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**VINA GSA AND ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT GSA
JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 8, 2026

1. VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) BOARD MEETING

1.1. Call To Order: 3:33 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Katie Hawley – City of Chico
Derek Sohnrey – Durham Irrigation District
Jim Graydon – Domestic Well Users Representative
Tod Kimmelshue – Butte County (Vice Chair)

Board Members Absent:

Jeffrey Rohwer – Agricultural Well Users Representative (Chair)

2. ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT (RCRD) GSA BOARD MEETING

2.1. Call to Order - Meeting Called to order by RCRD Board Chair

2.2. Roll Call - Roll call taken by RCRD Board Chair

3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public were invited to address the Vina GSA and RCRD GSA Boards at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS: <NONE>

4. JOINT VINA GSA/RCRD GSA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

4.1. *Update on the Status and Anticipated Timeline for the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Periodic Evaluation

Staff provided an update on the anticipated topics and timelines over the next several months related to the Periodic Evaluation and gave a review of related webpages and interactive maps available to support the discussions. **(Verbal Report – Becky Fairbanks, SGM Grant Projects Manager)**

Requested Action: Accept as information.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS:

1.) Pam Stoesser

ACTION: Accepted as information

4.2. *North Sacramento River Corridor (NSRC) Interbasin Coordination Framework Update and Regional Interconnected Surface Water Initiative

The Vina Subbasin participates in the North Sacramento River Corridor (NSRC) Interbasin Coordination (IBC) effort, a collaborative program among seven hydrologically connected subbasins in the Northern Sacramento Valley. Staff presented an update on the NSRC IBC Framework 5-Year Implementation Update, which guides regional coordination through the 2027 Periodic Evaluations and beyond. The presentation also covered a proposed regional approach to interconnected surface water management, the corridor's current top coordination priority and a shared regulatory obligation across all seven NSRC subbasins. (*Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager and Christina Buck, Assistant Director, Butte County Water & Resources Conservation*)

Requested Action: Staff recommended the Boards receive this report and provide feedback on the North Sacramento River Corridor Interbasin Coordination Framework 5-Year Implementation Update and the proposed regional Interconnected Surface Water approach.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS:

- 1.) Suzanne Schrader
- 2.) Greg Brislain

ACTION: Feedback provided was supportive of the approach being taken.

4.3. *Introduction to the Groundwater Level Strawman Proposal including discussion of the proposed 2027 Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) Monitoring Network and recent analysis of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) in the Vina Subbasin

Staff presented an overview of the recently released Groundwater Level Sustainability Indicator strawman proposal (an initial draft created to jump-start discussion serving as a starting point for collaborate refinement). The presentation included relevant context including recent and historical groundwater level conditions, evaluation of the groundwater monitoring network, and recent analysis contributing to characterization of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems in the Vina Subbasin. The Board was asked to discuss and provide feedback on the monitoring network aspects of the strawman proposal. (*Report – Christina Buck, Assistant Director, Butte County Water & Resources Conservation*)

Requested Action: Discussion and direction regarding changes to the Groundwater Level RMS network.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS:

- 1.) Patrizia Hironimus
- 2.) Pam Stoesser
- 3.) Susan Schrader
- 4.) Anne Dawson
- 5.) Marty Dunlap
- 6.) Jon Hooper
- 7.) Greg Brislain

ACTION: Both GSA boards expressed support for the expanded RMS network for the Groundwater Level sustainability indicator.

4.4. *Update and Discussion of Sustainable Yield, Groundwater Extraction and Change in Storage Calculations to Guide Periodic Evaluation Content Development

The Board received an overview of how sustainable yield, groundwater extraction, and change in groundwater storage have been estimated in the Vina Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and recent Annual Reports. The discussion will provide context for addressing Department of Water Resources comments through the upcoming Periodic Evaluation and will provide an opportunity for questions and

Board input on the proposed approach going forward. (**Report – Christina Buck, Assistant Director, Butte County Water & Resources Conservation**)

Requested Action: Provide feedback to staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS:

- 1.) Jeanette Alosi – Emailed Comment
- 2.) Anne Dawson
- 3.) Greg Brislain

ACTION: Guidance was given for staff to bring sustainable yield back to the Boards at a later meeting for further discussion as needed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA/RCRD GSA Joint Board meeting adjourned to the Vina GSA Meeting at 5:22 p.m.

