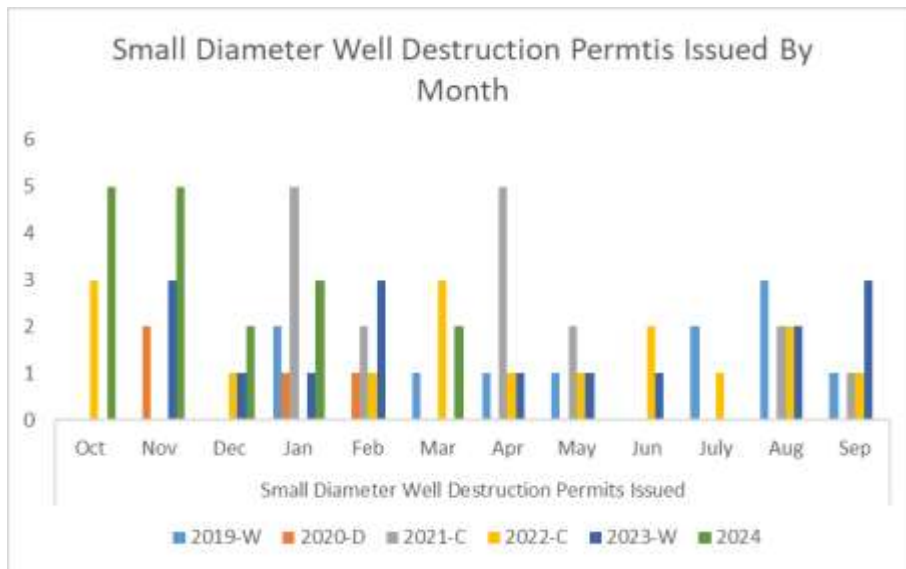
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2015-C	1	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	3	4	2	19
2016-BN	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	4
2017-W	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
2018-BN	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
2019-W	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	9
2020-D	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	4	0	12
2021-C	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	5
2022-C	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	11
2023-W	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
2024	2	0	2	0	0	1							5





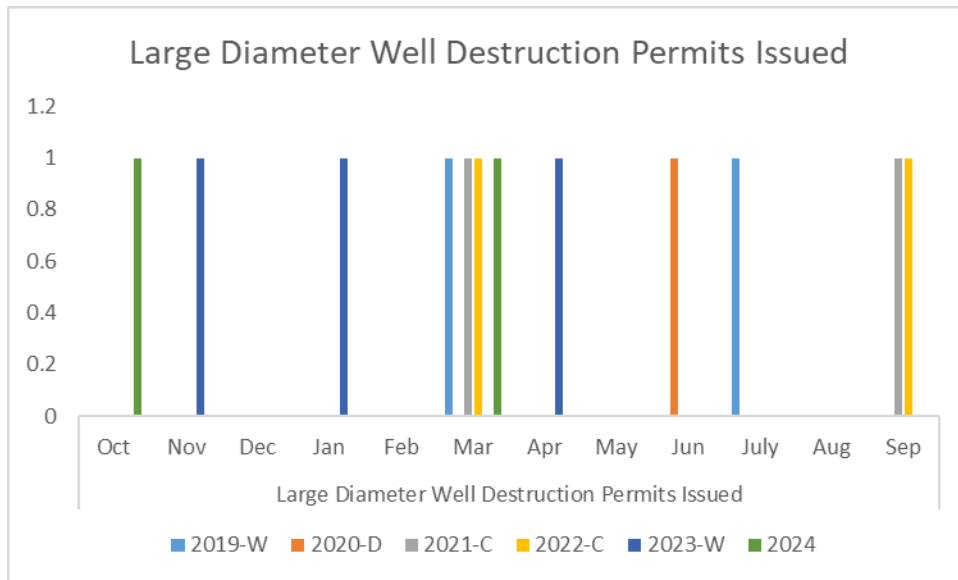
## Well Destruction Data – Small Diameter Wells

Water Year	Small Diameter Well Destruction Permits Issued												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2017-W	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	8
2018-BN	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5
2019-W	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	1	11
2020-D	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2021-C	0	0	0	5	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	2	17
2022-C	3	0	1	0	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	16
2023-W	0	3	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	16
2024	5	5	2	3	0	2							17



## Well Destruction Data – Large Diameter Wells

Water Year	Large Diameter Well Destruction Permits Issued												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2017-W	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
2018-BN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2019-W	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
2020-D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2021-C	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
2022-C	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
2023-W	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
2024	1	0	0	0	0	1							2



## Dry Well Data

Water Year	Dry Small Diameter Wells												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2021-C											11	7	18
2022-C	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	4	2	14
2023-W	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	12
2024	0	0	0										

Dry well data started being collected August 2021.

Water Year	Dry Large Diameter Wells												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2021-C											1	0	1
2022-C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						

Dry well data started being collected August 2021.

Dry Wells Reported to the Butte County Division of Environmental Health			
Water Year	Small Diameter wells ( 8" or smaller)	Diameter wells ( > 8" )	Total
2021 (C)	18	1	19
2022 (C)	14	0	14
2023 (W)	12	0	12
2024	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>

Dry Well Reports to the Butte County Division of Environmental Health by Community						
	Water Year				Total	Average Depth of dry wells (feet)
	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Chico	15	5	3	0	23	109
Durham	4	6	1	0	11	--
Cohasset	1	0	1	0	2	121
Berry Creek	0	1	0	0	1	--
Oroville	0	1	3	0	4	95
Bangor	0	1	0	0	1	--
Forest Ranch	0	2	0	0	2	520
Palermo	0	1	0	0	1	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	

## Executive Order N-7-22 Data

<b>Cumulative Number of Wells Under Executive Oder N-7-22</b>			
<b>By Subbasin</b>	<b>Small Diameter</b>	<b>Large Diameter</b>	<b>Totals</b>
BUTTE	0	20	20
VINA	4	10	14
WYANDOTTE	1	10	11
			<b>45</b>
<b>By GSA</b>	<b>Small Diameter</b>	<b>Large Diameter</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Biggs-West Gridley Water District	0	5	5
Butte County	0	5	5
Butte Water District	0	4	4
Richvale Irrigation District	0	2	2
Reclamation District No. 2106	0	2	2
Rock Creek Reclamation District	0	1	1
Vina	4	10	14
Western Canal	0	1	1
Wyandotte Creek	1	10	11
			<b>45</b>

