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VINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ADJOURNED REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting Agenda

MARCH 13, 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
MARCH 13, 2024**

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

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call

1.3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1. APPROVAL OF THE 12/13/23 VINA GSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Action: Approve the Vina GSA 12/13/23 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

Pursuant to Section 11.3 and Appendix A of the JPA, an Advisory Committee consisting of ten (10) Board appointed at-large members representing various stakeholder interests was established to advise the Vina GSA. The recruitment for six (6) Stakeholder members whose terms have or will expire was conducted and the Board will consider applications for appointment of the new members. **(Report – Kamie Loeser)**

RECOMMENDATION: Review the applications and appoint members representing the following Stakeholder positions:

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| • Agricultural Groundwater User | 2 appointments (4-year term) |
| • Domestic Well User | 1 appointment (1-year term) |
| • Environmental Representative | 1 appointment (4-year term) |
| • Business Association Representative | 1 appointment (4-year term) |
| • Non-irrigated/Rangeland Representative | 1 appointment (4-year term) |

6.2. UPDATE ON 2024 FEE STUDY

On July 26, 2023, the Vina GSA Board approved a Uniform Fee (cost per acre) to cover GSA operations, GSP implementation, and SGMA compliance activities. The Board approved the Uniform Fee with the condition that an updated Fee Study would be prepared taking into consideration the various beneficial users within the Subbasin. On November 9, 2023 the Vina GSA issued a Request for Proposals for an Updated Fee Study. Proposals were due on December 13, 2023. The Board will review and consider a contract with Hansford Economic Consulting to develop and implement an updated fee study and funding mechanism process as per the identified scope of work for the amount of \$225,000. **(Report –Kamie Loeser)**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the contract with Hansford Economic Consulting or provide direction to the Management Committee.

6.3. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTS AND SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

Staff will provide an update on the status of the SGM Grant award, and the Board will review and consider approval of consultant and subrecipient contract agreements related to implement grant-funded projects and activities. **(Report –Christina Buck)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Subrecipient Agreement with Butte County or provide direction to the Management Committee.
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Subrecipient Agreement with Agricultural Groundwater Users of Butte County or provide direction to the Management Committee.
- C. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract with Larry Walker Associates or provide direction to the Management Committee.
- D. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract with Geosyntec or provide direction to the Management Committee.

6.4. CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The Board will consider Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget adjustments incorporating anticipated revenue and expenditures associated with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program award. **(Report – Kamie Loeser)**

RECOMMENDATION: Review and approve budget adjustments or provide direction to the Management Committee.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- 7.1. Update and possible direction to Staff regarding State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) block grants in Butte County **(Verbal Report – Christina Buck)**
- 7.2. Update on Butte County Board of Supervisors Adopted [Recharge Action Plan](#) **(Verbal Report – Christina Buck)**
- 7.3. Update on Status of SGM Annual Report **(Verbal Report – Christina Buck)**

8. 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 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.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

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.

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

5. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Report on any action taken during the closed session.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The Vina GSA Closed Session will adjourn to a Vina GSA Board Meeting on **April 10, 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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