*****RECONVENE TO VINA GSA BOARD MEETING*****

1. Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Board Meeting

1.1 Call To Order: 5:27 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Katie Hawley – City of Chico
Derek Sohnrey – Durham Irrigation District
Jim Graydon – Domestic Well Users Representative
Tod Kimmelshue – Butte County (Vice Chair)

Board Members Absent:

Jeffrey Rohwer – Agricultural Well Users Representative (Chair)

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 *Approval of the 6-10-26 Vina GSA Board Meeting Minutes.

Requested Action: Approve the 6-10-26 Vina GSA Board meetings minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS: <NONE>

ACTION: A motion to approve the 6/10/2026 meeting minutes was made by Board Member Sohnrey. The motion was seconded by Board Member Hawley. The Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Hawley, Sohnrey, Graydon, and Vice Chair Kimmelshue

NOES: <NONE>

ABSTAIN: <NONE>

ABSENT: Chair Rohwer

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT: <NONE>

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1 *Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Operations Budget Adjustment

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Operations Budget (Resolution 2025-01) on June 11, 2025. This item presented an adjustment to reflect grant activity not included in the adopted budget, including additional DWR SGM Round 2 Grant expenditures and the addition of the CalSIP stream gage grant. The adjustment has no effect on the operational budget or the SGMA regulatory fee **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-04, Approving an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Operations Budget and authorize the Chair to sign.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS: <NONE>

ACTION: A motion to adopt resolution No. 2026-04, Approving an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Operations Budget and authorizing the Chair to sign was made by Board Member Sohnrey. That motion was seconded by Board Member Hawley. The motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Hawley, Sohnrey, Graydon, and Chair Kimmelshue

NOES: <NONE>

ABSTAIN: <NONE>

ABSENT: Chair Rohwer

4.2 *Consideration of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Operations Budget Adjustment

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Operations Budget (Resolution 2026-01) on June 10, 2026. This item presents an adjustment to add the CalSIP stream gage grant, which was not included in the adopted budget. The adjustment has no effect on the operational budget or SGMA regulatory fee. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-05, Approving an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Operations Budget, and authorize the Chair to sign.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS: <NONE>

ACTION: A Motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-05, Approving an Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Operations Budget and authorizing the Chair to sign was made by Board Member Hawley. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Sohnrey. The motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Hawley, Sohnrey, Graydon, and Vice Chair Kimmelshue

NOES: <NONE>

ABSTAIN: <NONE>

ABSENT: Chair Rohwer

4.3 *Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-02 Setting Regulatory Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Fees for Fiscal Year 2026-27

The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Board considered adopting the SGMA regulatory fees for Fiscal Year 2026-27. At the June 10, 2026 Board meeting, the Board held adoption of the fee pending verification that the correct fee calculation methodology had been followed. The proposed fees have since been recalculated by Hansford Economic Consulting (HEC) in accordance with the 5-year outlook methodology authorized by Resolution No. 2025-02. Fee amounts are set forth in Attachment A. **(Report – Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)**

Requested Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-02, Setting Regulatory Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Fees for Fiscal Year 2026-27, and authorize the Chair to sign.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS: <NONE>

ACTION: A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-02, Setting Regulatory Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Fees for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and authorizing the Chair to sign was made by Board

Member Graydon. The motion was seconded by Board Member Hawley. The motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Hawley, Sohnrey, Graydon, and Kimmelshue

NOES: <NONE>

ABSTAIN: <NONE>

ABSENT: Board Member Rohwer

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

5.1 Program Manager Report (Information Only - Dillon McGregor, GSA Program Manager)

- RFP Selection Process Update
- Drought Resilience Plan Update
- Environmental Health

6. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS:

Board Member Hawley requested revisiting GSA meeting start time of 3:30 with the full board at the next meeting.

Board Member Kimmelshue would like to discuss Rock Creek / Keifer Slough flooding and recharge projects after the periodic evaluation.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Board meeting will adjourn to Closed Session after tonight's Vina GSA Board Meeting.

1. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS OR BOARD DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Members of the public were invited to address the Board on the closed session item only.

PUBLIC COMMENTERS: <NONE>

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Call to Order

4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

- 4.1 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #23CV02789 - Ronald R Titus, as Trustee of the 2005 Titus Trust et al vs Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency**
- 4.2 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #22CV00321 - AquAlliance et al vs Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency et al.**
- 4.3 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Butte County Superior Court #24CV04275 - AquAlliance et al vs Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency et al.**

5. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Board emerged from closed session at 6:29 p.m. Direction was given, no was taken

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m. to a Vina GSA Regular Board Meeting on August 12, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at the Chico City Council Chamber Building at 421 Main Street, Chico, CA and online via Zoom for viewing only.